Property owners invited to talk special assessment

The proposed Principal Shopping District special assessment renewal will be discussed at an informational meeting, hosted by the Framington Downtown Development Authority.

Property owners are asked to attend the meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, in Farmington City Council chambers.

This is the first renewal request for the special assessment in the Principal Shopping District. The original request legan July 1, 1994, and will expire June 30, 1999, said Judy Downey, DDA executive director.

"The Legislature allowed for downtowns to use special assessments to manage, promote and maintain the contral business district," Downey said.

The plan, supported by the special assessment, is \$650,000 over five years. The five-year distribution is as follows: first year, \$120,000; second, \$125,000; third, \$130,000; fourth, \$135,000; and fifth, \$140,000.
Residential property in the Principal Shopping District is exempt from the special assessment. Other property owners in the DDA would be assessed, based on state equalized value, Downey said.

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"We just want to keep things the way they are downtown," Downey added.
The DDA district runs on the western boundary on Grand River to Grace/Oakinnit, eastern boundary on Grand River to the Burger King/Benchimark, northern boundary on Farmington Road to Oakinnit, and southern boundary on Farmington Road.
For more information, call Downey, 473-7276.



Disappointed: Ellie Keils (center) and her husband, Ken. were ordered by a federal judge to stop selling their Beanie Chase game. Ty Inc., which manufactures the popular Beanie Babies, took the Farmington Hills couple to court. The couple, who spent \$80,000 on the games, is trying to have the court jurisdiction changed from Chicago to Detroit.

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for the game about Beanic Buby shoppers like herself. She spent the past several months making the dream come true, with help from her husband and a local

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graphic artist.

Spending \$80,000 in life savings, the couple, parents of two preschool boys, have seen that dream turn into a nightmare over the past few weeks. They had sold just 1,000 of the slick, colorful games (retailing for \$24,95) out of 9,000 when they ran into trouble earlier this meath.

Some games are still available in local stores. The injunction applies to games still in the Keilses' possession.

I fell in love with the product and thought I was promoting it, said Ellen Keils, who owns more than 200 of the little stuffed toys. The object of her game is to be the first shopper to purchase a complete collection of the bean

bag toys. Perils befall the shoppers at each twist and turn on the cleverly conceived game bard.

"We have tried, we've offered to make whatver changes possible to salvage this game," Keils and the "They're (Ty) not interested in working with us."

Keils anys alse kept the company posted on her game as it developed and even sent a copy of the finished product to the Ty leane of fice. The game box includes a disclaimer stating the game is not officially endorsed nor affiliated with Ty.

The couple was served with a four-count copyright infringement inwait earlier this month. The next court hearing is scheduled for Aug. 27 in Chicago.

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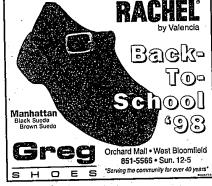
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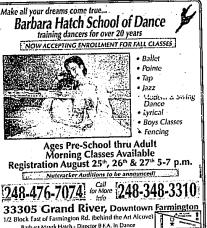
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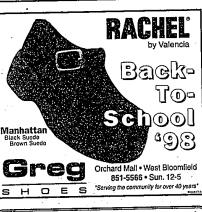








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