

Suited up: Two workers, dressed in protective garb, handle the hazardous wastes at the Farmington Court House.

Residents trash household hazardous wastes

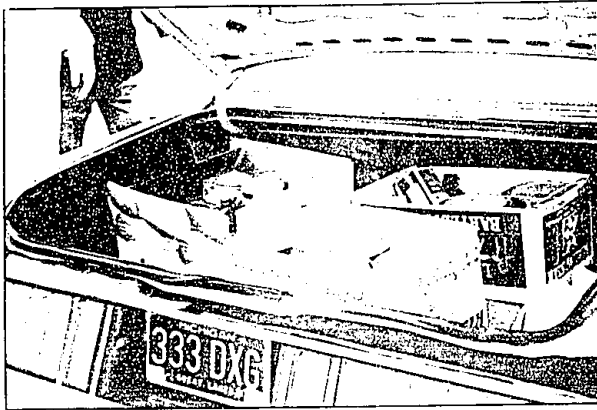
They dumped a lot of hazardous trash in Farmington recently — and officials were happy to have it.

More than 800 residents of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Southfield brought more than 5,900 gallons of oil-based paint, old gasoline, adhesives, mercury, kerosene, acids, paint thinner, etc., recently to the 47th District Court for the ninth-annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

"The participation rate was the highest we have had in over three years," said Thomas Biasell, director of Public Services for Farmington Hills.

"Maybe the nice weather was an incentive for people," Biasell added, "but I really think people are more aware of the environment and want to properly dispose of their waste."

There were 525 Farmington Hills residents, 29 more than last spring. Farmington residents numbered 151 — 21 more than last year. And 167 Southfield residents made the drive over to properly dispose of their hazardous waste.



By the trunkful: Car trunks are full of what people want to get rid of.

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than 1.8 houses per acre) zoning.

"There is no requirement of a variance for this project," she said. "It is within the requirements of the current zoning."

VanHouten said the commission did not have the authority to turn down a plan based on a conventional plat. It did have the power to negotiate the Oakwood Hills plan, which calls for a buffer of open space between the development and neighboring residences.

Residents saw the plan as the kiss of death for a way of life found in few places in the Detroit area.

"This is an area where horses can be ridden," said one resident. "I've seen a deer and her two fawns," said another. "The area drips with history," said another.

Beyond the advantages of keeping the area pristine, residents pointed out that annual ice storms and other inclement weather make the hill on Power impassable at times. With a dramatic increase in traffic, the road would have to be paved and widened, they contend.

In addition, city services, such as sewer and water, would be put in, further changing the landscape, which is hilly and poses difficulties for adding the service.

"What do you do when you have an ice storm and 181 cars?" said Walter Winterbottom, a 30-year Power Road resident. "We've resisted having water, sewers and

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commissioner

paved roads because of what we have."

Other residents were critical of the zoning, which allows such a development, when nearby Biddlestone Woods has a more stringent, RA-1A zoning, allowing less density.

"You're (Planning Commission) there to protect a way of life," said Sy Kemick.

Commissioner Paul Blizman made the motion to reject the plan because it had two entrances, which create traffic and safety problems; unusable open space; and land use inconsistent with the Natural Beauty Road.

"This plan is not in character with the surrounding area as it exists today," Blizman said.

VanHouten said although the commission's decision is a message to the developer to come back with another plan, she added that residents should understand that the commission can not prohibit a land owner from developing his property.

"That is a constitutional right," she said.

The commission unanimously voted down the plan.



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Preeclampsia, or pregnancy-induced high blood pressure, strikes between 2 and 10 percent of pregnant women. Symptoms include headaches, blurred vision, abdominal pain and rapid weight gain (3 or more pounds per week). Although 30 to 40 percent of women who develop preeclampsia have no symptoms, it can be caused or worsened by the delivery of the baby (which nearly always reverses the illness). For the most part, preeclampsia does not occur until 32nd week, when it does appear earlier with mild symptoms, but not in other positions in order to postpone delivery for as long as possible. After the 32nd week, when almost all babies can do well outside the uterus, more advanced cases are treated by delivering the baby.

It is very important to inform your practitioner of any symptoms you are having. In most cases, your caregiver can offer helpful advice to ease any difficulties you may be having. However,

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P.S. Other symptoms of preeclampsia, such as swollen ankles and hands, are easily overlooked because they often occur in healthy pregnancies.

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