

ROADS

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 corner lot just outside the Wooddale Elementary School entrance said she was upset at the prospect of having to pay to fix the roads that the school has contributed to deterioration over the years. She said she was against the school being built by her home in 1992.

The school district has agreed to pay costs assessed for one lot if the project is approved. Each lot would be charged an estimated \$2,500 for the work, which can be paid over 10 years.

The district stated its contribution does not mean it is for or against the special assessment.

"The increased traffic and the buses destroyed my street and now they are asking us to pay for it," Gaines told the council.

She wanted the school district to pay for more of the reconstruction costs.

The city's director of Public Works, Tom Blaisell, said the school district

legally has no obligation to pay for any of the work.

He said the streets in the subdivision, at 30 years old, have far surpassed their usage period of 15-20 years.

The council, stating the majority of residents want the work done, agreed to continue the process by having city administration contract an engineering study and then seek bids for the project.

Residents will be given another public hearing to voice their concerns over the assessment of the study and exact costs once a report has been completed.

Mayor Nancy Bates said while paying for the roads will be a burden to some, having a school in the subdivision is part of living in a community.

"Children are a part of life and we have a responsibility to pay for that," she said.

Mayor Pro Tem Jon Grant said the residents will likely never receive as good a deal offer for the project than now while the economy is slow.

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Hearts in the Snow

The staff at Nocella Chiropractic on Grand River in downtown Farmington arrived at work Wednesday to find a kind of love note had been left in the snow in front of their office. There were no footprints, only these heart-shaped tire tracks.

Hills man arrested after pointing gun at soon-to-be ex

A 26-year-old Farmington Hills man was apprehended after he pointed a semi-automatic handgun at his soon-to-be ex-wife while at her apartment on Chester Court in the Fairmont Park Apartments around 10 a.m. Wednesday. The man was upset about her possibly dating someone else. No one was injured.

POLICE CALLS

the fence to gain entry during Wednesday night. Thieves took four tires from a 2003 Corvette and left spares under the car to support the body. Loss was \$2,900.

In the 27000 block of Royal Crescent, a resident said he put out a lawn mower and a snowblower while cleaning out his garage on Feb. 8. On Tuesday he noticed the items stolen. Total loss was \$1,100.

In the 31200 block of Claymore, someone entered a garage and took the gear shift from one of two vehicles parked inside during Wednesday night. The other vehicle had its glove box rifled through. The garage was not secured.

A patron at the YMCA on Farmington Road said he left his keys and his clothes in an unlocked locker on Wednesday. When he returned he noticed his keys missing. Someone used the keys to get his wallet from his vehicle. The keys were returned to the front desk by an unknown person.

Money stolen
 At the Formidable Group on 12 Mile, two women said between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, someone took cash from their purses. One woman lost \$80, the other \$100.

Door pried
 A resident in the Independence Green apartments on Jefferson Court reported finding his rear door well pried open during Tuesday night. There was nothing taken from inside.

Stolen fuel
 The driver of a Volkswagen Jetta pumped \$19.50 in gasoline into the vehicle at the Shell gas station at 27831 Orchard Lake and left without paying around 5:52 p.m. Wednesday.

Thefts
 At Holiday Chevrolet on Grand River, someone cut

Compiled by staff writer Paul R. Pace from reports on file at the Farmington Hills Police Department.

SPOTLIGHT ON

Orthodontics

by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

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