

# Forum to focus on solutions to flooding

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Farmington Hills flood victims tired of waiting can mark their calendars.

A city council study/work session on flooding problems and solutions will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, in the Warner Middle School cafeteria, 14 Mile east of Northwest Highway.

In recent weeks, residents from the Kendallwood and Westbrook Manor subdivisions packed Farmington Hills City Council chambers expressing their concerns about neighborhood flooding that resulted from the June 21 downpour.

"This will be a study session with engineers," said city manager William Costick.

The agenda calls for a presenta-

tion by Dave Waring of Hubbard, Roth and Clark, Farmington Hills consulting engineers, on improvements to the Evergreen/Farmington Sanitary Sewage District and a presentation by Frank Burn of Hubbard, Roth and Clark on storm drain improvements.

Discussion will include outlines of improvements for the proposed Minnow Pond Drainage District, Upper Rouge Drainage District and Feb-

lecrack Drainage District. It also will include an engineering analysis of possible upstream improvements.

Robert Fredericks, a deputy drain commissioner for Oakland County, will discuss financing storm drain improvements.

A QUESTION-and-answer session will follow the study/work session.

The meeting was originally going to be in the city council chambers,

but an annual meeting of the Neighborhood Watch associations will take precedence there.

A meeting about sanitary sewer and storm water drainage improvements in particular areas will be at North Farmington High School after Aug. 16.

At a city council meeting July 10, Costick said major city-wide drainage improvements will cost \$12 mil-

lion to \$15 million, but that he is not concerned about financing them.

A water sample extracted from the home of two registered nurses who are Dunford residents showed a high fecal coliform level and a high level of sewage pollution, according to a sample analyzed through a free service provided by the Oakland County Health Department's Southfield office.

## police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

**SUSPECT NABBED**

A 20-year-old Milford man faces three high-misdemeanor charges that stem from a traffic violation in Farmington Hills Friday.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

At 8:35 p.m., a traffic officer determined by radar that an east-bound car was speeding on Eight Mile at Robinson.

When the officer, with emergency lights and siren activated, tried to

stop him at Randall, the driver continued, even though he appeared to acknowledge the officer.

Trying to elude police, the driver turned down two side streets and ran a stop sign before going north on Merriman.

Near Eight Mile, he turned into the new Merriman Park Condos. At the west end of the complex, the driver braked hard, halted out and ran through yards and woods.

At 9 p.m., Farmington Hills officer Howard Farley found the man lying on the floor of a car parked in the side yard of a house on Hubbard in Livonia.

The suspect faces high-mis-

demeanor charges of drunk driving, driving with a revoked driver's license and failing to obey a police officer's signal. He could face up to year in jail if convicted.

**4 TICKETED**

Four young people, ages 19-20, from Novi and South Lyon were ticketed for possessing and transporting alcohol when 11 cans of beer were found in their car in the parking lot at Burger King, 32704 Grand River. Officers stopped the car after responding to a noise complaint at 12:10 a.m. Saturday, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

**THEFTS REPORTED**

A bicycle valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a carport on Country Bluff, Farmington Hills, July 28-29.

Two electric lawn edgers valued at \$160 were reported stolen from a garage on Hayden, Farmington, July 31.

A briefcase, an electric flight computer, aviation materials, a radar detector, a gym bag, a softball glove, baseball equipment and transceiver valued at \$760 were reported stolen from two cars parked in a driveway on Brittany Hill Court,

Farmington, Aug. 1-2.

A typewriter, jewelry, a VCR and stereo equipment were reported stolen from a house on the 20900 block of Halsted, Farmington Hills, Aug. 1.

A BMX bike valued at \$210 was reported stolen from a garage on Wheeler, Farmington Hills, Aug. 1.

A 12-speed bicycle valued at \$400 was reported stolen from a back yard on Fend, Farmington Hills, Aug. 2.

A 40-gallon, hot-water tank valued at \$500 was reported stolen from a house under construction on the 20800 block of Gill, Farmington Hills, Aug. 3-4.

A computer valued at \$10,000 was reported stolen from John Crane Inc., 31700 13 Mile, Farmington Hills, Aug. 3-4.

A color TV, a VCR, a microwave oven, a telephone answering machine and jewelry valued at \$1,465 were reported stolen from a house on Tulane, Farmington Hills, Aug. 4.

A snowblower, a gas-leaf blower, and tools valued at \$830 were reported stolen from a front yard on Arden Park Circle, Farmington Hills, Aug. 4-5.

A roto tiller valued at \$300 was reported stolen from a garage on Fredericksburg, Farmington Hills, Aug. 5.

A bicycle valued at \$90 was reported stolen from a back porch on Roosevelt, Farmington Hills, Aug. 6-7.

## 'Gun-waving' turns out to be prank

The stage was set for a potential trouble.

A call to Farmington Hills police reported a youth waving a gun at the Muirwood Square shopping center then at the nearby Muirwood Apartments.

At 3 p.m. Friday, a worker at the shopping center told police a youth wearing a black leather jacket, a black beretta and sunglasses was outside, waving a gun in the air. He

appeared disoriented.

The youth later was reported descending a hill to the apartment complex, then past the Drake Road gatehouse.

When police arrived, they learned the youth had walked through the clubhouse to the pool.

When officers John Markey and Sandra Schrage spotted him, he was walking backwards toward the pool. While pointing the gun with both

hands, he yelled: "Bang, bang, I'm going to shoot."

Three times, Markey, behind cover six yards away, ordered him to drop the gun. After the third command, the youth complied. At one point, he turned toward Markey with the gun still outstretched.

The "weapon" turned out to be a plastic squirt gun. "It looks just like a .44 magnum revolver," said officer Duane Fox of the Farmington Hills

Police Department Juvenile Section.

"Not till the officers came up and handcuffed the youth did they know it was plastic," Fox said.

The youth, a 14-year-old Farmington Hills resident, was released to his parents, pending further investigation.

Fox intends to ask the druggstore that sold the youth the \$2 toy to remove it from stock.

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