

# Residents rap city for letting street look like 'dump'

By Casey Hana  
staff writer

The promise of improved sewers and roads is little consolation to residents of Farmington's Glenview Street.

Those living along western side of the street had a dirty, dusty and noisy summer, because a once-peaceful parcel of city property behind their houses was transformed into a storage yard for sand, asphalt, equipment, hay and other construction items.

"What was once a peaceful, beautiful lot now has the look of an industrial dump," said several residents in a letter presented to the city council last week.

The debris and equipment is the side effect of a major sewer improvement project and the widening of Orchard Lake Road, and city officials say it is one of the few places they can store construction items.

"We're upset that they would put us through it," said resident Mark Tinney. "Nobody was called and contacted that this was going to happen."

MARK AND Carol Tinney, Evelyn Osmon and her sister Mae Clement, Isabelle Hunt and Sadie

and Judy McNamara wrote to the city last week, in hopes the city will soon stop the work and return the city-owned lot to its former grassy state.

The letter asks for a firm completion date, and also requests the city find another location for its future construction storage.

Although the city has leased the lot next to the Oakwood Cemetery for construction storage in the past, this project has completely removed all grass on the lot and appears to have damaged several large trees.

"It was never so unsightly — never for this long," said Evelyn Osmon who has lived on the street for 20 years. "They never used to do anything that defaced the property."

"There were days you couldn't see Grand River or the (former Oak Hill) nursing home," added her sister Mae Clement, who said trucks would start running at 6 a.m. and not stop until 7 p.m. most days. "Early in the morning, they'd flash those lights right in the back — it was like they were coming through the back window."

CITY OFFICIALS expect the project to be completed during the current construction season this



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

Barrels, bricks, road signs, dirt piles and other debris sit in the city-owned site off Grand River and Locust. The lot is behind Glenview, where residents have been upset all summer with what they say "has the look of an industrial dump." The city has used the lot as a construction storage site for the ongoing sewer improvement project.

fall, but said they don't know where else they could store materials for future projects.

"I don't blame them for being concerned," said City Manager Robert Deadman. "The contractor stored a lot of sand material there which has caused the problem."

"The city has the right to use it, but I won't hide behind that," he added. "We've used it for years. I know this project has gone on for a long time."

Deadman said the city cannot use other city property such as the Shawassee Park, because it is on a flood plain.

Mark Tinney said he knows the residents of Glenview are not

alone.

"I realize throughout the whole city, people have been affected," he said. "They might have the street torn up for a couple of weeks. The entire time, this has been behind us."

City council members were concerned that the city at least communicate with the residents. "I think these residents have made a supreme sacrifice," said councilwoman JoAnne McShane. "They deserve a letter of explanation."

Deadman and public services director Earl Billing said contractors will clear up the lot and reseed it when the project is completed.

## around Farmington

All announcements for this column must be mailed to Around Farmington, Farmington Observer, 21888 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336.

Deadline for Around Farmington is noon Monday for the Thursday publication and noon Thursday for the Monday publication. Requests for announcements will not be taken over the telephone.

● **FALL REGISTRATION**  
Monday-Friday, Aug. 26-30: Classes for local residents in tap, jazz,

ballet, theater and vocal begin fall registration at Performing Arts Academy, 24571 Catering Industrial Road, Novi. Registration hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. For further information, call 349-2728.

● **LEAP**  
Monday-Thursday, Aug. 26-Aug. 29: Registration for LEAP (Learning Enrichment Activities for Preschoolers) is now taking place at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawassee. For more information call 489-3373.

### ELECTION NOTICE CITY OF FARMINGTON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following persons have qualified as Candidates for the Office of the City Councilperson for the Regular City Election to be held in the City of Farmington on Tuesday, November 5, 1991:

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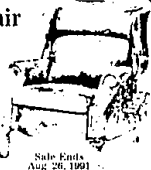
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Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan at the Clerk's Office at 31555 Eleven Mile Road until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 28, 1991, at which time and place, all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

This project will be let as one contract and consists of approximately 2.5 miles of road rehabilitation. The proposal will include the removing of the existing pavement, placing new aggregate to achieve a proper crown and placement of a 4" top course. As an alternative, the City will consider pulverizing the material on site, utilizing a portion of it to build a proper crown and placement of a 3" top course. The approximate quantities of major items of work are as follows:

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Plans, specifications, and proposal forms may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office at the above address on or after Monday, August 19, 1991, upon deposit of \$10.00, which is non-refundable. Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the City of Farmington Hills. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond by a recognized surety company in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of Farmington Hills, as security for acceptance of the Contract.

