

City, Broe could be headed to court

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A federal judge could soon set a trial date to determine the sum of legal fees to be paid by the City of Plymouth to Broe Rehabilitation Services of Farmington Hills.

A conference call hearing recently failed to help the parties reach a monetary settlement, and U.S. District Court Judge Robert Cleland is moving ahead toward a trial.

In a deal brokered in federal court last month, city representatives agreed to rescind ordinance violation tickets against three Broe homes on Farmer Street, as well as pay legal fees

and court costs, to end a federal lawsuit against the city.

"Prior to the conference call we could not reach an agreement, and we're still working on it," said Gregory Bator of Bator & Berlin in Birmingham, who represents Dr. Timothy Broe. "There still is a possibility."

Bator said the two sides will continue to negotiate legal fees and court costs, although Bator would not reveal how much he is seeking.

Last month, Bator said attorney fees would be in the range of \$20,000.

However, "we need to determine what will they will pay to compensate plaintiffs (Broe)

damages suffered, as well as attorney fees."

The city's attorney, Jim DeGrazia of the Bloomfield Hills firm of O'Connor, DeGrazia and Tamm, said after the consent agreement was issued last month there shouldn't be an additional payout.

"An attempt to claim any other damages would be improper," he said. "They were never shut down, and they didn't lose any days of business. We would contest any attempt at damages."

The city ticketed the Broe supported-living homes at 338, 347 and 378 Farmer in October, claiming they are businesses being run in a

residential neighborhood. Neighbors have complained about Broe residents, claiming they were escorted by residents who regularly use vulgar language and cause other public nuisance issues at the homes.

Nearly a month later, attorneys for Broe Rehabilitation Services filed a federal lawsuit, alleging discrimination against the closed-head-injury patients who live at the three addresses. Bator said the issue became a Fair Housing Act question when residents in Old Village suggested Broe reduce the number of supported-living homes in their neighborhood.

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On ice
Alexis Gardner, 16, and her sister Gabriel, 11, of Farmington Hills, gaze at a shark carved from ice at the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular recently at Kelleog Park in downtown Plymouth.

BUSINESS NEWS

Friedman negotiates

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InfoTronics adds staff

InfoTronics, Inc., a Farmington Hills-based developer of time and attendance software systems, announces that Gwendolyn M. Bell has joined the company as Marketing Communications Director.

Bell was previously Product Launch Manager with Compuware Corporation in Farmington Hills and is an honors graduate from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Bell will market Attendance Enterprise, a web-enabled time and attendance management

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Managing stress

Dr. John Cromwell, a Farmington Chiropractor, presented a workshop on stress management to the Livonia Friends and Neighbors group on January 14.

Stress management techniques and the connection of stress and the immune system were described during the presentation.

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William Tyndale College is seeking comments from the public about the college's preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The college will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit April 7-9, 2003, by a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. William Tyndale College has been accredited by the Commission since 1988. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation and General Institutional Requirements.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college to:
Public Comment on William Tyndale College
Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential.
All comments must be received by March 7, 2003.

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Furthermore, removing fluid from the elbow bursa only makes the problem worse, as the bursa fills up again and enlarges if the pressure on it is not removed.

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