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"It doesn't bother me at all," said Adair, a Farmington High School student. "It doesn't seem to be a problem ... I saw them skateboard by once and that was it."

Other downtown businesses and city officials, however, see a need for regulation of the sport.

According to Farmington Public Safety Director Gary Goss, during Monday's council meeting, first-time offenders would get a warning. But second timers wouldn't be as lucky. Citations could cost anywhere from \$25-\$100.

Answering a question from council member James Mitchell about how officers would be able to track those who ignored warnings, Goss said, "Most of the problems public safety (officers)

have encountered are from essentially the same group of people."

"Our intent is to warn and educate them about the ordinance," Goss said, "and then take the skateboard away and tell their parents. We feel that will resolve the issue."

City Manager Frank Lauhoff said the ordinance would help officers to immediately deal with a growing problem.

Although council member JoAnne McShane said she would "hate to restrict kids, this is an important ordinance to introduce."

The skateboarding ordinance, which does not apply to Rollerblading (in-line skating), has an advocate in David Cornwell, Village Mall managing partner.

"We have a retailer in the center that sells skateboards," Cornwell said to the council. "So I come up here with mixed emotions. But there is a certain element that seems to find whatever daring situation appeals to them."

Cornwell noted that there is a multi-level deck at the rear of the Village Mall, Farmington-Grand River, that is used by skateboarders to "become airborne, particularly when cars are coming into the parking lot. I'd ask you to consider passing this ordinance. It does create a hazard."

The ordinance will be up for second reading and adoption at the council's next regular meeting, 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16.

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Farmington Hills since January 1970. "She stayed more calm than us. We were teary-eyed."

Diane was referring to herself and her three brothers, Dennis, Doug and David - the latter who happens to also work for the Farmington Hills post office, as a carrier. David MacDonald was hired in November 1973.

Even at the end of Flossie's mail-sorting career, she worked her favorite shift, coming to work at about 3 a.m. During her career, Flossie only missed significant chunks of time on two occasions, when she had hip replacement surgery and a bout with pneumonia, Diane MacDonald said.

"It's pretty unique, somebody who is 75 years old turning up for work every day" she said. "She was dependable."

Flossie's dependability and longevity probably surprised those who witnessed her first month or two on the job. Flossie didn't care for the part of her position requiring her to deliver mail out of the Slocum Street station in downtown Farmington.

"The first opening for clerk I wanted to be transferred," Flossie said.

Even though it meant arriving for work in the middle of the night, she gladly accepted the transfer. "I preferred nights. I

didn't want to work in the day time window positions."

She merely enjoyed sorting and putting all letters and magazines in the proper places for the next day's delivery routes.

Her duties changed over time. But she stayed put for the next 30 years, except for being relocated, first to a station at Grand River-Middlebelt and then to the Farmington Hills post office on 12 Mile Road.

"I think it was because I enjoyed the work," said Mississippi-born Flossie, about why she kept working well into her 70s. "I never thought I'd have a 30-year career. I never thought I'd be there that long."

## McCabe Web site offers family funeral guide

To assist people in coping following the death of a family member or loved one, McCabe Funeral Home's Web site and "Guide for the Family" offers a step-by-step approach to performing important funeral related tasks such as choosing a specific type of service, obtaining a death certificate and contacting clergy.

"We look at it as an information resource that helps families to make the right decisions," said Kevin McCabe, chief execu-

tive officer of McCabe Funeral Home, which is the only funeral home in Wayne and Oakland counties with a Web site. Visitors to the Web site can register to receive free, information-packed pamphlets.

"Ideally, planning such details in advance is helpful," McCabe noted. "People are usually unprepared to deal with all the arrangements and decisions that arise following the death of a loved one."

Hence, the web site offers

practical information and suggestions such as making a will, keeping important documents in easily accessible places and other details that people can use to plan in advance to avoid confusion following a family member's passing.

The Web site offers clear, detailed information on how to handle the passing away of a loved one at home, in a hospital or out-of-town. The Web site can be reached at: <http://www.mccabes.org/>

## School post from page A1

made possible by last September's successful bond issue election.

But, Myers told board members, "I know, just as you know, that (a blueprint) is in place and Farmington High School is going to be fine."

Superintendent Bob Maxfield said a search for the next FHS principal would begin shortly with the position posted throughout the district.

Expected to be a candidate is Assistant Principal John Barrett, who attended Tuesday's board meeting along with Myers' wife, Eileen, and son, Benjamin.

Myers, a 30-year educator who joined FHS as assistant principal in 1990 and then assumed

the principalship a year later, is enthused about moving over to central administration.

And Maxfield also is happy to have Myers join Team Farmington's top brass, though he carefully phrased his comments out of respect to Cowan. "He'll be Don's successor, not his replacement. You can't replace Don."

Maxfield said it was important to not procrastinate about making the appointment, because it will enable the search for a new FHS principal to begin. He hopes to hire someone before the end of the 1997-98 school year, so that Myers can assist with the transition.

According to the superintendent, the only minus about Myers' appointment is that FHS

will lose someone who helped the school attain Blue Ribbon status and spearhead innovations such as block scheduling.

"His leadership as principal at Farmington High School has brought about a renaissance," Maxfield said.

School board Vice President Cathy Webb directed high praise toward Myers before making the motion to appoint him.

"You were courageous and confident to be (a risk taker) in promising change for the better," Webb said. "And for that you are to be congratulated. It's with mixed emotions that I'm making this motion ... As a parent of Farmington High School students, I selfishly don't want you to leave."

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