

# Church shut down in bid for new parking lot

By Julie Brown staff writer  
A subdivision association has persuaded city legislators to reject a rezoning request which would have led to construction of a 103-car parking lot for a neighboring church.  
Council members turned down 5-to-1 the request to rezone the 10 Mile Road/Glenecreek Drive site, with Mayor Jan Dolan casting the dissenting vote.  
The request was for a change from

single family residential use to parking. The change was requested by the Northwest Alliance Church on 10 Mile Road.  
Area residents spoke out against the proposed change, expressing concern about traffic safety and possible drainage problems it might cause.  
"THERE IS something going on in the church all the time," Stephanie Sanders, 2705 W. 10 Mile, said. "It is not just a Sunday type of church."

"We don't really feel, my husband and I, that we would want a parking lot that close to us."  
The proposed parking lot would have had an entrance to Glenecreek Drive, directly opposite an entrance to the church's main parking lot, which is adjacent to the church building.  
"This is the only street entrance to our subdivision, and it impacts us greatly," said Daniel Hofmann, 23885 Glenecreek Drive. "It will vastly change the appearance of our subdivision for

someone to do this."  
Larry Gordon, 23555 Nowell Circle W., spoke up for the church.  
"They have been good neighbors," he said. "I would like to see the city work with these people, because they do have needs."  
Prior to the Tuesday meeting, members of the Old Farm Colony Subdivision Association had written a letter to the council asking that the item be postponed.

"I have some difficulty, with knowing all these people came out, with postponing the item," council member Joan Dudley said.  
"It disturbs me how much longer this might take," she said, noting that a public hearing on the item was held Jan. 17. "I do think the proponent (the church pastor, Paul Bertsche) has a right to a decision."  
A DEADLOCK had resulted earlier when the city's planning commission voted 4-4 on the zoning request.  
Attorney Harold Larson appeared before the council on behalf of the church.  
"We hope we would have an opportunity tonight to examine the facts of this proposal," Larson said.  
"This church has been a good neighbor, this church wants to continue to be a good neighbor."  
Growth of the church has created a need for additional parking, he said.  
The heaviest use of the area would be on Sunday mornings, Larson said, and thus would have a lesser impact on area residents.  
"The property in question does have a proper relationship to the surrounding area," said Claude Coates of Villcan-Leman & Associates, the city's planning consultants. Traffic generated

by the church shouldn't be a major problem, he said.  
"The capacity of the site should be large enough to handle it."  
Traffic "is not such a significant amount" that it will endanger the health, safety and welfare of the area," Coates said.  
Old Farm Colony Subdivision Association members had asked for a postponement of the item, in part so they could consult a lawyer.  
"Getting public input does not necessarily call for an attorney being present," council member Charles Williams said.  
"I don't think these people have needed an attorney," Dudley said, adding that they had effectively presented their views.  
"I'm not sure, but an attorney might just get in there and mess it all up," council member Donn Wolf said.  
Several council members expressed concern about the project's size.  
"The room isn't there, and we want to try to stretch the rules to do it," Wolf said.  
"I don't like dumping 400 cars on a residential road, I don't care what time of day or night it is," Dudley said.  
"The project as proposed today is too large, in my opinion," council member Ben Marks said.

# Tie vote defeats street paving

By Julie Brown staff writer  
The proposed paving of Metroview Road from Eight Mile Road to Green Hill Road in Farmington Hills' southwest corner died Tuesday, following a 3-3 city council vote.  
The estimated cost of the project was \$142,769.10. Part of the cost would have been borne by the owners of two large parcels of land along the east side of Metroview Road.  
The owner of one of the parcels, a sod farm, would have paid \$22,113.36; the owner of the second, developer John Uznis, would have paid \$16,427. The city's cost would have been \$11,487.  
City Manager William Costick had recommended that the city proceed with efforts to designate Metroview and Green Hill roads as "major roads." Under that designation, funds for such roads could be used for the project.

COSTICK HAD also recommended that:  
• The city should establish a special assessment district for the paving, and that assessment to Metroview Road residents be the same as the cost for paving to a local road standard. The largest single-unit site assessment was estimated to be \$2,063.91.  
• The city should barricade the connection of Green Hill and Metroview roads until the Metroview paving is done.  
• The proposed Green Valley Estates subdivision (to the north and west of Metroview) should be modified, so that it would not be connected to Metroview Road.  
Prior to the vote, several area residents spoke.  
"My main concern is, first of all, we're being assessed for something we don't want," said Joseph Joyal, 20975 Metroview Road. He also expressed concern about traffic problems.  
"We don't want the road, and we

don't need it," Joyal told the council.  
"My major concern is safety, the safety of children in particular," said Jim Trunk, 21252 Parklane.  
"We've had problems down there for years," said Robert Wisner, 21125 Metroview Road. Trucks are unable to turn around at the street's end, he said.  
"They cannot turn around, there is absolutely no place for them to turn around."  
"The monster's come home to roost now. We didn't create the situation, why should we pay to pave the road?"  
"If you're going to do the thing, do it right, or don't do it at all. I'm against the paving, but as long as it's got to be done, do the whole thing."

