

Splash!  
It's a common occurrence with heavy rains, and last night was no exception. Halsted Road, south of Fourteen Mile, flooded with several inches of water as heavy rains and high winds, plus a tornado warning, hit the area.



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bird house was still intact, hanging from one of the remaining limbs. Unfortunately, she said, there was no sign of the sparrows who were living there.

"There were baby birds in there, and we're worried about them," Elaine said. "They're not there now."

The Hyslops, 22-year residents of the house, had plenty of company along Lamar and nearby subdivision streets dealing with storm damage was concerned.

A tree branch landed on the roof of their neighbor's house, which belongs to a city of Farmington employee.

### Don't go there

Across the street were streams of yellow caution tape, affixed by Detroit Edison workers, due to a downed power wire and transformer behind another home.

Elsewhere in Bel Aire, on Boncon Street, part of a tree snapped and damaged a garage. Detroit Edison workers were parked at Lamar and Leelane, prepared to warn people to stay

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Mike Wiggins, deputy director for the Farmington Public Safety Department, said the vast majority of the city's 15 reported downed wires or transformers (there were 18 storm-related public safety runs between 9 p.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday) were in the Bel Aire subdivision.

Heavy winds tripped alarms of two businesses, and there was a report of a large tree branch falling across Marlewood, also in Bel Aire. Although there was some street flooding, no one reported a flooded basement, Wiggins said.

Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff said the winds were strong enough to break some telephone poles in half. He lauded Detroit Edison for its efforts during the aftermath. "Detroit Edison people are doing

a nice job over there (in the Bel Aire sub)."

Another potentially dangerous situation quickly averted was near Farmington High School.

Downed electrical wires landed on a chain link fence along the north and west side of high school property. But Detroit Edison crew members responded quickly to shut off the power.

Wiggins said there were no injuries reported in Farmington because of the storm.

The storm probably will delay construction crews moving equipment in to the Bel Aire subdivision for an upcoming road paving project, Lauhoff said.

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