

Wing Hong eatery, health officials work on agreement

The Oakland County Health Department and the Wing Hong restaurant in Farmington Hills are trying to work out an agreement that would allow revoking the eatery's license.

The popular Chinese restaurant had been cited many times by the department for having cockroaches and for other unsanitary conditions. The health department revoked its license to operate, but an injunction was ordered by Oakland Circuit Judge Robert Tempin so that the parties could find a solution to the problems.

The restaurant was allowed to operate pending either an agreement or in the alternative, a ruling from the judge.

A ruling was due June 14, but the hearing was adjourned to allow the parties another week to work out a compromise.

"The agreement would provide for more intense scrutiny of their operation," said Attorney Gordon Wylie, who is representing the health department. "Frankly, the last thing the health department is intending to do is shut down the restaurant. We just want them to operate in a safe manner."

Wylie said Chinese restaurants and their staffs often oper-

ate differently, which can run afoul of health regulations.

"It's not like McDonald's restaurants where things are packaged and frozen," he said. "They (Chinese restaurants) aren't necessarily trained in doing things our way. It's a different style."

Wylie said the health department and Wing Hong would prefer to work out an agreement that satisfies both parties rather than take a chance before the judge.

"I think we'll have an agreement we can both be satisfied with," he said. "Otherwise, the judge will make his decision Wednesday (June 21)."

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spends \$909,884 — or 51 percent — of its \$1.7 million budget on wages and salaries.

For hourly workers, there is a two-tiered pay system. Employees hired after July 1992 receive \$2 less an hour.

Hourly rate for cooking managers is \$12.48-\$14.06; satellite managers: \$10.82-\$12.31; cook-

bakers: \$11.60-\$13.12; and kitchen help: \$10.66-\$12.10.

Salaries and benefits account for \$46 million — or 81 percent — of the district's \$106 million operating budget.

Unlike some other districts, Farmington allows nutrition employees paid vacation days and other benefits, Webb said.

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privacy. Most of those who complained this winter were satisfied by some changes the YMCA made to give them more privacy.

"I'm totally still against it," said one of the neighbors, who asked not to be identified and added that she'll live and let live. "They're expanding and cutting into nature and then having a nature program inside."

YMCA Executive Director Kevin Bush said the original plan was modified with more berms and other landscaping changes to lessen any disruptions to the neighborhood at the Farmington Road location near New Market.

Some other changes to the original building design were incorporated for cost savings, Bush said. The expansion will include a

Crunching the numbers

Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) is an achievement test given annually to third, fifth and eighth grade students in the district.

