

Residents cautioned on health of trees

Farmington Hills residents may have noticed that some sycamore trees in our area began losing their leaves early this summer, especially in the southeast section of the city.

According to the Farmington Hills Planning Department, this is a common problem that frequently occurs after a cool, wet spring. The sycamores lose their leaves because of a fungus disease called "anthracnose" which looks severe but does not seriously affect the trees' health.

For residents concerned about sycamore trees adjacent to their property, the city of Farmington Hills is initiating a program to educate the public about anthracnose, address requests for tree removal, and promote development of a healthier

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street-tree population.

Though it's not possible to eliminate anthracnose, thinning the crown of the sycamore will allow sunlight and air circulation to dry the excess moisture that lets the fungus thrive. Destroying fallen leaves and twigs will help control the spread of the infection. Treatments such as sprays and injections are not effective.

The city will plant a new tree to replace any sycamore removed from the public right-of-way. The new trees will be three-inch caliper deciduous trees, such as oaks or hard maples, and this replacement process will eventually result in a healthier street-tree population.

Because of the significant number of sycamores in some parts of Farmington Hills, it will be several years before the new tree population is in place and growing.

The Planning Office welcomes residents' questions about anthracnose and sycamore trees. For more information, call (248) 473-9543 or e-mail mdenigan@ci.farmington-hills.mi.us

Two residents head out to sea

Maura Anne Duggan of Farmington Hills and George Charles Adams of Farmington graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., on May 24.

Duggan graduated with a degree in oceanography and a minor in engineering. She was also appointed a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. She attended Our Lady of Sorrows School in Farmington, Ladywood High School in Livonia and Detroit Country Day School from which she graduated in 1995. Prior to the USNA, Duggan spent a year at the Naval Academy Prep School



Maura Anne Duggan

in Newport, R.I. She is the daughter of Molly and Bill Duggan of Farmington Hills.

Adams is a graduate of Farmington High School and received his bachelor of science in aerospace engineering. He has since reported to Panama City, Fla., and the Navy's Scuba Diving School to become a qualified before reporting to Charleston, S.C., for Nuclear Power School. He will then be stationed in Groton, Conn., for Submarine Officer Basic School before being assigned to a Los Angeles class attack submarine. Adams is the son of Dede and George Adams of Farmington.



George Adams

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Staltzner. She was preceded in death by her father Tex Allen.

PHYLLIS E. OPPERMAN

Services for Phyllis Elaine Opperman, 67, of Novi, were held June 10 at Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Mrs. Opperman was born Dec. 27, 1942, in Detroit and died June 8 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

She is survived by her husband Richard; daughter Susan (Edward Ruchala) Opperman; sons Michael and Peter; brothers Kenneth (Helen) Templin and James (Carolyn) Templin; and mother, Olga Templin.

MARILYN J. PATTERSON

Services for Marilyn Jean Patterson, 76, of Farmington Hills, were held June 13 at Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Joseph Mahoney officiating.

Mrs. Patterson was born March 17, in St. Clair, Mich., and died June 10 at Lutheran Home of Michigan in Livonia.

She is survived by husband Thomas; sons Thomas Jr. (Mary), Richard (Barbara) and John (Patricia); sister Edisere (Al) Meinke; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

WILLIAM L. KNAPP

Services for William Irvin Knapp, 79, of Grand Blanc, were held June 7 at Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with burial at North Farmington Cemetery in Farmington.

Mr. Knapp was born Jan. 31, 1921, in Farmington and died June 3 in Grand Blanc. He was a longtime Farmington resident who worked on his family fruit farm for several years. The farm was located on 13 Mile Road between Halet and Haggerty roads. Each week he and his father took produce to the Detroit Eastern Market and the Ferndale and Royal Oak farmers markets.

Mr. Knapp also worked as a letter carrier at the Farmington Post Office for 27 years. He was a caring and thoughtful person who went out of his way to help others. This included trudging through heavy snow to deliver mail right to the residents' doors, family members said. Mr. Knapp was also a World War II Navy veteran and a member of the American Legion. He was

also a Scout leader.

He is survived by wife Nancy; daughters Evelyn (Sam) Calchary, Nancy (Edward) Hoya and Kerry (Steve) Bonnet; grandchildren Shelli (Lloyd) Dunlap and Cynthia (Donnie) Younk; and great-grandchildren Sonja and Dillon Harris and Luke Dunlap. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Edith.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Home & Health Hospice, G-5095 W. Bristol Road, Flint, MI 48907.

THOMAS C. MCPHAIL

Services for Thomas C. McPhail, 80, of Pompano Beach, Fla., will be held at 11 a.m. today, June 15, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Clark McPhail officiating.

Mr. McPhail was born Nov. 25, 1919, in Flint and died June 10 in Pompano Beach, Fla. He joined the Michigan State Police in 1941, serving in Paw Paw, Flint, Detroit and Lansing, where he retired as a detective staff sergeant. He was a 19-year resident of Farmington and retired to Pompano Beach, Fla., in 1974. Mr. McPhail was a life member of the Farmington

Masonic Lodge and Elf Khurafeh Shrine as well as a charter member of the Monaco Travelers.

He is survived by wife Bernice; son Daniel; daughter Dianne Sanders; grandchildren Tiffany McPhail, Matthew Sanders, Melani Pietrowski and Thomas McPhail; niece Cathy Roaine; and nephew the Rev. Clark McPhail.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer

Society, 18505 West 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076.

GERALDINE SHARP

Services for Geraldine "Gerry" Sharp, 65, of Livonia, will be held at 11 a.m. today, June 15, at Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Mrs. Sharp was born March 20, 1935, in Detroit and died June 11 in Livonia. She was an antique dealer/appraiser for her co-owned business, Scuphalm &

Sharp Liquidators. She previously worked for Ford Motor Co./Lincoln Mercury Division and enjoyed creating original greeting cards.

She is survived by husband Earl; children Paula (Jim) Krueger and Matthew (Marti) Sharp; and grandchildren Evan and Spencer Krueger.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

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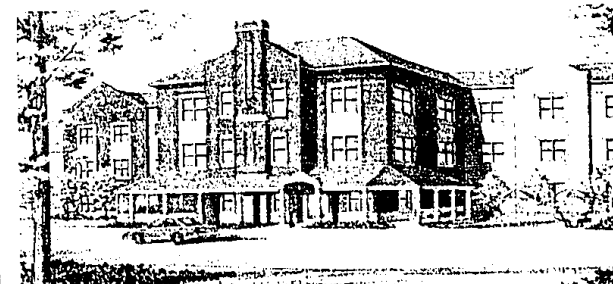
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