

# Self-serve

## Roadside vendor hawks her veggies on the honor system

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Peppers are two for a quarter. Squash goes for 35 cents each. Corn, when there is any, is \$2 a dozen. Prices are posted. Just plunk the money in the jar, please, Irene Bradley's produce stand operates in the honor system.

"I figure if they take it, they need it," said Bradley, a longtime Farmington Hills resident who is trying her hand at a roadside stand for the first time this season.

Bradley said she started the honor system because she had neither the time nor the inclination to sit outside at the stand, which is really just a picnic table laden with fresh produce in front of her home on Power Road, just south of 11 Mile. She's available, though, if change needs to be made.

Most people are honest, she said, and business has been surprisingly brisk.

"A lot of senior citizens seem to be stopping," said Bradley, a native Kentuckian who has lived in the Farmington area since 1964. "Tomatoes, cukes and corn seem to be popular, but people really love that zucchini. They make bread and soup out of it. So do I."

Most of the produce comes from her son Wayne, who farms near Howell. Gardening isn't something Irene Bradley goes in for, although she enjoys meeting people at the stand.

Bradley said that many of her customers used to buy produce from Richard Grazzini, who for many years ran a stand at Power and 10 Mile.

Staff photographer Sharon LeMieux contributed to this report.



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Produce for sale: Irene Bradley hauls out tomatoes to sell at a stand in front of her Farmington Hills home.

## ON THE AGENDA

Below are highlights from the agendas of meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

**Farmington Hills City Council**  
Council chambers  
31555 11 Mile  
7:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 21

During public hearing night, the council will consider: introduction of a rezoning request for the south side of 13 mile west of Halsted from Elderly Housing to One-Family Residential; approval of an amended Cluster Site Plan for the west side of Halsted north of 12 mile to remove a pedestrian pathway; approval of cluster site plan and open space plan for the east side of Halsted north of 12 mile for 17 detached units; introduction of zoning text amendment for planned unit development options; and vacation of alley in the Grand River Homes subdivision.

Under unfinished business, the council will consider: introduction of a rezoning request at 25338 Orchard Lake Road from Local Business District to General Business

District; enactment of an ordinance adding a new section to the city code defining and regulating retail fraud; and enactment of an ordinance regulating drainage courses. Under new business, the council will consider a request from Metro-Vision to extend its cable television franchise, look into a new tavern license for Spring Garden Coney Island, 29210 Orchard Lake, and consider approving an agreement in the case of McMahan vs. Farmington Hills.

The city manager will report on a state grant application for a Farmington Road bike path, recommend action on a consent judgment for Green Valley Estates and recommend support for the Western Oakland County Corridor Road improvement and bike path improvements.

**Farmington City Council**  
Council chambers  
23600 Liberty  
8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21

The council will consider contractor and engineering payments.

an amendment to the Industrial Outside Storage Ordinance, and appointment of a representative in the Industrial Pretreatment Program. They will also receive correspondence from MDOT director Patrick Nowack regarding Senate Bill 843 which would reallocate state highway money to specific programs, and a letter from Civic Theatre owner Greg Hohler regarding relocating his exit doors onto city property. Other routine business is scheduled to come before council, as well.

**Farmington Hills Planning Commission**  
Council chambers  
31555 11 Mile  
7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24

Planning commissioners will discuss a proposed lighting ordinance.

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