

Farmington's street repair project put on hold

By Steve Barnaby
Editor

A major repair project on three city streets has been put on hold after the Farmington council agreed to remove one street, Mayfield, from the project.

In a standing-room-only meeting at Monday's council session, Mayfield residents presented a petition protesting the proposed special assessment, which would cost residents anywhere from \$757 to \$947, depending on the front footage of the lot.

"The road isn't as bad as it's painted to be," said one disgruntled resident. "I'm happy to keep the road like it is. You (the council) should divorce Mayfield from the other streets."

The other two streets to be repaired are portions of Manning and Cloverdale.

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motion that all residents involved in the project should be notified by mail that the financial terms could change if Mayfield residents were allowed to opt out.

"We should contact them because now we have given them only incorrect information," he told council.

Self-help classes offered at OCC

The Center for Adult Life Management, at the Southeast Campus System of Oakland Community College, is offering three special community outreach programs this spring.

Program topics include help for women, time management, and exploring roles of adult children and aging parents.

"Help for Women," coordinated by OCC Counselor Judy Hewitt, will consist of six individual segments.

"The sessions are designed to help women who are having trouble coping with their lives by offering both the support of a group and presentations by guest consultants," says Hewitt.

The following sessions will be Monday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Royal Oak Campus:

- April 8 — Values and Socialization, Roberts "Jeff" Dailey, Oakland University.
 - April 15 — Women's Roles, Have They Changed? Wilma Garcia, Oakland University.
 - April 22 — Women and the Law, Ron Burda, Attorney and Counselor.
 - April 29 — Goal Setting and Problem Solving, Verna Love, Counselor, Oakland Community College.
 - May 6 — Focus on Separation and Loss (Grief), Terri Weber, certified social worker, Catholic Social Services, Farmington.
 - May 13 — Jobs and Careers, Noreen Riels, Guidance and Personnel Director, Goal Posts Program, Madison Heights Community Education.
- Interested persons may attend any

or all of the sessions for a single registration fee of \$5.

A six-week course in time management will be Thursdays at the Royal Oak Campus 7-9 p.m. beginning May 9.

Louise Monacelli, a professional time management consultant, will instruct.

Time management tools, work styles, job and home demands and performance will be discussed.

Fabian Weber, marriage counselor and director of the Senior Companion and Foster Grandparents Programs for Catholic Family Social Service, will teach a three-week course designed to assist adult children who are responsible for aging parents.

COUNCILMAN WILLIAM Hartsock expressed reservations over that tradition.

"The council has to balance the problem at hand and the community-at-large," Hartsock told the Mayfield residents. "If this is going to cost additional funds in the future, I'm not in favor of not taking action."

The repair plan was tabled after Councilman Alton Bennett made the

THE CITY ADMINISTRATION is concerned that if the roads on these streets aren't repaired this summer, further weathering will destroy the base and make future repairs much more expensive.

The base under the street is made up of 8-12 inches of limestone.

"The engineers have determined that the traditional approach to repaving asphalt streets by placing one inch overlay will not provide a long-lasting improvement," said Deadman in a recent letter to homeowners.

As an alternative, the city proposes removing all existing asphalt and replacing it with from two inches against the curb to 3.5 inches in the center of the street. Curb, catch basins and the base would be repaired as needed.

Fun run is sponsored

The Wayne State University Alumni Association and Circa 1890 Saloon are co-sponsoring a fun run for joggers and marathon at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 5. Participants will choose from either a one- or four-mile route through the WSU campus and Medical Center area.

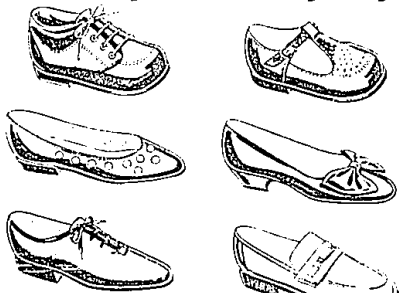
The entry fee, \$7 in advance or \$8 on the day of the run, includes T-shirts, awards, prizes, entertainment and the party on the mall following the run.

The cost is half price for those not wishing T-shirts.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. on Ferry Mall at Alumni House and McGregor Memorial Conference Center and ends at 8:50 a.m. for one mile and at 9:10 for four miles. Free parking is available on Anthony Wayne Drive between Kirby and Ferry.

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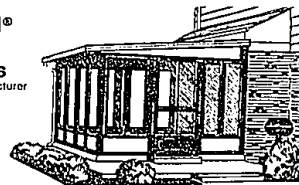
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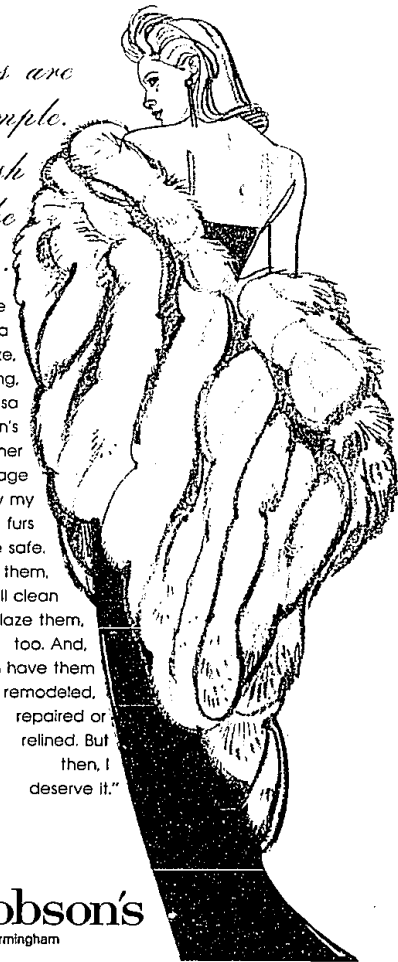
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