

# Old House

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smell," she commented.

She asked why officials couldn't condemn the house and tear it down, as they've done with others. Unfortunately, Brock said, "There's only certain things the city can do."

Because the home has not been judged "structurally unsafe," officials are not in a position to move forward with demolition, city attorney John Donohue said. If the home has been vacant for a long time, the city could move forward, but not if it's being offered for sale.

Atlantic Mortgage intends to remodel the home and re-sell it, Brock said. City inspectors will make sure the home is habitable, he added, especially with con-

cerns about the long-term air quality inside the home.

Councilwoman Vicki Barnett wondered whether mold spores migrating through the air might affect homes nearby.

"Certainly, if it's a danger to neighbors, we have an obligation to quarantine the building," she said.

Donohue said the question of mold spores is still being debated legally and scientifically. However, nothing in the city's ordinance would allow officials to act. Residents could call the Oakland County Health Department.

Hempel said someone had called and was told to contact the city. Councilman Jerry Ellis

suggested city officials could call the county. He also wanted to meet with a representative from Atlantic Mortgage.

"We may be no more successful than you are," he told residents, "but that's not going to stop us from trying."

Compounding the problem is that the house is officially controlled by the federal government's Housing and Urban Development Authority. Brock said Tuesday the city intended to issue another ticket citing the state of the home's interior.

City staff will also contact Congressman Joe Knollenberg's office to ask for help dealing with HUD.

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# Blood drive

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The result will help replenish blood supplies which were severely diminished by the December snow storms and subsequent holidays.

Among those who made it to the event was Garr's daughter, Melissa, who has become somewhat of a Red Cross spokeswoman and booster since her near-fatal accident in July 1997. A heavy tree branch outside a community pool fell and struck her on the head, knocking her into a coma.

With the support of the community, and blood supplies from the Red Cross, she eventually emerged from the coma and returned to good health. She was able to graduate from Farmington High School and now attends the Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills.

Shortly after her accident, a blood drive was hosted by the Hills fire department to come to her aid. There were 184 pints collected that day, in September 1997, and that record stood until Thursday.

"It's just wonderful," Melissa said. "I've been telling everybody I know about this (drive). It just keeps getting better, and that's great."

Melissa said if she didn't receive blood transfusions during her hospitalization, "I would not have survived. I emphasize



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Helping out: Red-blooded volunteers Vi Dow and Marian Brewer, both from Farmington Hills, prepare blood bags for collection.

the blood drive more than ever these days. I'm so glad that so many people donated."

Lindquist said Red Cross staff and volunteers did a tremendous job dealing with the large turnout, which included many people who showed up without an appointment. (Mike Garr emphasized that anyone interested in donating blood in the future is urged to make an

appointment.) To reward the donors and workers, Great Harvest Bread Co. supplied cookies and other refreshments, Lindquist added.

The next open blood drive in the Farmington Hills area is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the OCC-Orchard Ridge campus.

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KATHRYN A. DORNAN  
City Clerk

Public: January 28, 2001

## CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: February 12, 2001

TIME: 7:30 PM

PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall  
31555 West Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

NOTE: The Public Hearing scheduled for January 22, 2001 has been postponed until February 12, 2001.

Please take notice that the Farmington Hills City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Industrial Facilities Easement Certificate (tax statement) granted to the Robert Bosch Corporation on February 9, 1998.

The consideration of an amendment is for the purpose of revising the final cost estimate and to provide additional time to complete the expansion of the Robert Bosch Corporation at 36000 Hills Tech Drive, Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan.

The property located at 36000 Hills Tech Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan, that is a part of tax identification number 23-18-100-021, more specifically described as follows:

Part of the North 1/4 of Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 9 East, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the Northerly right-of-way line of Hills Tech Drive (56 feet wide) distant North 2 Degrees 58 Minutes 38 Seconds East 43.00 feet from the center of said Section 18 and proceeding thence along said Northerly right-of-way line of Hills Tech Drive North 86 Degrees 56 Minutes 00 Seconds West 840.16 feet; thence North 2 Degrees 42 Minutes 16 Seconds East 749.02 feet; thence South 88 Degrees 56 Minutes 00 Seconds East 843.29 feet; thence South 86 Degrees 57 Minutes 40 Seconds East 701.83 feet; thence South 3 Degrees 02 Minutes 20 Seconds West 355.17 feet; thence South 86 Degrees 57 Minutes 40 Seconds East 49.02 feet; thence South 3 Degrees 02 Minutes 20 Seconds West 63.97 feet; thence North 88 Degrees 57 Minutes 40 Seconds West 151.89 feet; thence South 3 Degrees 02 Minutes 20 Seconds West 329.85 feet to a point on the said Northerly right-of-way line of Hills Tech Drive; thence along said Northerly right-of-way line of Hills Tech Drive North 86 Degrees 57 Minutes 40 Seconds West 597.88 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 25.8234 Acres more or less.

Any interested person is invited to participate in the discussion of this issue. Comments may be submitted in writing to the City Clerk, Kathryn Dornan, 31555 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

Information: Teri Arbenowak, 248-473-8500

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## Arthritis Today

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### GOLD THERAPY IN ARTHRITIS TODAY

While change and updating are the features of medicine today, instances remain where the old ways are still very good ways. This view applies to the use of intramuscular gold injections for rheumatoid arthritis.

This therapy began in the 1920's, studies found IM gold had merit, and by 1950, gold injection therapy was the treatment physicians turned to when advanced treatment until the 1950's when rheumatologists introduced methotrexate. Over time, success with this drug led to methotrexate becoming the first choice for advanced treatment. In 1950, aspirin, arava and remicade came into use. At the same time drugs such as azulfadine and imuran gained popularity. These changes and additions pushed the use of IM gold out of the public eye. As a result, if a doctor recommends its use, the patient is not to consider the physician as not being up-to-date.

That is incorrect, gold is still useful. In a woman with rheumatoid arthritis who wants to become pregnant, it is quite safe; this drug does not cause loss of the fetus, or abnormalities to the baby. No other advanced drug used for rheumatoid arthritis can claim the proven safety for the mother and child that 50 years use of IM gold can present. The other risks of gold therapy are on par with any of the medications mentioned above.

Gold therapy may be an old shoe but it remains a good choice.



## PUBLIC STORAGE MANAGEMENT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, the undersigned will sell at public auction sale by competitive bidding. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale are storage units for which rent and fees are past due.

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 34050 Nine Mile Road, Farmington, MI 48335, (248) 473-4020, on February 20, 2001 at 12:15 p.m. The personal property described below:

In the Matter Of:

Darin Reinamith - Space H051 - End table, dresser, wall unit, TV, lamp.

Carl Wheeling Sr. - Space H003 - Speakers, sofa, fax, monitor, scanner.

Domingo Nieto - Space H090 - Misc. boxes.

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 12800 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48150, (734) 591-6006, on February 20, 2001 at 11:30 a.m. The personal property described below:

In the Matter Of:

Jennifer Perez - Space F004 - Desk, boxes, vacuum, chair, bed frame.

Vida W. White - Space C048 - Chairs, speakers, sewing machine, misc.

Domingo Nieto - Space C046 - Misc. items, speakers, chair, boxes.

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