

## Spring Break



Amateur artists: Kids ages 5 to 12 enjoyed an afternoon of spring break art activities at the Farmington and Farmington Hills libraries this week. Pictured above, Ardieth Buford helps her daughter, Lauren, 7, choose a Seminole Patchwork pattern at one of the art stations. Also working on the project are 6-year-old Sarah and her mom, Kinda Atassi.

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## Traffic signal project won't burden Farmington taxpayers

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While traffic signals in the City of Farmington will be retimed, residents won't bear the cost.

The Oakland County Road Commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation, together with other Oakland County communities, will soon retime about 1,000 non-Fast Trac signals in the county.

"The project is 100 percent federally funded and scheduled to be completed in 2002," according to Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff.

Craig Bryson, an Oakland County Road Commission spokesman, said fixed signals need to be adjusted.

"Some haven't been retimed for 10 years or more," Bryson said.

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—Farmington city manager

He contrasted fixed signals with Fast Trac signals, which don't need retiming because they are more advanced and computerized with the ability to retime themselves according to traffic level. About 25 new Fast Trac signals will be added in the county.

Cost prohibits the addition of more, Bryson said. He couldn't provide the number of fixed versus Fast Trac signals in the City of Farmington.

"This undertaking will improve the efficiency of signals

and will result in safety improvements, improved traffic flow, decreased motorized delays as well as reduced air pollution and fuel consumption," Lauhoff said.

"This project will involve all traffic signals on state highways, county roads and city and village streets in and bordering Oakland County," he added. "This project is scheduled to be completed in 2002."

The Farmington City Council Monday approved a resolution supporting the timing project.

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