

**OAKLAND DIGEST**

**Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to Aug. 23.**

**BIRMINGHAM**  
Thanks, but no thanks: Birmingham Schools has refused an anonymous donor's gift of \$1.2 million for a new Olympic-sized swimming pool after a feasibility study showed such a pool would actually cost a minimum \$3 million to build. School board members said the district didn't have the additional money.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS**  
Paying for it: So far, 27 out-of-district students have signed up to pay tuition to the Bloomfield Hills Public Schools under a new program. District officials estimate as many as 150 could sign up over the next three years.

**CLARKSTON**  
New address: The Clarkston Post Office is moving — but only

across the street. The new post office was expected to open this week at 5799 Ortonville Road, directly across the street from its previous site.

**LAKE ORION**  
Kroger homcoming: Kroger's new supermarket, set to open this week at M-24 and Indianwood, has stirred memories of the company's first Lake Orion store, which opened back in 1931 on the corner of Flint and Broadway.

**KEEGO HARBOR**  
History net: Residents might not realize it, but Keego Harbor draws its name from Longfellow's "Song of Hiawatha." That is one of the facts available via the city's new web site. The site is at <http://members.aol.com/keego-harbr/>

The name "Keego" came from a line referring to the Ojibway Indian word for fish.

**OXFORD**  
Preservation movement: An Oxford councilman is proposing a historic building preservation ordinance to help preserve and protect the village's oldest structures. Councilman Richard DIGNON said the ordinance is needed because of all the new development coming to town.

**ROCHESTER HILLS**  
Keep the court: Rochester Hills Mayor Kenneth Snell has questioned a legal opinion calling for the 62nd District Court's Third Division to move to Auburn Hills. The court's lease will soon be up on its current site, near Rochester and Hamlin roads. Snell has proposed a site on Livernois Road, near the Rochester Hills Municipal Building, as the court's new home.

**SOUTHFIELD**  
Private management: A group of

private management firms have submitted bids to renovate, expand and operate the Southfield Civic Arena through a partnership with the city. So far, the National Hockey League, Honey Baked Ham and Life Time Fitness have submitted bids.

**TROY**  
In violation: The city council is violating Michigan's Open Meetings Act by holding closed sessions without stating specific reasons, Oakland County visiting Judge Phillip Jourdan ruled last week.

**WEST BLOOMFIELD**  
Land acquisition: The West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission has acquired the nearly 5-acre Schulz Farm on Maple and Drake roads and is in the process of acquiring two other parcels, the Karner Property, a 17.5-acre site on Halsted Road, and the Potomac Club, a swim club at Farmington and Maple roads.

**Candidate asks for recount**

As Oakland County Commissioner Jeff Kingzett requested a recount in his primary election — which he lost by two votes — he didn't cry about financing. But he was a little unhappy with personal friends who told him they had forgotten to vote Aug. 4.

"It hurt," Kingzett said Friday, when he asked for a recount in the 7th District that includes Auburn Hills and part of Pontiac. "One friend already told me he didn't vote," he said. "And I'm hunting for the other," he joked. Kingzett went outpacing by his opponent, Tim Melton of Auburn Hills. Kingzett spent \$6,025, while Melton spent \$6,610.

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