The City reserves the right to waive any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and/or informalities, and to make the award, that in the opinion of the City Council is in the best interest, and to the advantage of the City of Farmington Hills.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN,  
City Clerk

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● **COMMISSION ON AGING**  
Tuesday, Aug. 27: Farmington Area Commission on Aging regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in Farmington City Hall, 25800 Liberty. Open to all.

● **STORYTIME**

Tuesday, Aug. 27: "Storytime With the Mayor," Mayor Shirley Richardson reads to 4- and 5-year-olds at 10:30 a.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty. No charge, but reservations are requested by the library, 474-7770.

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All contracts to be entered into by FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS must and will comply with the minimum wage and equal opportunity laws of the state of MICHIGAN.

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# Tax cut drive is topic for Dems

A property tax cut petition drive that could reduce school taxes will be the topic of discussion at a meeting of the Farmington Democratic Club at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be in the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River at Eight Mile.

The keynote speaker will be state Rep. Nick Claramillo, D-Roseville, one of the sponsors of the property tax cut petition drive that originated among several Macomb County Democrats.

The petition calls for the elimination of the school operating property tax on the first \$30,000 of value (\$15,000 of assessment) on a home with a market value of at least \$60,000.

FARMINGTON Democratic Club chairman Mike Breshgold said the Democratic plan provides for state

reimbursement of local school districts by the closing of business tax loopholes and not through further reductions in essential state services.

The Democratic plan would put the tax reduction into effect as soon as the state Legislature acts on it after the petitions are turned in and certified. If the Legislature fails to act, the plan would automatically go before the voters at the next state-wide election.

Petitions that can be circulated anywhere in Oakland County will be available at the meeting.

"You do not have to be a member of the Democratic club to listen to the presentation and to pick up a petition," Breshgold said. "All homeowners in the Farmington area would benefit from this drive."

Petitions also can be obtained by calling 474-3655 or 478-0942.

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Part of the delay stems from hope that tomorrow your swollen knee or painful shoulder will improve and not need special attention. Part of the delay comes out of a reluctance to ask for help from family, friends or employer. However, too often the delay results from an attitude that you should tough it out, show resolve, and maintain your independence.

If pain that used to end in a day is ongoing, you may be in a flare. Other signs are increasing stiffness, unending tiredness, and joint swelling at a site not previously involved.

If you are experiencing such changes, your physician likely would prefer that you set aside pride and see him or her soon. The reason is that as a flare continues, a recrus more joints as both inflammation spreads, and unrelieved joints become painful from overuse. Also, the longer the flare, the more your fatigue, and the greater the difficulties that therapy must overcome.

If your arthritis worsens, schedule an early appointment with your doctor. At the least you will become educated on your arthritis; at best your efforts will bring a return to well being.

**FARMINGTON HILLS  
NOTICE  
LAST DAY TO PAY SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES**

The City of Farmington Hills will be accepting payment of the 1991 Summer Tax Bill without penalty until 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 3, 1991 at City Hall.

Local branches of the below listed banks will be accepting payment only through August 30, 1991. Banks may charge a nominal fee and/or require an account relationship before accepting payment. The banks accepting payment are:

Manufacturers National Bank  
Metrolink  
Michigan National Bank  
National Bank of Detroit

To avoid penalty, payment must be received by the Treasurer's Office by September 3, 1991. Postmarks are NOT acceptable. Persons not paying property taxes via an escrow account, who have not received a tax should contact the Treasurer's Office at 474-4115 immediately.

CHARLES D. ROSCH,  
Finance Director/Treasurer

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