

Archer, execs to keynote Eight Mile event

The Eight Mile Boulevard Association will host its second annual Leadership Luncheon Friday, May 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills.

Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Macomb County Board of Commissioners Chairman John Hertel, and Edward McNamara and L. Brooks Patterson, Wayne and Oakland County executives, respectively, have been invited.

Management & Unions Serving Together is the platinum sponsor, while DaimlerChrysler and Marine City Nursery will serve as silver benefactors.

Individual tickets are \$40 for 8MBA members and \$60 for non-members, while a corporate table of eight is \$420 for members and \$500 for non-members.

Oak Park Mayor Gerald E. Nafaty and Thomas Storey, vice president, Government Affairs and Community Relations, Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors of Detroit, co-chair this year's event.

The Eight Mile Boulevard Association is a nonprofit organization created in 1993 to oversee 27 miles of Eight Mile bordering 13 communities and three countries between I-94 and I-275. The mission of the Southfield-based agency is to revitalize and promote the Eight Mile transportation, business, and residential corridor by linking the efforts of the public and private sectors.

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mind.

"It was inspirational how she handled this."

According to Countegan, some of Van Houten's accomplishments on the planning commission included updating the Farmington Hills master plan for zoning and helping put together a Planned Urban Development plan for a 134-acre parcel of property (then owned by National Bank of Detroit) along 12 Mile Road between Drake-Halsted roads.

Countegan also described her as "a very strong individual who provided great leadership to the planning commission."

Besides the planning commission, which she chaired for three years, Van Houten was a school board member for 15 years with Franklin Road Christian School and a longtime member of Brightmoor Christian Church, both located at the same address in Novi.

Van Houten is survived by her husband of 39 years, James Van Houten; daughters Mindy (Tim) Wegner of Danville, Calif., and Jennifer (Dale) Apple of Winfield, Mo.; parents Dwight and

Lois Palser of Greeley, Colo.; brother, Donald Palser of Greeley, Colo.; sister, Judy Walker, of Loveland, Colo.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services are 11 a.m. today at Brightmoor Christian Church, 40800 13 Mile Road in Novi. Officiating is Pastor Calvin C. Ratz. Visitation was at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington, which took care of funeral arrangements.

Memorials may be sent to Franklin Road Christian School, 40800 13 Mile Road, Novi, MI, 48377-2327.

Farmington Chorus presents spring concert

The Farmington Community Chorus will present its 22nd annual spring concert *June That Name* at 8 p.m. Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12 at Farmington High School.

The chorus will perform, as will a number of soloists and small groups.

Joining the 81-voice chorus, under the direction of Steven SeGraves, will be The Perfect Blend, a select group made up of 12 voices and special guest Kelly Carver Nieto (Miss Michigan 1988).

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Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff said the city is ready to become a demonstration project for use of a proactive, progressive liner which could be used in lieu of complete sewer restoration if plans could be made soon.

"You can imagine the disruption that would cause if we had to open all that up," Lauhoff said.

Knollenberg asked about the durability of the product and suggested grant applications for the project.

"Demonstration projects are not used anymore," Knollenberg said.

John Hiltz, vice-president of Farmington Hills-based Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment,

Inc., the city's consulting engineers, spoke about the benefits of the special, cured-in-place plastic liner which would serve to bolster the integrity of the sanitary sewer walls.

Hiltz referenced a SEMCOG report which estimated 60-70 percent of the area sewers are aging. "The Farmington interceptor was constructed in the late 1950s and shows signs of deterioration," Hiltz said.

Ten years ago, Farmington was proactive in separating the sanitary and storm sewers. As sewers age, it becomes more difficult to handle capacity.

A smoother wall created by the resin allows for more efficient flow-through, maintains the integrity of the existing system, and possibly add an additional 60 years of sewer life. "It's a remarkable improvement," Hiltz said.

Creative designs are one way to tackle the aging process, Hiltz said. "The city has an opportunity to have alternatives in sewer restoration."

The liner method, which could cost about \$2 million, is one-fifth of an estimated \$10 million com-

plete restoration, he said.

Stabenow and Knollenberg watched film footage of a lined 18 to 21-inch diameter pipe similar to Farmington's interceptor.

"You will feel like you are going on a gondola ride," Hiltz quipped.

Stabenow asked how the liner is applied.

"It is applied as a resin and a hot-water mix," Hiltz said. "It's like a sock folded inside out. We can do segments of pipe."

Doing a complete reconstruction is much more expensive and creates a need for a bypass arrangement, which could result in any number of unforeseen problems, Hiltz said.

"Who knows what you will get into in an older community when you start breaking ground," he said.

Stabenow asked how much this technology is used right now. Hiltz said that's difficult to say because many times a city waits too long to use this option.

"It's an issue of money," said Farmington Mayor Bill Hartsock. "I don't think there is any downside."

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