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This woman is operating a vibratory roller that compacts the recycled asphalt to form the new road bed.

## If weather allows, road resurfacing could end soon

Weather permitting, the resurfacing of 14 Mile, between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road, will be completed this weekend or early next week.

The base work has been completed. The road will be closed for paving for two days beginning Saturday or early next week depending on the weather.

No widening is planned but a dirt shoulder just west of Hunter's Ridge Apartments will be paved. That will allow traffic to travel the eastbound curb lane all the way from Clubhouse Lane to Orchard Lake Road. Previously, eastbound traffic had to merge to one lane for a short stretch west of Hunter's Ridge.

In August, the Farmington Hills City Council awarded the road rehabilitation project to Madison Heights-based Ajax Paving Industries at a cost of \$279,260.

The road borders Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield Township, but falls under the city's jurisdiction.

**Fleming Trailer Court** is on the east side of Middlebelt, just north of Nine Mile, in Farmington Hills.



## Hills man hurt after stopping to aid motorist

A Farmington Hills man and long-time Plymouth-Canton teacher was hospitalized and lost part of one leg, after stopping along the northbound Southfield Freeway to help a motorist in distress Sunday.

Joseph Ditzhazy and his wife Helen, a Farmington school trustee, were returning from their 40th wedding anniversary party in Dearborn shortly after 9 p.m. Sunday when the incident occurred injuring Joseph, according to information from the Michigan State Police and friends of the couple.

The couple stopped to help after spotting a van driven by Gary Gawora, 33, of Canton Township, which had careened out of control and hit the freeway embankment.

As another passerby stopped traffic, Ditzhazy approached Gawora in an attempt to help him from the van. A second car then hit Gawora's vehicle and pinned Ditzhazy. The driver of the second car, Eddie Irvin, 52, of Detroit, was killed.

Ditzhazy, 64, was taken to Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit, where he was placed in the intensive

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care unit with severe injuries. He was listed in stable condition Tuesday, but doctors had to amputate one leg below the knee. He also had a dislocated shoulder and many bruises.

Gawora was taken to Redford Community Hospital, where he was treated and released.

Farmington school superintendent Graham Lewis visited the hospital Tuesday morning, speaking to both Joseph and Helen, who seemed in good spirits, he said. Helen is a college professor at Eastern Michigan University and Joseph a long-time educator at East Middle School in the Plymouth-Canton district.

"Between he and Helen, they show a lot of courage," Lewis said.

## Light show Olympic torch on display

A U.S. Olympic Team Torch Relay will pass through Farmington Saturday morning as part of a bid to showcase the metro area in hopes of one day bringing the Olympics to the Detroit-Toledo area.

The procession will consist of 12 vehicles and the Olympic torchbearer.

At 7:45 a.m. at Farmington City Hall, Mayor Richard Tupper will head a brief welcoming ceremony.

Before that, stops are scheduled at 7:18 a.m. at K mart's east drive, Grand River and Halsted; at 7:28 a.m. at Smithfield and Grand River; and at 7:36 a.m. near Dunlevy's Pub and Grub, Grand River and Whittaker.

After the city hall ceremony, stops are scheduled at the Silver Dairy, Grand River and Brookdale; Dan's Submarine Shop, Orchard Lake Road and Grand River; and the Farmington Elks Lodge, Orchard Lake Road and 10 Mile.

A Farmington Department of Public Safety patrol car will mark the front and rear of the procession.

The Torch Relay's Detroit-Toledo area leg is expected to raise \$50,000 through torchbearers paying \$325 up per kilometer.

President Reagan lit the torch when it left Washington earlier this month.

## State grants aid Hills efforts to expand and improve parks

By Joanne Malazewski  
staff writer

Farmington Hills officials will intensify efforts to secure land for a south-end park after receiving a \$150,000 state grant. The money will be used to buy 14 acres for a youth park.

The city also will receive a \$195,000 grant to continue development at the 210-acre Heritage Park on Farmington Road.

In August, the Legislature allocated money for the two grant requests through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board.

The grant requests were among 17 development projects and 29 land acquisition projects the trust fund board recommended for financing, said state Rep. Wilbur "Sandy" Brobertson, R-Farmington.

"We'll start trying to tie down some property in the south end," Farmington Hills special services director Dan Potter said.

Plans include a park in the south end similar to Pioneer Park, the youth athletic park northwest of Farmington Road and 13 Mile.

City officials have waited for grant approval before completing negotiations with a property owner in the south end.

A SECOND grant will be used for the second phase of development at Heritage Park, on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile. Targeted for spring 1989, development will include an outdoor classroom and accompanying parking lot, three more picnic areas and hard-surfaced trails for handicapped park patrons.

Phase-one projects at Heritage Park are nearing completion. Play equipment will be installed and a picnic shelter, financed by Hitachi Corp. of Farmington Hills, will be completed. Grills have been added in some of the picnic areas. The Farmington Road entrance also is near completion with only fencing to be finished, Potter said.

The city also has applied for another grant to help finance the third phase of Heritage Park development. "It's still active but hasn't been approved yet," Potter said.

## Bus drivers urge extra care

Farmington school bus drivers are asking residents to take special care, and be aware, now that school has started.

School Bus Safety Week begins Sept. 18, and drivers are planning several special projects to help educate the community about safety measures.

Each year, Farmington parents

are asked to read the following seven rules of bus safety, and sign a consent form with the following pledges:

☐ Students will not use improper language;  
☐ any student damaging the bus will pay for the damages and be suspended from riding;

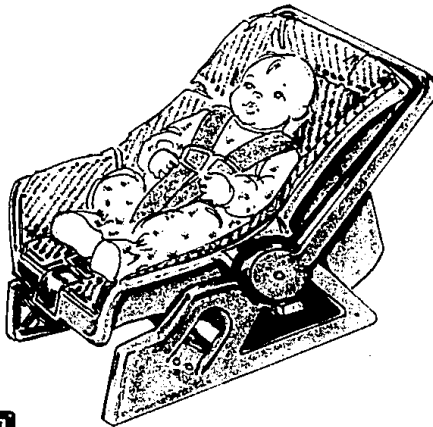
☐ students will be seated as directed by the driver;  
☐ students must remain seated when the bus is in motion;  
☐ students will not throw anything;  
☐ students are expected to be on time at the bus stop;  
☐ when necessary, cross in front of the bus and not in back.



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Timmy Michalczyk, 10, gets off a school bus near his Farmington Hills home. He's a fifth grader at St. Fabian, a parochial school served by Farmington Public Schools buses.

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