Keeping Eight Mile clean

When it comes to keeping Eight Mile Road clean, the community liberally takes matters into its own hands during the annual Clean Toam campaign, scheduled for July 22-28 this year and organized by the Eight Mile Boulevard Association.

There are two parts of Clean Team: A corridor-long clean up, and the selection of annual beautification award winners. Businesses that want to Businesses that want to receive a registration form when they are mailed in May should call the Eight Mile Boulevard Association, (248) 559-8633.

This year, neighborhood secciations and the 16 local associations and the Is idea and county governments touch-ing Eight Mile will participate in Clean Team, according to event chair and 8MBA board member Alexandra Kanakis.

"Wo're asking community groups to partner with local businesses, and to nominate outstanding ones for an award," she said. "We're also award," she said. We're use asking our member govern-ments to help. They might schedule advance good visits by code enforcement officers to

promote Clean Team, or pick a site to clean up, or salute a participating business in their city."

Clean Team 2000 is spon-sored by DaimlerChrysler and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

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During the clean-up, businesses apruce up and fix up their properties. Often their employees spend the day working outside, wearing the aprocal, brightly-colored T-shirts and watching for the association's price patrol delivering token thank-you gifts.

At businesses like Rose Printing in Southfield, Clean Team participation is an employees park.

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"Our staff gots to work outside for a day and we have a
company-wide plenic," said
Frank Cassisie. They have a
good time while experiencing
the pride of contributing to
their community."

After the clean-up, judges drive Eight Mile to pick the best-kept businesses. Clean-up participants are automatically entered in the competition, but anyone can win.

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rington Green subdivision resident Ron Marvin. "It's bad medicine in small doses. It's not had medicine in small doses. It's not had medicine for the college to expand or meet (students) educational needs. What's bad medicine is bad planning and the lack of planning."

College spokesman Joe Galvin, said the improvements would modernize the school's facilities to serve existing needs. The new technology-focused library, with a science center on the second fleor, helped drive the need for the new mechanical plant, which will be converted from electrical to gas power.

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the plan, Tyndale hired consultant Terry Sever to meet with residents about their concerns. While he was able to reacive some issues, he said residents and the college were simply too far apart on the question of how many students would ultimately be living on campus.

Residents complained, however, that Sever and college representatives didn't meet with them nearly often enough between fall and spring.

"We have had a few discussions with the agent Tyndale hired, but not enough," said Barrington Green President Mike Cairns. "The college hasn't directly contacted us since February, until two days ago, a menth after they submitted their plans. I don't feel they really gave a good faith effort toward negotiation."

Those who spoke in favor of the project believed it was significantly different from the November proposal. Students and professors talked about the desperate need for library and science facilities.

Genevieve Chapman, in her second year at Tyndale, said the library had at most one or two computers with Internet access. Students have to sign up for blocks of time, which are quickly filled.

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filled.

"Right now, our library facilities do not support 650 students," she said. "Tyndale is focused on meeting students' needs. I feel that need."

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subdivision, said the project should be looked at on a "stand alone" basis.

"It can be complete and adequate and productive on its own," he said.
Others wondered whether the college would have to pursue increased enrollments to pay for the expansion, but officials said they already have the funds set aside.

Though Galvin said he hoped the school's quality would draw more students in the future, he added, "the facility is being built with the intent and the purpose of what our students need today."

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Chairman Michael Sweeney, drove the point home another way, asking Galvin whether he would find the same number of students enrolled a year from now, plus or minus 10 percent, as there are today. "I believe the answer is yes," Calvin said.

Commissioner Haron said the plans on the table represented a significant improvement from an existing site plan approved in 1979. Residents succoded in their quest to reduce the size of the college's original proposal, he added.

"You've got a better building. You've got a better building.
Common sense says they will notbring back the other proposal,
Haron commented.
Tyndale officials said they will
continue to meet with residents
about their future plans.



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