

# Schools await zoning appeal

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 If the bus loop variance is not granted, architects may have to revise plans, pushing the building back into a wooded area of the lot — which would then conflict with the city's new tree protection ordinance and require a special permit, officials say. In planning the school, the district worked to keep as many trees as possible.

**SEVERAL RESIDENTS** of the Hunt Club subdivision who own prop-

erty adjacent to the school site have complained about the plan, which originally called for a six-foot fence along the property line. That concern has been alleviated by using a berm instead, Flanagan said.  
 But neighbors are also concerned about placement of the driveway into the school parking lot, which will run close to their property line. Five residential homes overlook the 12-acre school parcel from their back yards to the west.  
 The driveway was part of the final site plan approved by planning com-

missioners, who also issued a statement saying the proposed drive was in the best possible location, Gardner said.  
 At least one other resident, who will live behind the new school, wrote to the school board favoring the overall school plans.  
 Richard DeVries, a parent in the district, said he had reviewed the site plans and architectural drawings and "found the plans to be very acceptable."  
 "Although several property own-

ers adjacent to this site remain opposed... In time they may realize that this school will be a major asset to the property owners and children that live in adjacent subdivisions," he said. "It should be noted that the school site has been clearly zoned as a school property... far longer than the Hunt Club subdivision has been developed."  
 If a decision is made by the ZBA Tuesday, school trustees are expected to get a report at their regular board meeting later in the evening. The item is on the agenda.

# Voter group's chairman quits

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 "WE WERE called the minor leagues. Obviously, the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals are probably the two favorites — where they think all the action is. The rest of them seem to be tolerated."  
 Sever said that not only is Haron involved in an issue — voter apathy — that is frustrating and without apparent solutions, but that his committee was asking for something other boards and commissions don't.

"Look at his committee. We don't have any other committees that have come to us for a major expenditure," Sever said. "We would like these people to make every effort to make do with what is available on a voluntary basis."  
 But when former Mayor Ben Marks reactivated the committee in 1987, he told committee members to ask the council for whatever they needed to complete their work.

Equally irritating to Haron is what he believes is city officials' disinterest in involving and listening to residents on important issues. The city council's ethics code committee — formed to draft a code of ethics

for city officials and employees — has no private citizens on it. When it was suggested that Haron and planning commissioner Paul Blizman, both attorneys, sit on the committee, the idea was rejected.  
 "The people who are obviously going to be affected by the code of ethics are drafting the code of ethics. What are we going to get?" Haron said.

SEVER said he took Haron's and Blizman's names back to the council for discussion. "There was not much support for expanding the committee. They determined they would go for a public hearing on it (the ethics code). It was felt that was adequate to get citizens' input, not just Paul and Dave's, but everyone's," Sever said.

Haron's concern over the officials' apparent lack of interest also extended to the committee's work in studying voter apathy.  
 "Unfortunately, it appears that the voters who stay home may not be apathetic, but may have made a conscious effort to express their similar disappointment," Haron concluded in his resignation letter.



**Beverly Cornell** of Farmington Hills and **Charlie Brown**, the orphaned raccoon she took under her wing.

# Orphaned raccoon finds friend in Hills

By Joanne Maliszewski  
 Staff writer

He was named **Charlie Brown** with the hope that he'll soon have a sibling that can be named **Lucy** or **Linus** to share his childhood with.  
 But Charlie's childhood won't be that long. As with other baby raccoons, it can't be. "They have to grow fast or they'll be eaten," Farmington Hills resident Beverly Cornell said.

Charlie was born two weeks ago today. As of Thursday, he weighed a grand total of eight ounces.

"He landed in someone's fireplace in Livonia," Cornell said of the infant who came into her care when he was three days old.

Charlie lost his mother and siblings when he fell down the chimney of the fireplace in which his mother was nesting with her newborns. The Livonia residents called Critter Control. But by then, the mother and her other babies had left.

Charlie was given to the state Department of Natural Resources, which called Cornell, licensed by the agency to care for wild orphaned animals until they are either old enough or well enough to be returned to the wild.

**CHARLIE'S EYES** are still closed and will remain so for perhaps another 1½ weeks or so. His tiny ears are just beginning to unfold. At first, Cornell fed Charlie with a syringe, giving him a puppy supplement and vitamins one drop at a time every 45 minutes. "Every day, he can go a

half-hour longer (before feeding)," Cornell said.

There's no leaving Charlie on his own. Because he has to be fed so often, now with a pet nurse bottle, the baby raccoon accompanies Cornell just about everywhere she goes, whether to a bridge game or to dinner with friends.

Charlie lives in an aquarium warmed with lights similar to an incubator. Cornell made him a little sleeping bag, complete with a thermal baby blanket, which Charlie has fallen in love with. "He sucks on his blanket to go to sleep," Cornell said.

His bedroom also is complete with a stuffed animal and clock, reminding him of his mother's heartbeat. When he's a bit older and his eyes are open, Cornell will put in a cat litter box and start him on nibbles of dry dog and cat food. But Charlie will remain on the bottle for about two months.

With his eyes closed and his ears only beginning to open, Charlie is through scent — who in the Cornell family is caring for him at any given moment.

AS **CHARLIE** grows, he will live in a new large cage, with toys and equipment to help teach him how to be a raccoon. He'll learn to climb on a cat scratching post. When he's old enough, Cornell will take him outside, where he'll learn to dig for worms and other important skills raccoons need to know to survive in the wild.

Ideally, Cornell would like to get another baby raccoon so Charlie learns how to interact and become a raccoon. "He's going to think he's a human or a dog," Cornell said.


## clarification

Sharon Lee, who wrote a guest column about school bus drivers that appeared on the "Points of view" page Thursday's Observer, is a school bus driver for West Bloomfield Schools, not Farmington Public Schools. She lives in Farmington.

A caption about Arbor Week in Thursday's Observer misidentified Shirley Richardson as Farmington Beautification Committee chairman. Carol Kurth, also in the picture, is the chairman. Richardson is a Farmington city councilwoman and the Keep Michigan Beautiful president.

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