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**H**ELPING hand. The Harvith family's dedication to helping the visually impaired was shown this month, when the family set up the Sylvan and Erwin Harvith Fund for the Blind at Detroit Receiving Hospital. The fund is in commemoration of the Farmington Hills' couple's 50th wedding anniversary. Robin Primeau, director of development at the hospital, explained that Erwin Harvith's mother was blinded by glaucoma in her 40s, which had a great impact on the entire family. "They're really very committed," she added. "It is with great admiration that we remember the past, demonstrate our love, honor and appreciation for the present, and ensure that future generations will remember, respect and cherish those we love," the family wrote. Money will be used by the Visually Handicapped Services Department at Detroit Receiving. Proceeds will finance the purchase of white canes and other aides and appliances to improve the lives of visually impaired people.

**QUOTE** of the week  
My guess is that it will be several years before anyone really talks about widening 14 Mile.

— Farmington Hills city manager Bill Costick, talking about a possible 14 Mile road swap with the state transportation department. Story: 1A.

## Squabble Groups clamor for city land

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Everybody wants a piece of Peltz and MDOT. Many want a youth sports complex with baseball and soccer fields. Others want the land, or a portion of it, for a nine-hole golf course, a senior adult center or cultural/performance arts center. Still others see a new, larger library sitting close to Farmington Road. And there are those who would prefer to keep the approximately 70 acres of rolling, wooded acres free

of any development and in its natural state as a home for wildlife. "You want to do the right thing with the wrong piece of property," said Kurt Yockey, chairman of Concerned Citizens of Quaker Valley, the subdivision south of the acreage. Yockey and other residents overflowed city hall for four hours Tuesday night promoting the needs of their special interest group to the Farmington Hills City Council. "We have listened to you. We will take this under advisement," Mayor Jean Fox said, as the public hearing closed.

Immediately, lines were drawn between groups as a bidding war began for 25-acre city-owned Peltz land, south of I-696, west of Farmington Road, and the immediately adjacent Michigan Department of Transportation-owned 40 acres. The city is expected to buy the MDOT property for about \$880,000.

THE MOST distinctive line was drawn between youth sports volunteers and organizers and those pro-

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SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

Quaker Valley residents urged public participation in Tuesday's hearing on uses for the 25-acre Peltz property, south of I-696 and west of Farmington Road.



## Signs of summer

Area kids got a taste of summer at the Recreation Day Camp, sponsored by the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services. Here, Jamie Neufeld, a teacher at the Nature's Way camp section, helps 6-year-old

Lauren Keshishian wash out her shoes after leading the group of children through the creek at Heritage Park. For the story and more photos, turn to Page 3A.

## Hills proposes trading roads with county

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Consider 14 Mile Road as a four-lane corridor between Northwestern Highway and the planned Haggerty Road connector a half-mile west of Farmington Hills. In the long run, that could be the fate of city-owned 14 Mile if the Oakland County Road Commission takes jurisdiction of the east-west route and later gives it to the Michigan Department of Transportation. For the second time in two years, Farmington Hills officials are trying to swap jurisdiction of 14 Mile, between Inkster and Haggerty, for that of Farmington Road, between 10 and 14 Mile, with the Oakland County Road Commission.

Farmington Hills officials want the four-mile stretch of Farmington Road because it is largely residential and winds through the heart of the city. The city also has interests, such as Heritage and Pioneer parks, along Farmington Road. "We want to put bike paths, sidewalks along it. It makes more sense for us to have Farmington and for the borderline road to go to the county," Farmington Hills City Manager William Costick said. If Farmington Road comes under the city's jurisdiction, speed limits, intersection improvements and

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— John Joy OCRC spokesman

maintenance would fall to the city, not the county. THE SIX-MILE stretch of 14 Mile is a border between Farmington Hills and Westland. Bloomfield. It links the lakes area with Northwestern Highway and Orchard Lake Road. Before any swap is made, negotiations are necessary. "What are we going to get out of this?" OCRC spokesman John Joy said. "What does this (14 Mile) do for the county road system?" Of concern is the amount of money the state gives the county and the city for road maintenance. "The nature of the (state allocation to city and county roads) formula allows the city to have more money for a road than the county road commission," Joy said.

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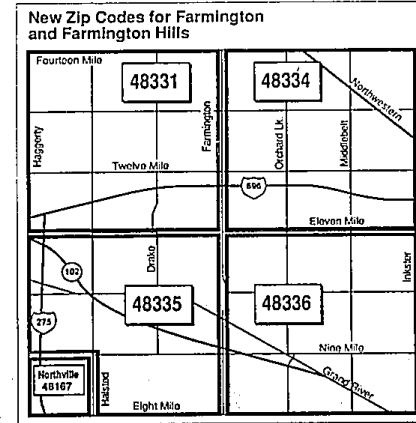
## Official hopes for speedy adoption of new ZIP codes

By Amy Rauch staff writer

Postal officials expect everything to run smoothly after new ZIP codes go into effect in Farmington and Farmington Hills this weekend. "All of the people have been notified, we have an 800 number available and our people are trained to help them," said Susan Gillespie, communications manager for the U.S. Postal Service, Detroit division. The toll-free hot line for questions is 1-800-654-CODE. Postal customers can help the transition along by letting friends and relatives as well as businesses know about the change. New ZIP codes are effective Sunday, July 1. "Just start using it as soon as possible," Gillespie said. On bills and other correspondence,

customers can indicate the change on the change of address section of the envelope. "When they have an opportunity to let correspondents know, that's important." THE NEW ZIP codes are 48334, 48335 and 48336. Farmington and Farmington Hills will share the same ZIP codes. The existing ZIP code, 48024, which covers Farmington and the

southeast portion of Farmington Hills, will no longer exist. Farmington will now share a new code, 48335, with Farmington Hills, south of 10 Mile, between Farmington and Haggerty roads. The existing Farmington Hills ZIP code, 48018, which covers customers between 10 and 14 Mile and Farmington and Inkster roads, will also no longer exist. Two new numbers, Please turn to Page 15



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## School officials study options for opening Hillside

By Casey Hans staff writer

Farmington school officials are reviewing various options for the opening of Hillside Elementary this fall, and are still hoping for at least a partial completion of the \$7.3 million westside school by August.

"While it is behind schedule, . . . we may be able to get into the building on time," reported James Abernethy, trustee and head of the school board's Building and Site Committee. The 77,000-square-foot school is being built on 11 Mile east of Halsted in Farmington Hills. Project manager Bill McCarthy said weekly meetings are being held with contractors to ensure adequate manpower on site, and to plan for an on-line completion. "There's now a fifty-fifty chance for opening on time," he said. "We're pushing for it to happen. We just need to get the workmen into thinking that it can happen." Construction managers are expected to give the school board a firm but "guarded" construction completion date at the next meeting on July 9, McCarthy said. Originally planned for a mid-August completion date, work at the school has been stymied by bitter cold and ice over the winter, grouting problems and, most recently, the collapsing of a portion of a wall

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