CABLE CONNECTION

The city of Dearborn won a major victory in U.S. District Court Friday, Aug. 14.

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"It is likely" said Dearborn's Mayor Michael Guide, "That it may help set national precedent for the way telecommunications companies can use public and the country of the count nies can use public rights.

This is important to you, as a taxpayer, because had the case been decided the other way, you may have been expected to subsidize the use of public rights-of-way by a private, profit making company.

The case involved TCG, a tele-The case involved TCG, a telephone company, that swed the city of Dearborn insisting it shouldn't have to pay to obtain a franchise or pay a franchise fee to run cable through the public rights-of-way. U.S. District Judge Lawrence Zatkoff rejected TCGs claims that under federal law it could not be required to obtain a franchise and pay a franchise fee.

This is one of the first court

quite favorable to municipalities on compensation and rights-of-way matters by recognizing that municipalities are entitled to charge rent for the use of public rights-of-way.

righta-of-way.
Franchises are necessary, Simply stated a franchise is protection. Franchises are designed to manage growth. This is necessary because many utility poles are already at or near capacity. Franchises also protect citizens from fly-by-night operations, anti-redlining discrimination, and unacceptable wiring configurations. rations.

More importantly, franchises protect local jurisdictions and their residents from enormous financial losses associated with financial losses associated with the costs of digging up and repairing roadways, damage to existing utilities, the safe diver-sion of traffic at a construction site and the resolution of priority disputes between different users.

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And, while foes associated with franchises may be passed on to the end user, these fees are \$253(c) of the 1996 Federal minimal in comparison with the Telecommunications Act. It is



problems encountered in an environment of unmanaged growth. The bottom line is that we simply cannot expect taxpayers to subsidize the use of public rights-of-way by private, profitmaking corporations.

Caren Collins is the executive director for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next SWOCC meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Farming-ton Hills City Hall.

OBITUARIES

ROBERICK J. BYRNE
Roderick J. Byrne, 81, of
Westland, died Sept. 15, at 81.
Mary's Hospital in Livonia.
Mr. Byrne was an insurance
inspector and a World War II
Army veleran.
Ho is survived by daughters,
Janis Marchand of Brighton
and Marylyn Dumas of Farraington; four grandchildren;
and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 18 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. William Hale officiating.

Barbara J. Half.
Barbara Jean Hale, 61, of
Farmington Hills, died Sept.
12, at Sinai Hospital in
Detroit.

She is survived by daughter,

Betty, Ward; sons, James
(Kimberly) Harkins and
Robert Harkins; mother, Lucabr, and grandson, Kevin
Harkins.
Funeral services were held
Sept. 17, at Heeney-Sundquist
Funeral Home in Farmington
with the Rev. Wayne Parker
officiating.

Mahle Inc. expands with new technical center in Halls

Gow, John Engler congratulated Mahle Inc. on its decision to expand in Farmington Hills by ponting a new technical center.

The new 30,000-square-foot center will employ 65-70 people.

The company, a tior-1 supplier to the Big Three and the engine industry worldwide, poorates three plants across North America. The plants are in Connecticut, Mexic and Morristown, mental to the Farmington Hills are and will help from the supplier to the Big Three and the engine industry worldwide, 2000 and the necessary infrastructure for them as our newest corporate three plants across North American. The Mahle Group, Madded Wolfgang Rein, Mahle director of engineering: "Mohar are in American and the adventages of locating in Michigan and I welcome Hills are and will help will the company expects to move into its new facility in late September.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Drake Road Passing Lane (South of 12 Mile Road)

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Contract.

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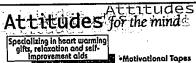
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