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Shah neighbors 'not going away'

Residents in Oxford Estates say they won't stop fighting to get the city to clean up a home that has been under construction for three years. The homeowner has threatened to file a civil rights suit, alleging racial harassment.

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

A determined dozen Farmington Hills homeowners angered that a neighbor's house and yard remain unfinished after three years told city council Oct. 15, "We're not going away."

But while they vented disgust with the situation to city officials, council responded that an Oakland County cir-cuit judge has prevailing authority to decide the case Nov. 30.

At issue is the home of Betty and Ajay Shah, on Winchester Court. Sev-eral Oxford Estates homeowners stepped up to the podium to describe

the property as unsightly, and to prod the city administration to action.

City Atterney John Denahue told the homeowners that under an Oakland Circuit Court order, porth columns and stops must be complete and the lot graded, by the November hearing date.

"If they do not comply they are in a position to be held in contempt of court," Donahue said. "We are stepping forward and attempting to enforce the ordinances. We are trying to do what you are asking us to do."

Ajay Shah said the yard has been graded, as the city asked. His wife

It forget to turn your clock back ne hour at 2a.m. on Sunday, ober 28, (or before you go to bed on Saturday, October 27.)

Charity: With so much aid going to relief efforts in New York, local charities hope they're not forgotten as the holidays approach and their needs increase. See HomeTown Life / C1

No treats: The Livonia Mall has canceled a Halloween event, due to the terrorist attacks on September 11 and public safety concerns. Other malls are pushing forward anyway. / A4

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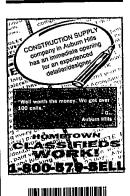
Anthrax fears: It's time to balance caution with

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'New' Blue Circle plans events

■ The volunteers who put together 'Cafe on the Porch' at the Warner Man-sion have the same name, but a different purpose.

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"Wo were just this group of people."
That's how Denise Tawyea describes
the Blue Circle, a small committee of
volunteers who organized this summer's Cafe on the Porch at the Governor Warner Mansion on Grand River
in Farmington. The Cafe drew as
many as 50 people at its zenith and
ended in August, amid a flurry of con-

troversy.

But Blue Circle members have

moved on.
"Once we left the mansion and realized how much we'd touched the community, we realized we needed a more formal entity," Tawyea said. The newly re-formulated group's purpose,

Cornucopia Ball set November 3

■ Organizers were set back a little by the September 11 national tragedy, but plans for the fund-raiser at Bosch are still on track.

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One of the area's premiere fund-raisers, the Farmington Hills/Farmington Community Foundation's Cornucopia Ball has a new home and a renewed commitment in the wake of national

commitment in the wake of national events, organizers say.
Traditionally held at Glen Oaks Country Club, the ball has been moved to Robert Bosch Corporation, which completed a \$53 million expansion last fall. Dinner will be served through the company's new cafeteria, which boasts a carpeted dining area with tall win-

Sober October



Pass It on: Warner students pass a spinning Frisbee at a Sober October performance by the Flying Aces. Below, Brian Hayes is laying down on the job as Greg Nelson leaps over.

Warner welcomes Frisbee fanatics

■ Among the Sober October activities designed to encourage students to maintain a healthy lifestyle was a demonstration by the Flying Aces Pro Frisbee Team at Warner Middle School.

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Brian Hayea, a member of the
Flying Aces Pro Frisbee Team
admitted he was surprised.
Having given two nearly flawless performances in the gymnasium, he was handing out mini Frisbees at Warner Middle School in
Farmington Hills when he heard
student Valon Dedvukaj's comments to a reporter.
"I liked it, it was fun," Dedvukaj

said of the show. "But, they should have done more talking about alcohol and drugs."
"I found that interesting that he would say we should mention this more." Hayes said. "That's good, actually. The majority of kids we see are good kids, even in the inner city schools I only see them for an hour at a time, but most of them seem to be good kids."
The annual message delivered

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Downtown Farmington Halloween Fun Fest



What big eyes you havel Little Red Riding Hood (Katie McManus) will be ready for trick or treaters at the Farmington Observer during Satur-day's downtown Hal-leven Fun Feet Kirls loween Fun Fest. Kids can trick or treat from 11 a.m.-I p.m. and enjoy a petting zoo, pony rides, butterfly house, reptile exhibit and a fun tent open from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. The Civic Theatre will host a "Spooky Monster Magic Show" at 1:30 p.m. The event is spon-sored by the Downtown Development Authority.

Local postal workers more vigilant

Local postal workers are becoming more vigilant following the anthrax deaths of fellow mail handlers in

deaths of fellow mail handlers in Washington.

"You have to make sure to try and pay attention about what's going on, which is what we should be doing anyway," said Neil Oliver, a clerk at the post office in the Downtown Farmington Center.

Downtown post office staff say some mail carriers have taken to wearing latex gloves, and some mail sorters are also using gloves. None are wearing masks on the job.

"I feel really bad," Oliver said, of the two postal workers who died from

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