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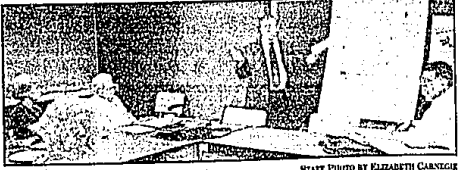
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Ross Meifert said. Resident Mike Robert said basement floods have become frequent unwanted visitors. He's had six over the past two years. Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi suggested people explore the option of a second sump pump. When his broke down, he considered repairing the broken one and using it as a backup. "I've had to replace a sump pump under water," Vagnozzi said.



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CHANCELLOR
Studying: Farmington Hills Public Services Director Tom Biasell talks flooding to the city council about Monday study session.

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town," said Fanzini, who lives on the Hills side of Orchard Lake. She said the area could use it, pointing at the former Cattleman's - now sitting empty at the north end of the Uptown Farmington Plaza. "It's like a ghost town," Fanzini said. "They're harping on about that Farmer Jack up there (at the Downtown Farmington Center), but this needs something. I don't care what they put in there." The downtown Farmer Jack recently closed, despite efforts from nearby residents to keep the conveniently located grocery store open. Lauhoff told the city council

'I think it's great that the city is paying attention to this end of town.'

Nancy Fanzini
—Resident

Last week that a building inspector will soon visit several Mooney businesses, situated north of Midco. It is an area beset by "weeds, parking lot problems, Dumpster problems, dirt stored in parking lots..." Also to be visited are buildings on Orchard Lake Road, between Grand River and Pink.

During and after the meeting, Councilwoman JoAnne McShane emphasized that the city cannot tolerate business owners and landlords who do not fix such problems as they arise. Those who fail to do so are in violation of the city blight ordinance. According to Lauhoff, the building inspector will check virtually every nook and cranny on the structures and surrounding property. These include outside storage, weeds, sidewalks and driveways, fencing, upkeep (painting, etc.) and condition of buildings.

"Part of maintaining, and part of assuring that the community will stay attractive is to assure all properties are maintained to high standards," said Lauhoff. He stressed that the city is not picking on that part of Farmington. During the next two years, all areas will be so scrutinized. Although Lauhoff is not serving up excuses for the guilty parties, he noted that newer businesses in town might not realize that doing a good job outside the facility is just as important as doing a good one inside.

"They don't understand the exterior of the building is their advertisement to the community," Lauhoff said. "That says much more than any other advertising they do."

And then there are absentee landlords. After the inspections are completed, probably during the fall, owners will be mailed forms with explanations of those necessary repairs and deadlines for completing them, Lauhoff said.

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