

Issues

Public speaks out

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It was a night of complaints and requests.

Not many minutes after newly elected and re-elected Farmington Hills City Council members were sworn in Nov. 9, the public wanted to have a few words with them.

The first issue raised by residents was road paving on List in Meadowbrook Heights subdivision in southeast Farmington Hills. Just when residents who favored paving thought there was a chance, another resident presented the council with yet another petition.

That petition is apparently signed by people who are opposed to the city's proposed installation of ditches along the roadside in conjunction with the planned paving. "Everyone who signed that doesn't want ditches or trees lost," said the List resident who presented the council with the second petition.

"Already last week we had the roads surveyed. This tells me where's your road," the List resident said. The woman said city officials told her in October that there would be no survey work for at least 30 days.

"THE ONLY reason it would have taken place is that we had excellent weather," city manager William Costick said.

Because the proposed paving project will be paid for in part with federal Community Development Block Grant money, there's little time to waste. "I don't see a lot of time to go back and forth with this."

Newly elected councilwoman Jean Fox questioned whether residents who signed the second petition — some of whom apparently also signed the first, boosting signatures to about 60 percent of neighbors along the proposed paving area — had adequate information.

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Auxiliary officer is feted

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The award honors the auxiliary officer who most exhibits the dedication, ideals and values of Bernard J. Christy, the auxiliary unit's first coordinator.

Stockel was appointed to the Farmington Hills Auxiliary Police May 5, 1976. In 1983, he was promoted to auxiliary unit manager, the post he now holds.

He has twice been recognized by the department for his law enforcement efforts. In June 1981, he was part of a police unit that earned a unit citation for control of an unruly crowd. In February 1984, he was honored for diligence in tracking and helping arrest the responsible person in a malicious destruction of property complaint.

auxiliary unit is certainly an inspiration to us all," Dwyer said.

Christy died four years ago after a long illness. "Even though the years have passed, his memory has helped to serve as a guide and inspiration to those who lead and serve in the auxiliary unit today," Dwyer said.

On hand for the award presentation were Christy's wife, Lorelei; his son, Brad, and daughter, Loraine, and their spouses; and his mother, Alice.

A second plaque will be mounted in the police department. It will show the name of the recipient and year the award is given.



From left are Deputy Police Chief Miri Spencer, William Dwyer and officer Donald Fradette, Chief Lorelei Christy, Dennis Stockel, Chief liaison to the auxiliary.

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