

He fights city hall

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The trees, which blocked the site completely from Northwestern Highway, have been 99 percent destroyed and the hill's configuration has been changed. Now the topography has been slanted downward so that all its water drainage is collected on Starrett's property forming an unwanted pond.

The building has been completed.

What Starrett is fighting for now is a five-foot wall or berm that will block his property and household from the building. When sitting at his dining room table, car lights from the Stark and Co. Building's parking lot, shine right in the face.

The engineers involved in construction had reported that car lights from the parking lot would shine 10 feet above the house. Starrett said that was before the topography of the building site had been deformed.

As a Farmington Hills resident, Starrett believes he should be accommodated by a wall or berm as outlined in the City Zoning Ordinance's Article XII-G-5 Special Office Districts, Section 12.01.01.2 which says:

"Wherever a parking lot is located adjacent to a residential district, the parking lot shall be screened by a minimum five (5) foot high wall located adjacent to the parking lot and between the parking lot and the residential area."

LAMPI POINTED OUT that the City Planning Commission has the right to waive this stipulation as indicated in Section 2316 paragraph c.

According to Lampi, Stark and Co. has already been in and out of court

twice, haggling over a screen it built to shield a large dumpster. The dumpster it is using is too large for the screen's dimensions and it must use a smaller dumpster. Stark and Co. was also given a ticket for not cleaning up its construction debris.

Starrett's second problem involves the sale of the property next to his. Six months ago the house and land were bought by the Farmington Builders Association.

The house was moved to a different location over a month ago, leaving the foundation and basement exposed.

"Unightly and unsafe," were the words Starrett used to describe the site.

Lampi said the Builders Association bought the property with the intention of constructing a building to house its organization's offices, as well as rental office space.

The Builders Association has filed for a building permit, which is in the process of being reviewed by the City Planning Commission. Lampi said, "construction could start there within 30 days." On the morning of Friday July 5, more than a month after the house was moved, cleanup had begun, but was yet to be completed.

Starrett said he is most concerned with the developments occurring in his new neighborhood. He received no response from Lampi subsequent to his Dec. 3 letter.

Lampi said that the cleanup was delayed because the Builder's Association, the house movers, and the real estate brokers were uncertain as to whose duty it was to perform the cleanup.

Glass lives with color

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The size of the project doesn't determine the price, Talaba said.

"A 2-by-2-foot window could cost \$15,000," he said. "It could have many, many intricate layers. There's just no end to what you can do with it."

Windows aren't the only things Talaba can turn into a piece of glass art. He's also done a sandblast-etched glass room divider for a client's bathroom and often does glass sculptures.

"As an art medium, glass is one of the most responsive," he said. "It interacts with the environment. A stained-glass window looks very different at dusk than it does in bright sunlight. And it looks different in summer than it does in winter."

TALABA ALSO spends a lot of time helping other artists develop their craft. He has taught classes at New York University, the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and Oakland Community College.

He was the contributing editor of Glass magazine and a technical editor for Studio magazine, he said.

Talaba wrote a column called Glass Class for Studio magazine which he says earned him the reputation of "the Miss Manners of the stained-glass world."

West Bloomfield residents Helen and Nicholas Rucarean have two pieces of glass artwork designed by Talaba in her home, a room divider and a table-top.

"Being an artist myself I really appreciate Mark's talent," Mrs. Rucarean said.

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27 WPAA Grand Prix of Armwrestling Event - 1:00 p.m.
Registration - 10:30 & 12:30

30 Kid's Day - Free Movie - 10:00 a.m.
"Benji" (G)

31-Aug. 4 Safety City - 12:00-3:00 p.m.
Safety Learning Program for Children

August 3 Ident Child Program - 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
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6 Customer Appreciation Day - Free Movie - 10:00 a.m.
"Falling in Love" (PG-13)

10 Livonia Judo Club Tournament for Muscular Dystrophy - 10:00 a.m.

13 Kid's Day - Free Movie - 10 a.m.
"Smurfs and the Magic Flute" (G)

20 Customer Appreciation Day - Free Movie - 10:00 a.m.
"Razor's Edge" (PG-13)

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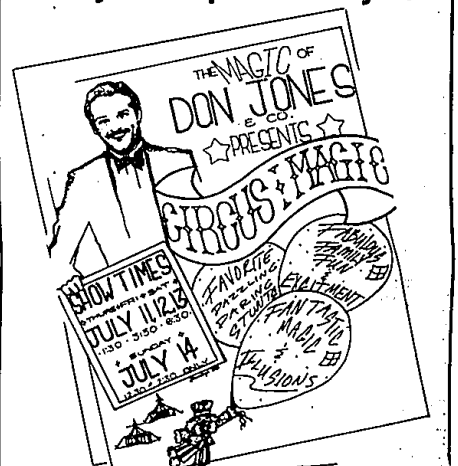
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