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down inside I was a little nervous.

"I was worried about her socially more than physically. We're an athletic family."

"I think there were some people who felt it was our idea, that her father or I were pushing her. We weren't. She was just there because she wanted to be."

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"I played some two-hand touch with the boys in my school," D.J. said. "I knew a couple of people on my team. I just wanted to play."

"She did all the homework, all the legwork," her mother said. "One day she said, 'Mom, I gotta go to this football camp in July,'" I said, "Yeah, right."

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"She really liked it," John Heebner said. "She decided to stick with it and go for it."

D.J. is on an area youth swimming team and plays basketball as well, so it's not like she's taking up space on the team.

She was not the best player on the team, but she wasn't the worst, either.

She was on the second string on a team where each player was mandated to be in on five plays per half. It's a participation rule most youth leagues in other sports have.

"She played a lot more in the last few games," her father said. "You could see her confidence rise. She was in on a couple tackles."

John Heebner said his daughter wasn't particularly into playing smash-mouth football, but she did enjoy the intelligence that goes into it.

"She was more motivated to make a tackle technically correct," he said. "That's the way she is."

Neither D.J. nor her parents reported any nasty incidents because she was a girl playing what is seen as a traditionally male sport.

"I expected a lot more than we got," her father said. "All of the parents were very supportive, to my knowledge, especially the moms."

"Some of the little boys may have said something, but once she made it through the workouts there was nothing. I think younger kids today are more



Cheering: Rockets celebrate after a recent game.

accepting. When I was 10, something like this was unheard of."

"Actually," Lynn said, "I think they (the kids) were all very accepting of her. She's a straight-A student, and that may have helped."

"I didn't get any (hassling)," D.J. said. "Well, there was one game, where some of the (opposing) kids were saying, 'Girl Power ... Oh, look, I think I don't need any help blocking today.'"

"But I didn't care. Once the game started, it stopped."

The cheerleaders, one of whom was Erin Maly, went bonkers every time Heebner got into a game or did something to get a mention over the public address system.

The head of the cheerleaders asked Heebner if she'd mind singing before the Oct. 17 game.

D.J. is a glee club member and long-time singer.

"It was pretty touching," John Heebner said. "A lot of the moms were crying in the stands."

"You could have heard a pin drop when she sang the national anthem," Lynn Heebner said. "And the football crowd is pretty rowdy, usually."

D. Heebner then scooted down onto the field and helped the Rockets post their first victory of the season, 14-0, over the Comets. She was promptly invited to sing before the junior varsity game that followed, too.

The Rockets won their next game, 21-6, then finished out the season with a 12-12 tie.

"She went to all the practices, everything," Lynn said. "She was so dedicated, so you know she had to love it."

"And the Rockets' organization; what a fine group of people."

"Will she try out for the junior varsity and continue her football career? The weight limit goes up, and she'll be one of the youngest, not the oldest, so that's something to think about before next season."

"She's on the fence," her dad said. "Some of those boys are pretty big."

"I'm thinking about it," D.J. said. "Maybe."

"Even if she doesn't play again," her mother said, "we'll be able to read these boys' names in the Observer in years to come, when they get to Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison."

"Maybe it's not as good as a tackle, but a memory is a nice thing to have, too."

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE**

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance C-21-99, an Ordinance to amend the City Code, Chapter 7, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article XI, Temporary Signs, to allow temporary wall signs to be displayed a maximum of four times per year.

A full copy of this Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office for public review and inspection.

**THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.** Chapter 7, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article XI, Temporary Signs, Section 7.331, Temporary freestanding or wall sign requirements, subsection (f) only, is hereby amended as follows:

(f) Display period - Wall signs, temporary wall signs may be erected for a maximum period of fourteen (14) consecutive days on any business establishment with the maximum number of temporary wall signs on any twelve month period to be not more than four (4).

**Section 2. Repealer.**

**Section 3. Severability.**

**Section 4. Savings.**

**Section 5. Effective Date.**

**Section 6. Enactment.**

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk  
City of Farmington Hills

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDING CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 22, 1999**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bates at 7:30 p.m.

**Council Present:** Barnett, Bates, Brickner, Ellis, Grant, McRae and Oliverio.

**Council Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** City Manager Brock, Assistant City Clerk Bitley, Assistant to the City Manager Arbenowaka, Director Roschl and Attorney Donohue.

**CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:**

- Proclaimed November 21-27, 1999 National Caregivers Week.
- Received presentation of financial report from Plante & Moran auditors for fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.
- Enacted ordinances to:
  - Delete historic home at 34600 Twelve Mile (Bottom Orchards house) from Historic Districts.
  - Amend City Code to allow display of temporary wall signs a maximum of 4 times a year.
- Cancelled City Council meeting scheduled December 27, 1999 due to Christmas and New Year holidays.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- Supporting Senate Bill 198 (H-10) regarding residency requirements for city employees.
- Releasing construction funds for Special Amendment Districts.
- Endorsing National League of Cities policies being presented at Congress of Cities in December 1999.
- Sale of \$1,490,000 City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, Special Assessment Public Improvement Bonds, Series 1999.
- City Council meeting minutes of November 8, 1999.

