

# Fire destroys Southfield landmark

BY SUZ BUCK  
STAFF WRITER

The W.B. Doner Building, a Southfield landmark at Northwestern and Civic Center Drive, was severely damaged Sunday by a fire linked to a overloaded transformer.

Four cities responded with mutual fire aid Sunday evening when a blaze erupted on the agency's second floor.

Royal Oak, West Bloomfield, Ferndale and Detroit fire-fight-

ing units assisted the city.

Officials say an electrical source provided the ignition in the building located at 29500 Northwestern Highway at Civic Center.

According to Michigan Public Safety Network, which monitors public safety frequencies, the fire was reported about 6:16 p.m.

About 10 employees were working in the second floor, when it started.

The fire was under control by

7:45 p.m.

"We're checking for hot spots," said Southfield battalion chief James Bunker, while examining the site Sunday.

"The roof is tenuous, but secure. We had to drag hose back 300 feet. That takes a lot of people."

City administrator Robert Black sat in a nearby spot, chatting with a just-relieved fire fighter.

Peaceful observers milled

about on the lawn, while smoke billowed out from the building.

"I'm surprised that they allowed all the spectators in this staging area," Black said. "They (firefighters) are tired. They're wet. And, they can't breathe. We'll deal with this tomorrow (Monday)."

During this time, Southfield police also responded to a rollover accident on the Lodge Freeway. The driver was apparently gawking at the accident.

## Volunteers go door-to-door to get bond issue support

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

They're really trying to put a face on the latest bond issue in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District.

Door-to-door, in fact. Volunteers are busy working their own neighborhoods, under the guidance of so-called zone directors. Each volunteer is responsible for talking to at least 25 homeowners, to make sure they know about the next bond issue, unofficially set for Saturday, Sept. 28.

The Walled Lake district includes a northwest portion of Farmington Hills.

That date likely will become official at the Walled Lake school board's regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 15. Officials are now waiting word of final approval of the proposed \$114 million bond issue election from the state.

"This whole campaign is a classic grassroots campaign," said Mike Fabian of Citizens for Walled Lake Schools, the volunteer organization that is spearheading the communication drive. "It's... citizens contacting citizens, door-to-door or by phone. We have hundreds of volunteers. They're just everyday citizens who understand what's going on pertaining to the importance of this bond issue."

Dan Tukul, also of Citizens for Walled Lake Schools, said the effort hopefully will be more efficient in terms of letting people

know the facts and be as informed as possible when they vote.

"There was some confusion in the past over the difference between a millage renewal (which is for operations) and a bond issue," Tukul said.

According to Tukul, and school board trustee Samantha Ruetenik, another important bit of information citizens will be hearing from volunteers is that another failed bond issue probably will result in disastrous alternatives, including double classroom shifts.

"The importance of the issue really speaks for itself," Tukul said, adding that Citizens for Walled Lake Schools is completely separate from the school district.

Ruetenik added that the next bond issue fails, board members have already agreed in principle to the double-shift plan. "The first shift would be at 5:30 in the morning. We'd have to cut out after-school activities and there would be no buses for juniors and seniors."

Besides information about why the bond issue is needed to build additional schools to house growing enrollment — Fabian said citizens will be urged to vote on Sept. 28. "Getting more people out to vote is crucial."

Volunteers also will emphasize that the bond issue is separate from the November general election.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY 31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT Special Assessment Roll # C-279 in the amount of \$277,400.00, for the construction of Water Main Improvement in said City to be located as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Springbrook Drive	240 Ft. No. of Westmoreland	Brookview Dr.
O'Neill Drive	Springbrook Drive	To 324 Ft. West

has been filed in the office of the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:	\$277,400.00
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT:	100%
TOTAL COST TO DISTRICT:	\$277,400.00
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	\$ 277.12-10

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chamber, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 12th day of August, 1996, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, to review said Special Assessment Roll and to hear any objections thereto.

Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. As owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN,  
City Clerk

Phone: 810/473-9566  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS 31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48336

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvement:

Construction of ROAD IMPROVEMENTS to be located in the City as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Forestbrook Drive	Inkster	Westerly Terminus
Grand Duke Drive	Forestbrook Drive	Southerly Terminus
Forestbrook Ct.	Forestbrook Drive	Southerly Terminus

That plans and specifications outlining the improvement and the location thereof are on file with the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT:	\$587,200.00
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT:	89.27%
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST TO DISTRICT:	\$524,183.44
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	\$ 7,058.00

That the City Council has tentatively designated the proposed special assessment district to include the following properties:

TIN, RSE, SECTION 13, CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS,  
PORTIONS OF DUKE'S FORESTBROOK HILLS SUBDIVISION  
INCLUDING PARCEL NUMBERS:

23-13-206-014 and 015
23-13-220-011 through 016 and 020
23-13-251-001 through 010
23-13-252-001 through 013
23-13-253-001 through 015
23-13-277-001 through 020
23-13-276-008 and 014

That the City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chamber, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 10th day of AUGUST, 1996, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, to hear and consider any objections to the said improvement.

If the City Council approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. Act 186 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1973, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. The hearing for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to appeal given as required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required.

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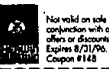
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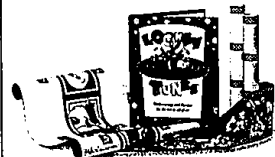
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CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**

DATE: AUGUST 19, 1996  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall  
31555 Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336  
ITEM: Cluster Site Plan 71-4-96

The City of Farmington Hills City Council will give formal consideration to Cluster Site Plan/Open Space Plan 71-4-96, which requests the approval of the City Council to utilize the Single-Family Housing Cluster Option in an RA-1, Single-Family Residential District. The property involved having an address of 36217 Thirteen Mile Road, located on the south side of Thirteen Mile Road between Valley Bend and Birchcrest Way, and is more particularly described as follows:

Sidwell #23-08-201-009  
A part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, T1N, R3E, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan. Containing 4.00 Acres.

The applicant in this matter is Richard J. Jaster, Jaster Custom Construction, Inc., who seeks their approval in order to build six detached single-family cluster housing units on the site, including renovation of existing Historic House #802.

Any person who is interested to participate in the discussion of the Cluster Site Plan request, The Site Plan and the Zoning Text and Map may be reviewed at the Planning Office, City of Farmington Hills, on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

**DALE A. COUNTAGAN, Director  
Planning & Community Development**

Public August 8, 1996

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