# Hills backs Eight Mile revitalization effort

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Eight Mile revitalization —
The city council supports the South
Oakland County Mayors Resolution
calling for a united effort to revitalize the Eight Mile Road business corridor.

The resolution calls for the state to sponsor an effort to unite the communities that lie along the road and set aside sufficient funding to develop and implement a plan in the current fiscal year.

According to the resolution:

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"The revitalization of Eight Mile
Road is in the best interests of both
the city of Detroit and the suburbs.

"Local and and state government needs to be proactive versus reac-tive in stopping the decline of the ur-ban areas and flight to the outlying undeveloped areas."

 County panel — Oakland County Board of Commissioners chairman Roy Rewold named Farmington Hills Zoning Board of Appeals member Andrew Haliw to a threeyear term on the Oakland County Community Corrections Advisory

Community Corrections
Board.

The board counts judges, police officials and the county prosecutor
among its members.

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Curbside recycling — Farmington Hills city manager Bill Costick hopes to take bids this summer for curbside recycling. This spring, he plans to deliver a cost report to the city council.

The city council authorized hir-ing Sterling Heights-based Italia Construction to do the 1990 sidewalk program at a cost of \$78,118, the lowest of three bids but 8 percent higher than the engineers' estimate.

Builders fee — Effective May 1, residential builders will pay an an-nual \$15 registration fee to the build-ing division — similar to what elec-

These portions of walkway will be built:

a. south side of 11 Mile, from Hiliside Elementary to Steele.
b. south side of 14 Mile, from Warner Midled School to Briarcrest Lane.
c. both sides of 13 Mile, at the Chesterbrook Lane crosswalks.
d. cast side of Middlebelt, from 14 built of School to Hemlock.
Construction is projected to be done by June 15.

The \$3,000 to \$4,000 derived from the fees will allow the city to ever costs, City Manager Bill Costick and the great process includes the builder's license number with expiration date and the appropriate insurance information.

FARMINGTON

Impact fees — The city council has developer to help relieve the impact fees on developers to help relieve the ime Impact fees — The city council has endorsed a Novi City Council resolution calling for legislation that lets communities assess impact fees on developers to help relieve the linguage that he we development has on local roads.

The Idea Behind impact fees is that Oakland County and local communities don't have enough money to keep pace with road needs.

"The impact of new development is compounded by inadequate roads," city manager Bob Deadman

roads," city manager Bob Deagman said.

The county's wish list for road improvements just to keep pace with new development tops \$900 million. The resolution urges the state to provide enabling legislation to help provide tunding to relieve overburdened roads.
"Many states already allow assessing of fees for new and expanding road systems," Deadman said. Builders are among the groups opposing limpact fees.

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"New development should be re-sponsible for at least part of the im-pact," sald Deadman, noting that the growth in Novi and Farmington Hills has generated more traffic through Farmington.

## School officials review proposed security system

Farmington school officials are considering a new security system that would use bar-coded cards and the security of the secur

had before," he said. "You could identify who left the building open. We can also shut off the time (in which a person could enter the building).
"There's many, many options we've never had before."

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THE SYSTEM would use computer software, which could be accessed from a centralized location at the district's maintenance department.
Each school could be set up in sectors, so that only certain people would have access to set areas of the building at certain the could be set to the school before the section of the school before the section three the section three the section three three

building at certain times.
One-time entries for special

events could also be programmed in.

A person with an approved barcoded card would use the card instead of a regular key to enter the

stead of a regular key to enter the school.

The card would automatically disarm the alarm system, and reactivate it when the person leaves. Lost cards could immediately be taken out of the security access system.

The system would also track who entered and left the school buildings at what time, giving administrators

and board members a chance to monitor building uses.

BOARD MEMBERS have asked

BOARD MEMBELLS have asked administrators to take a look at the system in other school districts already using it, to determine how well it works.

"Obviously, we're talking a level of sophistication that does not exist in any other school system in this state," trustee James Abernethy said.

sald. Consultant Al Bosonetto of Rittner

French Associates of Rochester estimated such a system could cost the district upward of \$12,000 for each middle school and \$25,000 or more reach high school.

The district has some 1.6 million square feed bindling space that requires security monitoring.

Administrators began reviewing permanent security; systems last



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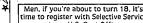
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