NANCY BATES, Mayor  
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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**FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL 31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48338 (248) 478-9543**

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT**

**DATE:** DECEMBER 15, 1999  
**TIME:** 7:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Farmington Hills City Hall 31555 Eleven Mile Road Farmington Hills, MI 48338

**ITEM:** ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 6, 1999

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Farmington Hills City Council will give formal consideration to a proposed text amendment of the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 34, Zoning Chapter, which amendment will amend Article XXII, by adding Section 34-538 (10), General Provisions. A summary of said amendment is as follows:

- A proposal to amend the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 34, Zoning Chapter, Article XXII, General Provisions, is hereby amended to add Section 34-538 (10). This amendment would permit the use of non-conforming lots as regulated by ordinance.

Any person who is interested in this amendment is invited to attend and participate in the public hearing discussions. Complete Zoning Chapter and Text are available for purchase and/or inspection during regular business hours at the Planning Department.

DALE A. COUNTEGAN, Director  
Planning & Community Development  
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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE**

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance C-20-99, an Ordinance to amend the City Code of the City of Farmington Hills, Chapter 16 Historical Preservation, Article II, Historic Districts and Historic District Commission, Section 16-29, only to delete the property located at 34600 Twelve Mile Road from the Historic Districts.

A full copy of this Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office for public review and inspection.

**THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.** The City Code of the City of Farmington Hills, Chapter 16, Historical Preservation, Article II, Historic Districts and Historic District Commission, Section 16-29, only, is hereby amended to delete the following properties from the enumerated historic districts within the City:

Report Number	Address	Tax I.D. Number
209	34600 Twelve Mile Road	23-09-300-006

**Section 2. Repealer.**

**Section 3. Severability.**

**Section 4. Savings.**

**Section 5. Effective Date.**

**Section 6. Enactment.**

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk  
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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT**

**DATE:** DECEMBER 15, 1999  
**TIME:** 7:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Farmington Hills City Hall 31555 Eleven Mile Road Farmington Hills, MI 48338

**ITEM:** Rezoning Request 6-8-99

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Farmington Hills City Council will give formal consideration to a proposed amendment to the official Zoning Map of the City of Farmington Hills by amending Section 34.32 of the City Code by changing the zoning classification of the following parcel of property as follows:

Reasons from RA-1, Single-Family Residential District classification to P-1, Vehicular Parking District classification:

Part of Sidwall #23-11-101-045

A part of the West 1/4 of Section 11, T1N, R9E, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan. Part of Lot 75 of Oakland Hills Orchards Subdivision, commonly known as 29415 Greening Road, south of Thirteen Mile Road, west of Greening.

The proponent to this matter is Dale A. Countegan, P.A.R.C., Incorporated.

Any person who is interested in this proposed zoning map amendment is invited to participate in the discussion of the proposed zoning change at the public hearing above mentioned. Copies of the Zoning Text, Zoning Map, and Application for Rezoning may be reviewed at the Planning Department, Farmington Hills City Hall at 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT**

**DATE:** DECEMBER 14, 1999  
**TIME:** 7:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Farmington Hills City Hall 31555 Eleven Mile Road Farmington Hills, MI 48338

**ITEM:** Planning Commission Rezoning Request 6-8-99

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to a proposed amendment to the official Zoning Map of the City of Farmington Hills by amending Section 34.32 of the City Code by changing the zoning classification of the following parcels of property as follows:

Reasons from RA-1, Single-Family Residential District classification to RA-1A, Single-Family Residential District classification.

Sidwalls #23-29-461-002 thru 011; 23-29-462-001 thru 005; 23-29-463-001 thru 007, 009 thru 025; 23-29-427-006 thru 012, 014, 015, 017, 018, 023 thru 028; 23-29-476-001 thru 010, 013 thru 025, 031 thru 034.

A part of the East 1/4 of Section 29, T1N, R9E, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan. The area to be rezoned includes Heather Hills, Heather Hills No. 1 and 2 Subdivisions, and adjacent property located on the northwest corner of Nine Mile and Drake Roads.

The proponent to this matter is the Farmington Hills Planning Commission.

Any person who is interested in the proposed zoning map amendment is invited to participate in the discussion of the proposed zoning change at the public hearing above mentioned. Copies of the Zoning Text, Zoning Map, and Application for Rezoning may be reviewed at the Planning Department, Farmington Hills City Hall at 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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