

Serious damage on Westerleigh



House fire: Farmington Hills firefighters from stations 2 and 4 put out a roof fire at this house on Westerleigh in Farmington Hills at 8:12 p.m. June 17. The fire started on the ground floor and caused \$60,000 in damage to the house and \$70,000 in damage to its contents. The fire is under investigation.

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Roads

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will meet with groups, including condominium owners and seniors, to explain the plan. Street improvements and special assessments affect condo owners and apartment dwellers, Laubhoff said.

"If the city is in there replacing the street, you're going to see an increase in your rent or maintenance assessment," he said.

Marketing Communications in Southfield is going to work with city staff to compile information and send out a mailing. The firm already helps the city with its newsletter.

The city took a similar marketing approach explaining the \$13 million sewer separation project. Also, the city has reviewed 137 streets and street segments to determine what would need maintenance.

The plan, if it passes, will be implemented in three phases: one to five years, five to 15 years, and 15 to 20 years. "We've got it all covered," Laubhoff said.

Storefront has new lease on business: antiques shop

BY LARRY O'CONNOR

STAFF WRITER
The story on the vacant storefront on the southwest corner of Grand River and Farmington: Out with the old and in with . . . the old.

Steven's Antiques is set to open Friday, filling the space left when Books for Less left last month. The new store will specialize in mahogany and satin wood furniture.

"I like the visibility; I like the community," said owner Steven Greene, 38, a Farmington Hills resident.

Greene has operated under the

name Steven's Antiques, appearing regularly in shows and exhibits at the Novi Expo, Southfield Pavilion and area shopping malls. He's built a steady client base from there, he said.

The idea to open his own shop came while driving home one day. He spotted the "for lease" sign in the Elftman Building and "decided to go for it."

"I think it'll be a fine addition to the community," said Mary Bush, who is the leasing agent for the owner of the building, Mobin-der Chastha.

Steven's Antiques specializes in traditional and French styles of

furniture. Some of the makes he carries include Chippendale, Hepplewhite and Sheraton.

Greene said his customers include people from as far away as Lansing and Monroe.

"I have a lot of young couples who have maybe just bought a home and who are looking to purchase quality furniture," Greene said.

Greene works full-time as an administrator for benefit trust funds for the Operating Engineers Union in Detroit. A friend, James O'Banion, will operate the store when Greene's not there.

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