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Change: Crowley's neighbor, Diane & Company, is moving out temporarily to make way for changes at the former department store.

Making way for Crowley's makeover

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Diane Barringer has been styling hair in the former Crowley's building at 12 Mile and Farmington roads for 15 years; her mother, Joan Carnes, owned the business 20 years before that.

In a few weeks, though, Diane & Company Hair Studio will pack up its hair dryers and shears for quarters in a shopping center at 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, not too far down the street. The move is just temporary, to accommodate a remodeling project that will bring in a new anchor tenant to a space

that has been vacant almost a year.

"We're going to take everything, lock, stock and barrel to the leased shop," said stylist Gloria Howard, who is serving as "team leader" for the move. "I've been there quite a few years. There's three or four of us who have been there 25 years. Everybody's staying."

Howard and Barringer hope that goes for their customers, too. They will be sending out fliers and talking to all of their "regulars" to make sure everyone knows after the construction dust settles, they'll be back — located between the new anchor store and Hercules Cony Island

Restaurant.

The shop will close at the end of the day on Friday, Feb. 25, and re-open in the new location on Wednesday, March 1. How long they will be there likely depends on how long construction takes.

While the project was denied by the Farmington Hills Planning Commission last month, city planner Ed Gardiner said that's not unusual with redevelopment plans.

"When you try to rebuild part of a developed site, there's always issues that arise," he said. "These issues typically happen when you have a redevelopment because the zoning stan-

dards have changed over the years."

In addition to reducing the size of the building from three stories to one story, plans call for a change in the building's footprint, which created setback issues. As a result, developers will have to obtain a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. A hearing is scheduled Feb. 8.

The Observer attempted to contact property owner Butler Farmington Associates for comment; however, the company failed to return repeated phone calls.

Arthritis Today
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If you are being evaluated for arthritis of the knee, to sure weight bearing films are included when x-rays are ordered.
Note: patients have brought to my attention another good web page for arthritis. It is www.arthritis.com. On its home page, go to the heading "CONDITION", and look under arthritis, or specific arthritis like osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis, gout, etc.

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HILLS PLANNING AGENDA

Farmington Hills Planning Commission
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10
Council chambers, City Hall,
31555 11 Mile

Preliminary hearing
Old business:
a Landscape site plan for the north side of Eight Mile, east of Cass Avenue. The plan is for an office building in the planned office service district. Proponent: John J. Angelo. Owner: Echo Investment.
a Revised site condominium plan, Whispering Woods, on the east side of Halsted, north of 12 Mile. Proponent: Sam Baki.

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Owner: Donald Millington, Padi Daouk, Bernard Ludwig.
a Revised site plan for the expansion of a mosque in a single-family residential district on the west side of Orchard Lake, between Eight and Nine Mile. Proponent: Hakim Shakir, Engineering Services. Owner: Dawat E. Hadiyiah.
New business:
a Rezoning request for the southeast corner of Middlebelt and Dresden, from office service district to single-family residential. Proponent and owner: Kenneth and Marion Wallace.

ORTHODONTICS
by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

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MILITARY NEWS

Senior Airman Amanda Johnson, originally from Ocedo, Mich., was recently assigned to the U.S. Air Force recruiting office on Farmington Road in Livonia.

Johnson is a recent graduate of the Air Force Recruiting School in San Antonio where she was trained in various areas of study including job classification systems, testing, enlistment processing procedures and public speaking.

She was selected for the special course and recruiting duty as a volunteer with an outstanding Air Force record.

Prior to Johnson's assignment here, she was stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., as a health service administrator.

Johnson lives in Wixom with her children Amber, 5, and Jessica, 3.

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