

# Township opposes 14 Mile widening plan

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special writer

Farmington Hills' plan to widen

## 3 face murder charge

All three defendants charged in the February slaying of a Farmington Hills chauffeur have been arraigned in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Arraigned Tuesday before Circuit Judge Jessica Cooper, Nellie McInnis, 46, stood mute. A pre-trial hearing was scheduled for May 18.

District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington bound McInnis over

for trial after a preliminary examination April 21.

Schaeffer bound two Detroit half-brothers over for trial March 24. A pre-trial hearing for Jemal Edward Parks, 17, and Anthony Jerome Parks, 24, began April 30. It will continue June 3.

All three were charged with one count of first-degree murder, one count of conspiracy to commit armed robbery and one count of armed robbery in the robbery-slaying of Edward S. Chapman of Detroit. They are being held in the Oakland County Jail in lieu of bond. Pleas of not guilty were entered in their behalf.

Council meeting last month representing the township and his own Pebble Creek subdivision.

The widening for one mile from Orchard Lake to Farmington Road "causes me great concern," Allardye said. The widening would run

close to the Pebble Creek gate house. Some 1,000 people live in 500 units at Pebble Creek.

"People across the street in Farmington Hills are also concerned for their safety and the aesthetics," said Allardye. "Pebble Creek paid \$13,000 for the deceleration lane and our share of the traffic light."

DESPITE OBJECTIONS from city and township residents, the Farmington Hills council adopted a resolution supporting the more than \$2 million project.

"Last November their road improvement millage passed but ours didn't," said clerk Betty Sue Dupree.

Because Farmington Hills is a city, 14 Mile is under its jurisdiction. West Bloomfield roads are under county jurisdiction. But Farmington Hills expects to ask West Bloomfield to pay some of the improvement costs, according to its city manager William Costick.

"Residents fear the five lanes will mean 14 Mile will become a major thoroughfare," said Allardye. "Their city environmental assessment report doesn't talk about when 698, Haggerty and Drake are improved. East-west drivers desperately need a Haggerty exit."

Allardye said he asked the city council for a delay to study the plan. "They said now it is approved they would sit down and talk about it. They indicated they will be going to Lansing for federal fund applications."

Construction costs of \$1.6 million are eligible for a 75 percent grant, city officials say.

"I'M DISAPPOINTED. I hope it can be settled but I'm not optimistic. I had hoped the city would slow down. This was the first I'd heard

they were serious," said Allardye.

"Now they want to extend the present traffic bottleneck at 14 and Orchard Lake Road to Farmington Road," said trustee Jeffrey Leib.

"They're moving the problem a mile west," added trustee Raymond Holland.

"They say 14 Mile is their road and they mentioned West Bloomfield did not extend Northwestern Highway," said Allardye.

Michigan transportation officials agreed to widening Haggerty to West Maple before last November's election when the governor and

state Sen. Richard Fessler (R-West Bloomfield) toured the area in a helicopter and held a press conference.

Chairing the board meeting Monday in the absence of vacationing township supervisor John Doherty, Leib announced the Oakland County Board of Commissioners transportation committee will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at Fire Station 1, 4601 Orchard Lake Road.

One of several such hearings in the county, the object is to solicit local comment on road problems and reaction to various funding proposals.

## Burned house open to public

To help people learn not to burn, Farmington Hills firefighters will host an open house at a burned structure on Middlebelt Thursday through Saturday, May 7-9.

Each year, fire claims 5,000 lives in the United States. Eighty percent of these people fall victim to a house fire.

"From the first appearance of flame, fire in the home can grow and spread with astonishing speed, often allowing only a few minutes for escape," said Michael Garr, Farmington Hills Fire Department fire education coordinator.

Project Open House is designed to give the community a chance to see and experience the devastation of fire.

During the walk-through at the burn site, participants will learn:

- The power and speed of an uncontrolled fire.

- How smoke travels in house fires.
- How to identify and remove fire hazards to prevent fires.
- The elements of an effective escape plan.
- Advantages of installing and testing smoke detectors.
- The need for rapid action in case of fire.

The burned house, donated by Kinder-Care Learning Centers, was furnished. An electrical fire was simulated, causing a couch to catch fire. The fire rapidly spread to surrounding fixtures and built quickly to a flashover temperature of 1,110 degrees Fahrenheit.

Public tours are scheduled for noon to 3:30 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. School tours are scheduled at other times. The burn site is on Middlebelt, south of 11 Mile, across from East Middle School.

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### clarification

Monday's Farmington Focus column should have said the Farmington Hills City Council appointed David Goldman to the Economic Development Corporation. He replaces Richard Corey.

The 30-year resident "is the former

village president of Woodcreek Farms, is very knowledgeable and his past efforts have been directed toward the improvement and progress of Farmington Hills." Mayor Ben Marks said.

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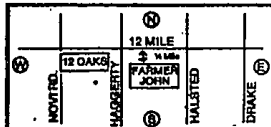
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