School	1993 reading	1994 reading	1993 language	1994 language	1993 math	1994 math
Elementary						
Beechview						
Third grade	61.5	67.0 ¹	57.5	58.5	62.1	68.2 ¹
Fifth grade	64.5	65.5	62.7	63.2	68.5	65.0
Eagle						
Third grade	73.5	74.7	61.5	67.0 ¹	62.0	73.1 ¹
Fifth grade	71.5	63.5 ¹	74.1	70.7	67.6	67.8
Flanders						
Third grade	63.5	77.7 ¹	61.5	64.5	53.5	71.5 ¹
Fifth grade	70.5	62.1 ¹	71.5	58.5 ¹	56.5	51.2 ¹
Forest						
Third grade	68.0	64.5	67.0	59.5 ¹	63.7	44.5 ¹
Fifth grade	55.2	63.5 ¹	63.0	60.5	57.7	47.5 ¹
Gill						
Third grade	57.0	61.0	59.0	49.0 ¹	55.0	43.0 ¹
Fifth grade	61.0	60.0	63.0	65.0	63.0	47.0 ¹
Highmeadow						
Third grade	79.0	86.9 ¹	81.5	82.0	83.5	91.0 ¹
Fifth grade	73.5	72.5	71.8	78.5 ¹	77.5	69.5 ¹
Hillside						
Third grade	77.2	67.2 ¹	71.3	59.2 ¹	82.6	61.7 ¹
Fifth grade	69.1	65.4	N/A	68.0	89.3	63.2 ¹
Kenbrook						
Third grade	57.0	74.5 ¹	51.8	70.8 ¹	62.5	72.5 ¹
Fifth grade	55.1	62.0 ¹	63.0	70.6 ¹	68.5	76.0 ¹
Larkshire						
Third grade	65.0	55.4	56.5	60.3	67.6	62.0
Fifth grade	56.5	61.0	56.0	58.8	59.0	47.3 ¹
Longacre						
Third grade	67.0	57.0	66.2	51.2	69.7	47.0 ¹
Fifth grade	65.5	59.0 ¹	68.0	63.5	65.7	53.5 ¹
William Grace						
Third grade	55.5	43.8	47.0	28.2 ¹	60.5	32.5 ¹
Fifth grade	49.8	41.0 ¹	53.0	34.0 ¹	46.5	30.7 ¹
Woodcreek						
Third grade	68.0	67.5	76.1	56.5	73.6	57.5
Fifth grade	64.0	71.0 ¹	61.0	71.6 ¹	65.7	62.7
Wooddale						
Third grade	75.0	70.0	68.7	61.6	77.6	67.0
Fifth grade	72.5	71.0	79.7	70.0 ¹	73.3	67.2 ¹
District average (elementary)						
Third grade	67.0	68.3	66.6	58.9 ¹	68.6	60.4
Fifth grade	64.2	63.6	66.0	65.3	67.5	59.3 ¹
Middle schools						
Duncklee						
Eighth grade	75.0	77.8	*	*	66.1	80.6
East						
Eighth grade	67.0	72.9 ¹	*	*	64.6	65.0
Power						
Eighth grade	72.9	75.0	*	*	71.5	69.5
Warner						
Eighth grade	73.6	66.7 ¹	*	*	83.3	79.5
District average (middle schools)						
Eighth grade	72.6	73.5	*	*	77.6	73.0

* - statistically different
 * - eighth grade students are not tested in language

Tests

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CTBS has also been a source of controversy.

The 1993 scores were adjusted downward to reflect a difference in testing periods. When compared to last year's results, students were scoring higher. Actual numbers, though, showed a falling trend at many schools.

No adjustments were made this year, said Evaluation and Special Projects coordinator Carolyn Mahalak. Comparisons are favorable in many areas.

Third-graders at Hillside, Longacre, William Grace and Wooddale improved significantly (6 percentage points or better) in reading, language arts and math. At the fifth-grade level, Flanders and William Grace scores also jumped in all three areas.

Math made a difference this year. Several schools scored significantly higher.

Major improvements were also seen in language arts by many schools, especially at the third-grade level.

At the district level, reading scores improved slightly at third and fifth grade while dropping

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slightly at the eighth-grade spot.

Larkshire improved significantly in third-grade reading. Eagle and Longacre fifth-graders also performed better in reading as did Warner Middle School.

The district's so-called National Exemplary Schools didn't fare as well.

Kenbrook Elementary scores, so designated several years ago, leveled off at both the third and fifth grade levels in all three areas. At Highmeadow, which also has Exemplary status, scores declined in all three subjects at third grade. The school's fifth grade slumped in language arts and math. However, Highmeadow scores overall are well above the national median.

Year-to-year comparisons need to be done carefully, school officials said.

Individual results were mailed to parents. Building administrators have them as well.

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THE WEATHER AND ARTHRITIS

As a past column pointed out, the effect of weather on arthritis comes from changes in the barometric pressure. The body feels this change, bone and cartilage expand when barometric pressure rises.

In turn, the difference, though slight, may suffice to cause bone to rub on bone. This irritation sets up chemical changes in the joint that lead to inflammation and pain.

No place provides an environment that stops arthritis. Whether you are in Death Valley, Arizona, or Nome, Alaska, changes in barometric pressure continue, and so can trigger a flare of arthritis.

However, severity of the weather counts. Northern winters make walking a hazard, precluding arthritic individuals from the daily exercise and stressing muscles already under strain to move impaired joints.

There is variation in arthritis. Persons may find that for themselves, dampness definitely intensifies their condition. With such individual experience aside, the view of the medical community is that, for arthritis, no climate or place is particularly suited or ill favored. Never, uproot yourself from a familiar community and relocate elsewhere hoping to escape joint pain and immobility.

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