

City, resident work to resolve mold complaint

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Excess moisture in and around the Roden home in Farmington Hills was causing health problems.

Donna Roden brought the issue to the attention of the city council last December, hoping for relief. Action taken by city officials, along with corrections made to the home, will combine to hopefully resolve the problem.

Roden said that moisture in and around her home in the Woodland Acres subdivision, east of Flanders Elementary School was causing her young daughter and the family dog to have respiratory problems.

Even Roden and her husband felt lousy in their home, she said. An environmental study done around the home showed mold ratings outside exceeded healthy levels.

Officials from the city and Oakland County investigated the complaint.

Roden said a mold problem inside the home was fixed not long after her contact with the council, when a vapor barrier was installed in the home's crawl space.

"It seals off the house off from the ground so no moisture gets in," she said. "It's made a tremendous difference."

She was hoping the city would

pay for some of the \$7,000 expense for the barrier, but was told it wasn't the city's fault the crawl space was built too deep in an area with a high water table. However, Assistant City Manager Dana Whinnery worked with Roden on the issues. Department heads from the DPW, Building, Engineering and the city's environmental coordinator also helped to assess the problem.

A nearby culvert was inspected and confirmed to be working properly, but Whinnery said a fill permit pulled by a neighbor in 1994 showed the grading needed to be corrected so a nearby stream would flow better.

"We will be contacting the homeowner about restoring ground to a positive grade," Whinnery said.

He added a home under construction across the street from the Rodens will also be inspected once finished.

"Our inspectors will make sure the stream is restored to the proper flow," Whinnery said.

The city also provided some suggestions about vegetation that might direct water farther away from the Roden Home.

"In very happy the city was quick in getting all together," Roden said of the complaint investigation.

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Dispose of yard waste in bags, cans

Residents needing to dispose of outdoor yard waste must bag it or put it in a can with yard waste stickers, local officials say.

The debris will be picked up with regular rubbish effective immediately.

Bags may be purchased at local hardware stores or at Farmington Hills City Hall and

Farmington Hills Department of Public Works at a cost of \$3 for 10 bags.

Compost stickers may be obtained free of charge at the City of Farmington City Hall and DPS building.

For more information call the Department of Public Services at (248) 473-7250.

Harrison High stages musical 'Joseph'

Harrison High School will present "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," with performances on Thursday April 3, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday April 6, 2:00 p.m.

The musical relates how Joseph and moved from Canaan to the land of Egypt. Joseph's jealous brothers first consider murdering him but eventually sell him into slavery.

His ability to interpret dreams leads him to place in Pharaoh's service, where he prospers while things at home go badly for the brothers.

The Biblical story makes for an evening full of humor, music and dance.

The main characters are Joseph, played by junior Alex Springer; narrators, played by junior Lisa Perry and sophomore Stephanie Weesies; and Pharaoh, played by senior Nick Link.

Other main characters are Potiphar-freshman Edward Kociela and Mrs. Potiphar, senior Lauren Shafer. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students.



Joseph (Alex Springer) gets a lot of unwanted attention from Mrs. Potiphar (Lauren Shafer, left) and her servants (Sydney Kinchen, Whitney Ronan, Colleen Dreher, and Christina MacLean).

CMS students win big in band competition

Excitement and enjoyment of music has grown tremendously in the band room at Clarenceville Middle School, and it shows.

On Saturday, March 15 at Seitz Middle School in Riverview, Clarenceville's seventh and eighth grade bands received straight A's - all superior marks - from all four judges at MSBOA District 12 Band Festival.

As an additional honor, the seventh grade band also had two "perfect sheets," which means two of the judges gave them an "A" rating in all five categories.

Both bands have been invited to compete at State Festival in early May to vie for additional honors.

"One judge said he looked forward to hearing the bands in a couple more years and to just keep doing what you're doing and they will be great," said Clarenceville Middle

School Band Director, Valerie Stoney.

"Participating in band teaches children much more than music appreciation," said Stoney. "Students learn responsibility, self-motivation, team work, and gain self-confidence."

Stoney utilizes a variety of techniques, such as breathing and singing exercises, the metronome, and special guests to get the students involved.

Most recently, Stoney hosted composer Richard Sauer, currently Director of Bands and Performing Arts Department Chairman at Carle High School in Indiana, to rehearse and conduct the seventh and eighth grade bands at their March 4 concert.

"The students loved having the opportunity to meet the composer whose music we were playing. It brought life to the music," said Stoney.



Clarenceville Middle School Band students won top honors in a recent statewide competition. Their next performance will be held in May.

Principal Kathleen Guntzville is also proud of the accomplishments the band has made.

"Clarenceville School District works very hard to bring additional opportunities into the classroom," says Guntzville. "And we are very

pleased when our efforts are awarded, such as in this instance."

The next public performance for the Clarenceville Middle School band will be 7 p.m. May 20, in the Schmidt Auditorium at Clarenceville High School.

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