

# Hills moves ahead on improving drainage

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Solving severe flooding at the north end of Bartlett has become a question of immediacy, particularly for one resident whose septic tank is

now under water. "You flush the toilet and water comes through the ground three feet from my house," said Bartlett resident Frank Carico, whose yard is more than one-third under water. The road is between 12 and 13 Mile.

Despite uncertainty of how a storm sewer in the area would be financed, the Farmington Hills City Council Monday agreed to move as quickly as possible in completing engineering plans for drainage improvements.

Carico was one of a small group of residents who attended a special council meeting in early April devoted entirely to drainage problems in the city. At that time, Carico expressed concern for the safety of his two young children because of the in-

creasing water level in his back yard.

Installing a storm sewer in the Bartlett area that would connect to one on 13 Mile is expected to cost about \$40,000.

THE TOTAL ponding area at the end of Bartlett covers about five acres.

"Through our survey of the area, we could find no positive outlet for the drainage in this area; nor could we find any particular area where water is being funneled into this low area," City Engineer Dave Call said in a report to the council.

Originally, city engineering staffers estimated the cost of drainage improvements — storm sewer installation, filling and ditching — for Bartlett to run about \$175,000. But contractors working on the Caddell Drain in the 10 Mile-Grand River area provided an estimate of \$75,000 to install the storm drain and provide fill and grading in the

area. The estimate does not include cleanup, Call said.

Caddell contractors were contacted because they were looking for large dump areas to dispose of material that is being excavated from life work site, Call said.

But the council and city staff decided to forego ditching and filling and instead agreed to only install the storm drain because the biggest problem facing residents is flooding. Director of Public Services Tom Blaisell said. The storm drain should relieve the ponding. Property owners who wish to fill property later, after water has been drained — can do so, Blaisell added.

The council also asked city staffers to present a report no later than Monday, June 9, on estimated costs of the proposed work and whether the costs should be shared by the city and residents. Blaisell told the council he believes some of the costs of the project should be shared by residents.

## Red Cross CPR course slated

Farmington Hills Fire Department is offering an opportunity to participate in an American Red Cross CPR course.

This is a chance to learn the basics of lifesaving that can benefit a family as well as the community. The nine-hour course is offered

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cancer patients to area hospitals for treatment from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The "Road to Recovery" program is coordinated by the society. For more information, call 557-5353, Ext. 21.

Drivers are needed to transport

every month at Fire Headquarters, 20711 Drake, between 12 and 13 Mile roads.

The class is spread over three evenings and attendance at each is a requirement for successful completion: Thursday, May 22, 27 and 29.

The student will be introduced to one- and two-person CPR, maintenance of the airway, prudent health living, as well as procedures on calling for emergency assistance.

There will be a materials fee of \$5 for the course, payable by check or money order made out to the City of Farmington Hills. The booklet may be picked up prior to the class at Fire Headquarters during normal business hours.

Classes will meet from 7-10 p.m. Instructors for the course are members of the fire department as well as certified instructors of the American Red Cross.

Upon completion of the course, all students will receive a one-year certificate from the American Red Cross, renewable annually through a one-evening refresher class. Class size is limited to 20 participants.

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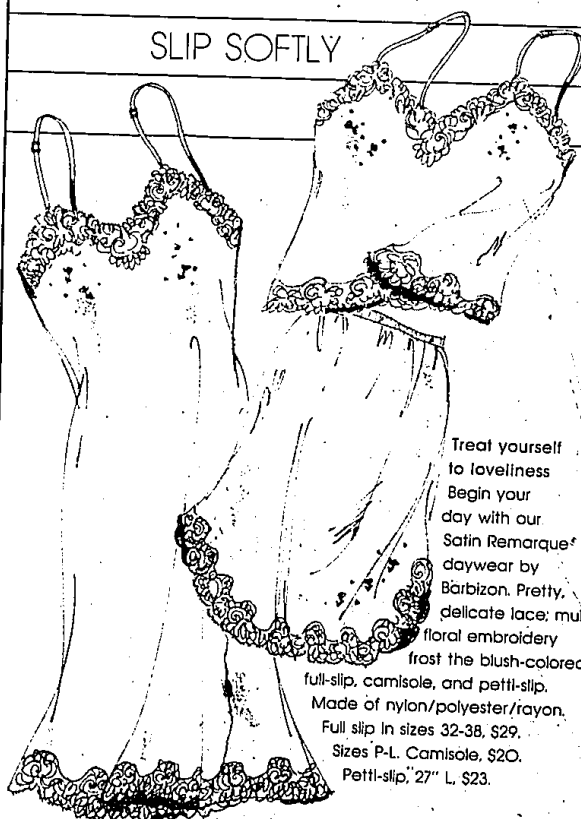
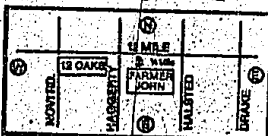
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