

Getting the lead out of old firing range costs \$100,000

Farmington Hills plans to spend about \$100,000 to get the lead out. The city will ask for bids to clean up property belonging to the YMCA that the police department long used as a firing range. All that lead — from bullets used in target practice — has contaminated soil at the range, officials say.

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Assistant City Manager David Call seid the high concentration of lead in the bern area of the property, located north of Grand River and cast of Drake Road, was a result of target practicing over a period of years.

"There are very high lead level in the berm," Call seid. "That soil will have to go to a hazardous will have to go to a hazardous landfill."

That conclusion came from soil boringer taken by Tosting Engineers and Consultants, Inc., which found less contaminated soil on the range surface itself.
The city has liability for the contamination, even though the property belongs to the YMCA.

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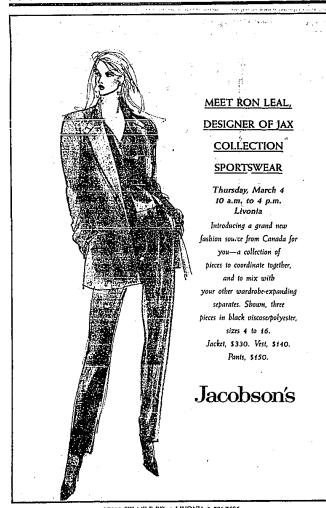
which is looking at recreational uses of the property. By removing the contaminated soil, the city can clean up the contamination without involving the state Department of Natural Resources, Call said.

"Since we are cleaning up the site ourselves, we don't need to ask the DNR to come in," Call said. "Anything less (than a total cleanup), and we would have to work with the DNR."

The more heavily contaminated berm soil will cost \$200 a yard to handle and haul away to a special heazardous waste site. The soil on the surface of the firing range is less contaminated and can be taken to a regular sanitary landfill, he said.

Testing Engineers and Consultants took 25 samples at the

site, including soil and ground water.
Call said the city is using \$87,000 as a rough estimate of what the cleanup will cost. He told city council members that holding bidders to that figure might be a mistake since initial estimates of the emount of soil on the borm and the firing range appear to be off.
"If we put a cap on it folid), we may exceed it," he said. "I'd like to keep it open and evaluate the bids."
Council members Terry Sever, Aldo Vagnozzi, Ben Marks and Mayor Nancy Bates voted to start the bid process at the Feb. 22 meeting. Council members Jon Grant, Joanne Smith and Mayor protein Larry Lichtman were absent.



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Farmington City Council Chambers 23600 Liberty St., 474-5500 8 p.m. Monday, March 1

Agenda items include:
12 Contractor payment, change order approval and engineering payment for the Sewer Improvement

Project; A proposed amendment to the

zoning ordinance;
Discussion of city council mission statement;

ON THE AGENDA

Update on Detroit Edison im-Caddell drain erosion repair

project;

@ Grant application regarding
Shiawasee Park;

@ Consideration to set a date for
Mayor Exchange Day;

@ Confirm Joint meeting with
Parmington Hills council May 19;

Financial reports on the General
Pund and 47th District Court;

Introduces an ordinance regard;

ing reception antenna facilities.

Farmington Downtown Development Authority, 473-7276
Farmington City Hall
8 a.m. Tuesday, March 2.
Agenda items include:

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Approval of payments.

Approval of budget request for 1933-94 fiscal year.

Report on "Giving o' that Green" promotion for March 15-13

29. ■ Public comment.

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hors," said Milhalke, who lives on Oak Forest. Some residents at Tuesday's meeting asked for an amendment to the board's motion, saying it would consider another option. Board president R. Jack Inch refused. would consider another option.
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refused.
The debate has included several heated meetings.
Oak Forest resident Roger

Witthop told Inch that it appeared the board had already made up its mind before Tuesday's meeting.

"I take a little umbrage at that comment," Inch said. "I am listening to you. I have not quote, 'Made up my mind.' Other people on the board may have. You know me better than that."

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Wooddale PTO, said she is wor-ried about the impression the controversy has left. "We're striving to work together"

"We're striving to work together to provide safety for our chill-dren," Miller said. "We monitor that situation every day. I feel that it is unfair of everyone to think that this is one neighborhood pitting itself against another neighborhood."

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