Council member Charles Williams spoke out against the proposal.  
"We're investing \$80,000, where we probably have higher priorities in the city," he said. "I think we're forcing this upon the residents of Metroview."  
Williams voted against the paving project, as did council members Joe Akateeb and Donn Wolf. Joan Dudley, Jan Dolan and Ben Marks voted to approve the paving project. JoAnn Sorgen was at a conference out of town Tuesday.  
"The concrete's been poured on Green Hill," City Manager Costick said Friday. A barricade now stands at the end of Green Hill Road, he said, blocking access to Metroview Road.  
"The issue that has to be decided yet is what to do with that barricade," Costick said.  
"There is a lot of interest of people who want to have the roads connected. I'll probably be taking some recommendations back to the council" following re-evaluation, he said.

# Bills protect senior citizens

Senior citizens and their families will get substantial help with health costs if a four-bill package introduced by state Sen. Jack Faxon (D-Farmington Hills) becomes law.  
The bills permit senior citizens who live with their children to be covered as dependents on their child's health insurance policy. Also eligible to be covered as dependents would be the par-

ents of the policyholder's spouse as long as they live in the home of the policyholder.  
"So if your elderly parents live with you, or if your wife (or husband's) parents live with you, you will be able to include them among the dependents covered by your medical insurance if these bills are signed into law," Faxon said. "This has been a gray area in in-

urance coverage for some time, but these bills make it crystal clear that senior citizens living with their children are indeed eligible to be covered as dependents in their child's policy," he added.  
Faxon also pointed out that the bills address a priority need of Michigan's approximately 1-million senior citizens. These bills would go a long way

toward making it easier for senior citizens to obtain the health care they need to live full, happy lives.  
Three of the bills in the package would amend laws pertaining to Blue Cross-Blue Shield to provide for this new coverage. The other bill would amend the law that regulates other basic insurance companies.

ALL REALTORS...are licensed to provide real estate counsel for both buyers and sellers of real property. Clients receive guidance and careful deliberated recommendations from trained and experienced salespeople, men and women who sincerely believe and practice public service as a way of life.  
When it's time to call on a REALTOR...Call on Chamberlain REALTORS

SINCE 1967  
*The Hills*  
DECORATING CENTER  
29212 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills  
851-4742  
Comfortable home atmosphere  
Expert advice & service on  
PITTSBURGH PAINT (15% OFF per Gall)  
Custom Draperies & Window Treatment  
Wallpaper (over 400 books)  
20% - 50% OFF - Free Gift

When you're sick or hurt, you deserve some old-fashioned personal attention...  
Check with State Farm for a health insurance program that's just right for you.  
Call: Daniel L. Trubeo  
37793 Professional Center Drive  
Suite 102 - Livonia  
Bus: 464-5315 • Res: 477-5781  
Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there

Farm. Observer  
(USPS 87-840)  
Published every Monday and Thursday by Observer & Economic Newspapers, 32251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Second-class postage paid at Livonia, MI 48151. Address all mail (subscription, change of address, form 3589) to P.O. Box 2425, Livonia, MI 48151. Telephone 591-0500.  
HOME DELIVERY SERVICE  
Newsstand... per copy 25¢  
Carrier... monthly \$2.00  
Mail... yearly \$24.00  
An advertising publication in the Farmington Hills area. The Farmington Hills Observer is published weekly, except on Wednesdays. The price of this publication is \$2.00 per copy. The price of this publication is \$2.00 per copy. The price of this publication is \$2.00 per copy.

PERMS \$2650 Reg. '88  
Includes Cut & Style  
Tues. & Wed. Only thru 2:28 with this ad  
538-1044  
27716 7 Mile Livonia  
HAIR COMPANY  
OSAKA ORIENTAL SPA  
ALL EXPERT ORIENTAL STAFF  
Beauty and related oriental atmosphere soothes tired and aching muscles from tension and driving.  
3845 N. 10 Mile/Grand Pkwy. Av. FARMINGTON HILLS 472-2772

STORE CLOSING!  
Take Advantage Of This Storewide Sale  
EVERYTHING ON SALE (excluding Bread, Eggs & Yogurt)  
VITAMINS BULK FOODS GOURMET TEAS BULK SPICES COSMETICS  
Pure 'N' Natural Health Foods  
34635 Grand River, Farmington (SANCTUARY SHOPS) (between Farmington & Drake Rds.)  
474-8818

