

Hills homeowners fight plans for sewer line

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At least 88 Kendallwood subdivision residents aren't giving up. They want a 8½-foot diameter storm sewer pipe under Farmington Road, not under Kendallwood Drive.

"With all due respect, I don't think one of you realizes the magnitude of this project," Kendallwood subdivision resident John Dickson told the Farmington Hills City Council Monday.

Armed with petitions with 88 subdivision residents' signatures, Dickson urged the council to relocate the planned storm drain pipe to Farmington Road.

The large pipe, which will take water from a retention basin at 13 Mile and Farmington roads when it's built, is a crucial part of the \$18 million comprehensive improvements for storm and sanitary sewage drainage in areas, particularly around 12 Mile/Farmington Road, affected by flooding. The pipe and retention basin por-

tion will cost about \$4 million.

Homeowners' petitions were presented Monday after city manager William Costick presented a report on the sewer project, including details and commitments and answers to residents' concerns about the project.

BUT THE item some residents really want — relocating the pipe to Farmington Road — was not forthcoming Monday. The report recommends putting the 8½-foot diameter pipe under Kendallwood Drive, which is less expensive than putting it under Farmington Road.

"As residents, we are not willing to say we'll sacrifice our homes and take the damage that could happen," Kendallwood Drive resident Paul Grassmick said. "We do not feel at this time this is a done deal. We are not stupid housewives. This is a major project. Why sacrifice our homes?"

Grassmick criticized Costick's report and one from consulting engineers, Hubbell, Roth & Clark of Bloomfield Hills.

Costick's report, she said, failed again to detail the project, such as the depth and width of the excavation needed to bury the 8½-foot-diameter pipe.

"All these things have been left out," Grassmick said. "You really have to keep poking and prodding."

The Hubbell, Roth & Clark report, which details various alternatives to putting the pipe under Kendallwood Drive, Grassmick said "doesn't hold a lot of credence. Their objective is to sell the project."

Councilman Larry Lichtman, who lives on Kendallwood Drive, also believes the project should not be put on the residential, winding road. Residents, he said, don't oppose drainage improvements, they just oppose its location.

Although other Kendallwood subdivision residents are concerned that the continuing debate will delay the much needed improvements, Lichtman disagreed.

"THERE WILL not be a delay in the actual construction project," he said, adding

that bids wouldn't be sought until February or March.

In his report, Costick admitted that trucks — 40-60-a-day — driving through the neighborhood when the project is built will be a problem. Because it will be impractical to cover the 25-28 feet-deep excavation for the pipe, city officials said the big hole will be snow-fenced daily and a security guard will be hired to keep a watch.

A two-year warranty will be offered on homeowners' trees that might be damaged or destroyed by the project, Costick said residents also will have a two-year warranty against problems or failure of new sod and soil settlement after construction.

"Without a question, we'll go back and take care of the problem," Costick said.

If necessary, mail boxes will be set up at the end of the street to accommodate mail delivery and city officials will work with the school district for bus routes during construction, Costick said. He also assured that access would be provided for homeowners during construction.

A meeting will be scheduled in November to again meet with residents as review the project. Lichtman also requested that the city council receive a report about the project's details, including protection of homeowners, security measures, tree warranties, truck routes and hours of construction.

"I'D LIKE to be assured we can put this in writing," councilman Terry Sever said. "I have no problem doing that," Costick responded.

Still, Grassmick said residents are not thoroughly satisfied, despite the commitments made by Costick.

"There are still a lot of questions," Grassmick said. "The city has not yet put it in writing that they will protect our homes."

City officials, she said, told residents they would find an area where a similar project has been completed for comparison.

"We're awaiting their findings," Grassmick said.

obituaries

HUGO A. ALLOR

Mr. Allor, 79, of Farmington died Oct. 21 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in St. Clair Shores, Mr. Allor was self-employed. In 1946 Mr. Allor worked at several auto dealers as an auto body repairman. In 1953 he bought a collision shop in Detroit and continued to operate collision shops until his retirement in 1982. After retirement from active work he continued to oversee the four shops run by his sons.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; sons Tom, Chuck, Neil, Dan and Pat; 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers.

Services were at the McCabe Fu-

neral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Arnold Dachille officiating.

J. THOMAS MARSH

Mr. Marsh, 90, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 21.

