



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Workers install electrical conduit on the south side of Grand River. The conduit will carry wiring that will supply the new pedestrian lighting with electrical power.

Soronen seeks seat as county commissioner

Farmington Hills Mayor Jody Soronen is the second announced candidate for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners 27th District seat.

Soronen, 53, joins former Farmington Hills city councilman Don Wolf, who announced his candidacy last week, in the race for the seat now held by veteran commissioner Jack McDonald of Farmington Hills.

McDonald is seeking election as Oakland County prosecutor. Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson announced he is not seeking re-election. The 27th district includes Farmington and Farmington Hills.

"Local government and Farmington Hills continues to be an area that I want to serve and the opportunity to work at the county level is an appealing one," Soronen said in her announcement.

"There are many decisions being made in Oakland County which affect our city, and I would like to be able to bring our city's position to the board of commissioners," said the executive director of the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Now serving her third city council term, Soronen has more than 10 years' experience representing Farmington Hills on countywide and regional committees. She serves on the Oakland County's economic development organization, the Community Growth Alliance, the Private Industry Council, which coordinates job training and placement, as well as a subcommittee on small business.

SORONEN IS the first vice president of the Southeast Michigan Transportation Authority and chairs the Michigan Municipal League's urban and legislative affairs committee. She also served on the executive committee of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments 1982-87.

A 25-year Farmington Hills resident, Soronen has served on the Farmington YMCA board of directors, the Farmington Area Advisory Council and the Farmington Community Library's long range planning committee.

Before her city council election in 1978, Soronen served on the Farmington Hills Homeowners Council, the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission, the Rouge River Watershed Council and Keep Michigan Beautiful.

The commission is the lawmaking body for Oakland County. Commissioners serve two-year terms and receive a salary of \$17,191. They attend about two meetings a month as well as other meetings for subcommittees on which they serve.

The filing deadline for the Aug. 2 primary is May 31. The general election is Nov. 8.



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Building addition planned

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bell, who also sits on the city's planning commission. "The architect thought it would present a better look."

Plans call for an interior stairway to the upper floor, plus additional office space and restroom facilities on the second floor.

With city council approval, Bitznik's tenants will be allowed to use current municipal parking. The approval temporarily waives requirements for more parking spaces as required by city ordinance.

"The proposed improvements . . . could be the catalyst to bring about additional improvements to other

But where is parking?

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issue has been raised at recent homeowners meetings and that membership is concerned about commercial encroachment into the residential area.

Members of the association protested last year when funeral di-

rector Walter Sundquist bought the property to the rear of his building, on Oakland Street, to use for additional parking. A subcommittee of the group also became involved last December in proposing traffic-related changes for the downtown area.

Grand River."

Several other private developers are already planning new construction or renovations in the downtown area.

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