Something To Think About  
BOB ROCK  
CATHARSIS  
Our modern Western civilization is said to have begun with the flowering of Greece. Many of our present concepts are based on the teachings of the philosophers: Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and on the play of Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides.  
It was the Greeks who understood and described a phenomenon known as "Catharsis," the purifying or relieving of the emotions through art or communal ceremony. Emotions were brought to a crisis pitch, there was a flood of grief, and then soothing relief.  
Psychiatry has borrowed the term catharsis to mean the alleviation of fears, problems and complexes by bringing them to consciousness and giving them expression.  
One of the purposes of the funeral ceremony is to provide such catharsis for the mourners. We express our thoughts, emotions. We share our grief. Hopefully, we come away with a sense of peace and understanding.  
THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME  
33603 GRAND RIVER • Farmington • 474-4131

LIVONIA True Value  
40-Gallon Gas Energy Saver Water Heater features heat-saver insulation, bottom pads to reduce heat loss. With dip tubes, more. Low BTU Pilot Installation Available  
SALE \$159.95  
Sump Pump products with 1/3 HP float rod top suction strainer. Overload Protected. 1/3 HP 1 piece float rod Model #1504563  
Kitchen Faucet features a chrome-plated, single level control for even flow and temperature level and slide good looks. #45221  
With Spray (Washerless) #45221 \$31.95 \$38.95  
SALE \$54.99  
33533 FIVE MILE (AT FARMINGTON ROAD)  
GA 2-1155 937-1611  
DAILY 9-9, SAT. 9-7, SUN. 10-3

DICK'S UPHOLSTERY SHOP  
If your furniture isn't becoming to you...It should be coming to me!  
10% OFF ALL FABRICS  
29157 W. 5 Mile • Livonia E. of Middlebelt 525-5625

INCOME TAX  
Fast, Professional Service  
Experienced Counselors  
Guaranteed Accuracy  
Comfortable Private Interview Rooms  
Service by Appointment - No Waiting  
Computer Prepared  
Call us for Fee Schedule  
Charles H. Williams, CPA  
SVAGR WILLIAMS & COMPANY, P.C.  
Certified Public Accountants  
29625 Grand River Ave. (1 Block West of Middlebelt)  
Farmington Hills 478-7440

Our Staff -  
The professional photograph shows all our attributes, important and not important. (Wee Wee Don't Have A Day)

Classic Interiors FINE FURNITURE  
WINTER SALE ENDS 3-16-85 OPEN SUNDAYS 1 P.M. - 5 P.M. THRU MARCH 10th. SINCE 1937  
MICHIGAN'S LARGEST PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE DISPLAY  
Distinctive design service, expertly decorated room settings, unique display of grandfather clocks, and extensive leather gallery are all part of nearly the half-century that it has taken to create Classic Interiors.  
Come in today and experience the quality product and service you deserve.  
It's what you've wanted all along.  
20292 Middlebelt Rd. (S. of Eight Mile) • Open Mon., Thurs. & Fri. 11 p.m. • 474-6900

JUMBO DISC PRINT SPECIALS  
Process & Printing \$2.00  
FUJI DISC FILM w/processing \$4.99  
FUJI DISC FILM w/out processing \$4.99  
NO LIMIT  
EXTRA SET OF PRINTS AT TIME OF PROCESSING 10¢ ea.  
Present coupon with film, while supplies last  
Not valid with other offers expires 3-31-85  
REPRINT SPECIAL 20¢ Ea. Knowledgeable Technicians  
Every Roll Quality Controlled All Negatives Sleeved & Protected  
"We use Kodak paper for the good look."  
NIGHT FILM DROP BOX AVAILABLE  
OPEN: Mon.-Fri. 8:30-6:00, Sat. 9-5  
Convenient Parking  
Kodak a registered trademark of the Eastman-Kodak Company  
Action PHOTO  
1 HOUR LABS  
477-8300  
32250 W. EIGHT MILE • FARMINGTON HILLS • Between Orchard Lake Rd. & Farmington Rd.

H.A. SMITH  
Lumber Supplies  
28575 Grand River  
474-6610 or 535-8440  
(Near 8 Mile)

Dittrich's Fur Exchange  
Receive a Double Trade-In Allowance Now through Saturday  
The very best time of the year to receive the highest allowance on your old fur.  
RICH FURS  
Dittrich Since 1897  
DETROIT: 7373 Third Avenue • 873-8300  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS: 1515 N. Woodward Ave. • 642-3000  
HOURS: Mon. - Sat. 9:30 - 5 pm (Bloomfield Thurs. 11:30 - 6 pm)  
Customer parking adjacent to store