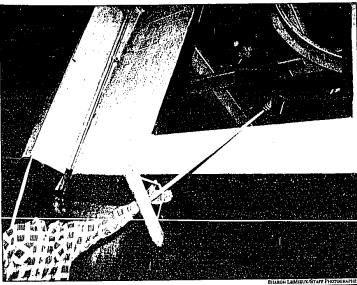
Farmington Hills project: Nick Presutti hands down supplies from the second story to



## DPW breaks ground on facility expansion

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It will be like tent city at the
Farmington Hills Department of
Public Works facility on Helsted
the next few months.
City officials broke ground on
the \$3 million expansion Wednesday morning. Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi took it a step further, operating a backhoe at the facility.
The expansion will add 25,000
square feet to the existing facility.
In the meantime, staff will work
out of trailers.
"The office is gone," said DPW
Superintendent Dan Reoney,
"Entire walls are gone. We
couldn't work in there."
Rooney said the contractor,
Premacon, inc. of Southfield, is
scheduled to complete the vehicle
service and repair portion of the
addition by itali and the rest of its
project by year's end. The poli
burn is now being used for that
purpose.
The expansion will add room

purpose.

The expansion will add room for additional area for fleet maintenance, another fuel island, a new salt dome, an expanded sign shop, additional storage space,

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> Tom Biasell, public services director

and a new staff support area as well as more parking, landscaping improvements and a second en-trance from Halsted. The space is badly needed, said Tom Bissell, the city's public ser-vices director.

"Wo have experienced growth as a city, but we have not expandod the facilities needed to provide services," he said. "This saddition was discussed 15 years ago. The need has become critical each year."

The public works division is re-sponsible for street maintenance, city vehicle and equipment re-pairs, daily supervision of the refuse and recycling program, and maintenance of the city's storm drain system and traffic controls.

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"With the dramatic growth in population and development, the demand for services has increased," Rooney said. "We've outgrown our huilding. We don't have room to store equipment and we are concerned about air quality in some of the existing areas."

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The DPW maintains 57 miles of major streets and 235 miles of local streets. The DPW patches pavement, grades roads, removes litter, maintains signs, and romoves snow and ice. Workers also mow grass, cut weeds, and plant flowers and trees on city property.

The situation of the existing areas.

The city sold bonds to cover the cost of the expansion, which won't increase taxes. The structure will be expanded from 20,557 square feet to 45,251 square feet.

## No bagels about it: Big Apple looking to open shop in downtown

By Larry O'Connor Stays Watter

. A bagel shop could be rolling into Downtown Farmington

Representatives for a nation-fil chain Big Apple Bagels are fagotiating a lease agreement with Downtown Center owners Kimco Realty to open an outlet. The shop would be situated hetween the 99 Cents store and the new U.S. Postal Service outlet expected to open this

outtet expected to does this summer.

Kimco Realty and Downtown Development Authority offi-cials were roluctant to comment until the lease has been signed. Area franchise owners involved in the negotiations could not be reached.

than 50-50 it's going to happen," said Rosanne Angell, manuger of Franchisee Relations for Big Apple Bagels.

A bagel shop has been at the top of people's list when discussing what stores they'd like to see in downtown Farmington. Big Apple Bugels operates 82 stores in the U.S. and Canada with 12 more outlets expected to open during the next two months.

Big Apple Bagels opened in April 1993. The franchise specializes in making up to 25 variety of bagels and 18 different cream cheeses from scratch in each store daily. They offer bagel sandtwickes, gournate offee and a lunch menu as well as breakfast.

The Honninger family of

Howell, which would operate the Farmington outlet, eponed its Brighton store on Grand River in November. Bagel outlets, like syogurt stores in the late '80s, have be-come fast-food for the health respectives.

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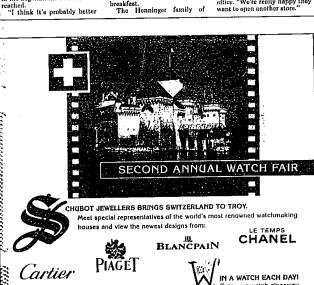
"I think that's part of it," said Colleen Henninger, when the truns the Brighton Big Apple Bagel. "Bagels have been marketed."

Her brother David and mother Catherina would be involved in the Fermington store, Colleen said.

"They're doing just a super job over there," said Angell frum Big Apple Bagels' Chicago office. "We're really happy they want to open another store."



Hands-on mayor: Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi took ground breaking ceremonies at the city's DPW expansion further than the ceremonial shovel full of dirt Wednesday, He got a quick back-hoe lesson and then went to work.



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