

Who Could Find Any Joy Living in a Peanut Cluster?

To the Editor:
After reading the letter from Mrs. Inglehart in last week's issue, I would like to present the view of a resident of the City of Bloomfield Hills who is directly affected by the actions of our present city commissioners.

We residents of the city of Bloomfield Hills, a small residential community that is too often lumped in the minds of others with the entire Greater North Woodward area, purchased our homes in the city at a premium because this community provided the type of living we wanted.

We came to Bloomfield Hills because we want the space and privacy of one or more acres of land with room for our children to play away from heavily trafficked roads, room for gardens and family recreations areas on our own property.

AT THE same time we wanted the police and fire protection for which we pay higher taxes than some of the surrounding areas. We filed the "clustered" living of other areas for the beauty of spacious lawns and trees and the serenity of this quiet place.

True, many do not wish to maintain large properties but would still like to live in a beautiful community. Fortunately, there are many delightful areas surrounding us where lots are smaller. For those who prefer apartment living, extensive apartment projects are proliferating at an astonishing rate all around us.

So, it would seem that the Greater Bloomfield Birmingham complex provides for almost everything. Why then is it necessary to change the environment that we in this small community have sought and for which we pay so dearly?

WE ARE not interested in having shopping centers, supermarkets, and large apartment projects in our back yards. We were fully aware when we moved to Bloomfield Hills that we would have to do some driving to do our shopping and errands and to transport our families to their various activities.

Our husbands knew they would have to spend many hours each week commuting to and from their businesses. We are still most willing to do all this to preserve the country-like atmosphere we sought and found.

We know also that the privilege of privacy and unclustered living, the privilege of having some elbow room, is a costly one. Maintaining our property is expensive, time consuming, and often almost back-breaking.

harn, where in our little city is that kind of land left?

Even if the economic facts of life would permit such a planned community, one wonders whether there would be any real joy in living in a peanut cluster. Again, the residents of our city live here to avoid clusters. And how long would a developer allow the surrounding green belt to remain untouched?

OUR CITY Commissioners have chosen to ignore the views of the people who elected them. They tell us they have the right to make these decisions as our elected representatives. They apparently are unaware that representatives are elected to reflect the views of their constituents, not to dictate to them in the interests of those who will profit from the destruction of our beautiful community.

For many years, the city of Bloomfield Hills has been a small, quiet, residential community, an area of spacious, unclustered, gracious living. Let's keep it that way.

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Shain Park Proposal Given Merit

To the Editor:
The suggestion to use Shain Park as a multi-purpose site has merit. The ideas are worthy of consideration.

I would like to suggest that a statue of a famous person, or a local celebrity, be placed in the center of the park.

This project, if carried out, would promote better citizenship, civic pride, historical research, and cooperative effort among various organizations in the Birmingham area.

A CONTEST to encourage suggestions would create widespread interest and enthusiasm. The centennial year seems ideal for city improvement and sport.

Do you like the idea? I do! I like Birmingham!

MRS. ANTHONY (Donna)
E. LaMACHIO
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ASTME Conference Includes Area Men

Four Birmingham-area men are among the 14 executives serving on the sponsoring committee for the ASTME Engineering Conference and Tool Exposition to be held April 20-24 at Cobo Hall.

They are R. A. Jerus, 19126 Devonshire, Birmingham; John S. Larkins, Jr., 2655 Amerly, Birmingham; Joseph Rezzucko, 28708 Blackstone, Lathrup Village; and Harry L. Whitmer, 4692 Coachmaker Drive, Bloomfield Hills.

Happenings

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plained that no action was taken on the manager's office because the manager is an employee of the commission rather than an officer. James W. Parry, who has been manager since 1926, will continue automatically in that office, the mayor said.

"Keep the Community House doors open" will be the plea on the lips and in the hearts of more than three score men and women when they launch Monday night the 1934 Community House Roll Call. The campaign, success of which is almost imperative if the House is to continue to operate on anything approaching its normal schedule during the next 12 months, will open officially at 6:30 p.m. Monday with a dinner for the steering committee and solicitors at the House.

Formal opening of a sanitarium for drugless treatment at 119 South Adams avenue is set for Monday, according to Dr. Merritt J. Pike, the director. The sanitarium will specialize in the treatment of sinus trouble and all bladder infections. It will be equipped with facilities for administering hydrotherapy, diathermy, radio-therapy, color therapy, massage treatments and x-raying.

tickets for the lecture may be obtained from any League member.

A near capacity crowd of 1,000 fight fans found their way to the Cranbrook Auditorium Saturday evening to watch the second boxing show to be staged by the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce. Fans were treated to a highly entertaining night of fist-fights with two knockouts highlighting the bouts and two more of them ending with a verdict of technical kayo.

Area Dentists Meet

Seven dentists from the Birmingham area will take an active part in the program for the Michigan State Dental Association's 1934 annual meeting to be held April 13-15 at the Stetler-Hilton Hotel in Detroit.

Dentists who will preside over special table clinics at which new developments in dental practice will be explained and discussed include E. W. Jones, 645 Arcton, Birmingham; D. O. A. Davidson, 1926 Maryland, Birmingham; John A. Bartlett, 31330 Cline Drive, Beverly Hills; William H. Gibbs, 442 Wishbone Drive; R. L. Vedder, 1950 N. Woodward; Gerald Dietz, 345 Woodledge; and William D. Dales, 2857 Warwick, all of Bloomfield Hills.

Decision

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THE BASIC fact is much simpler. It's that a demonstrable, top-heavy majority in our city does not want any more three-story buildings. That majority within the citizenry so indicated on an impartial poll—and I think, as a professional writer, that I am more qualified to deem it impartial than those critics who apparently were moved more by a defensive state of mind than by a valid conclusion.

I just don't like arrogance in government, nor disregard for the wishes of the electorate, nor attempts to throw sand in my eyes to obscure my looking at what, to say the least, seems a peculiar and pressing desire to enrich some private pockets at the possible expense of the community as a whole.

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Grass Too High?

Sometimes the lawn gets ahead of the homeowner; it becomes too tall. This extra growth should be removed by steps rather than all at once. Never cut off more than 1/3 of the grass height in a single cutting. First mow at the height above desired. In a few days, lower the blade to the final height and give it a second mowing. There will be no damage to the new grass if you follow this rule.

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