Born in Mosherville, Mich., Mr. Marsh was a purchaser for Command Division in Warren for 40 years. He was a member of the Monaghan Knights of Columbus and

Federation of Musicians.

Survivors include his nephews, Daniel and Michael Laird.

Mass was celebrated Oct. 21 in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington, with the Rev. Hurley officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

GERTRUDE K. KLEIN

Mrs. Klein, 91, of Farmington died Oct. 21 in Williamsburg Convalescent Center.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Klein was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Sally Klein; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farm-

ington, with the Rev. Colum Morgan officiating. Arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

FRANCIS SIDNEY ROBERTS

Mr. Roberts, 75, of Taylor, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Oct. 16 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Roberts was a millwright for Ford Motor Compa-

ny. He was a member of VFW Post 2269 in Farmington Hills.

Survivors include his sons, James and Steven; daughters, Sandra, Cheryl Bondroff and Karen; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Michigan. Arrangements were made by the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia.

YMCA highlights

These YMCA highlights appear courtesy of the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For information, call 553-4020.

WALK/RUN FOR LIFE — OCT. 27

Join with others in the community for our festive Fun Run/Walk on Oct. 27. Adults, Youth and Families are welcome. Refreshments, door prizes and guest appearances by Willy Y's and McGruff, the crime fighting dog. Interested participants must register at the YMCA by Wed., Oct. 24.

FALL II PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration for the YMCA's Fall II Programs will be held the week of Oct. 22. The YMCA offers a variety of programs for pre-schoolers, youth, adults and families. Fall II classes begin the week of Nov. 5 and run through the week of Dec. 17. Full privilege members may register on Oct. 22. Program members may register starting on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

GYM AND SWIM

The Farmington Y will once again be offering our Gym & Swim program for 3-5-year-old boys and girls. This specially designed class combines exciting activities in the gym and pool area. The first half of the class includes gym games and activities followed by time in the pool. Classes are offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Registration starts the week of Oct. 22.

WORKOUT AND BREAKFAST

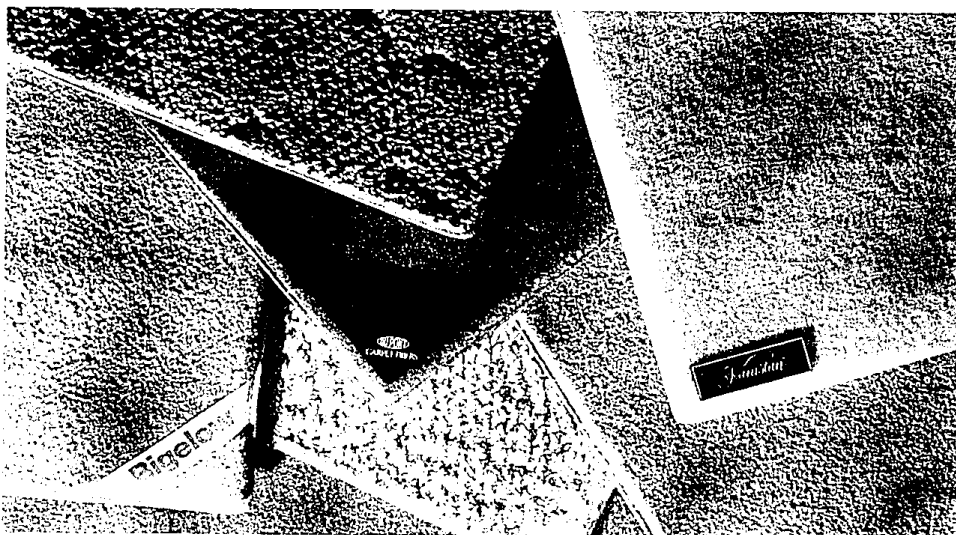
Children 4-7 will exercise, play games, and have breakfast with Willy Y's, the fit Owl of the '90s. Sessions are held 8-9:15 a.m. Saturdays. Mom and Dad are encouraged to attend the "Saturday Spectacular" Fitness Class at the same time as Willy Y's Workout for the Kids. Call Mary Fletcher at the Y for more information.

PRE-NATAL EXERCISE

This exercise class includes a cardiovascular workout especially designed for the expectant mom. The class will include exercises to increase flexibility and body awareness. A medical release is required by the first class in order to participate. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Registration begins the week of Oct. 22.

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