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Mother's Day

Margaret Cowley (right), winner of a dozen roses in the Farmington Observer Mother's Day contest, decided her prize should go to a very deserving mother - Suzanne Grove, resident of Marycrest in Livonia. Mrs. Grove is the beloved aunt of Cowley's long-time friend, Joanne London of Canton and London's sister, Barb Davis; she raised the girls from their early childhood years. They delivered the flowers in time for Mother's Day, and Cowley stopped by on Monday for a visit. Coincidentally, Monday was the start of National Nursing Home Week; residents were celebrating with an ice cream social hosted by children from St. Genevieve School.

Middlebelt closure switch happens Monday

The Road Commission for Oakland County reminds motorists that the Middlebelt closure at Eight Mile is expected to switch Monday, May 19, from the south side of the intersection to the north side. The closure, on the Farmington Hills/Livonia boundary, is required to allow the pouring of new concrete in the intersection as part of RCOC's ongoing resurfacing of Eight Mile between Grand River and Farmington Road. The closure is expected to remain in place on the north side of the intersection until approximately May 30. During the closure, the detour route will be Nine Mile, Orchard Lake and Eight Mile. Until the switch, Middlebelt will remain closed on the south side of Eight Mile. Additionally, RCOC reminds motorists that Middlebelt remains closed at the bridge over I-696 in Farmington Hills so the Michigan Department of Transportation can replace the bridge deck. The work is expected to be completed by July 18. During the bridge closure, the detour route is 11 Mile, Inkster and 12 Mile.

ROAD WATCH

The following projects may delay traffic in the coming weeks, according to the Road Commission for Oakland County:

Road: Grand River Ave. bridge over the CSX railroad tracks just west of Novi Road
Project: RCOC has demolished the old bridge and is constructing a new bridge. During the project, Grand River is closed at either end of the bridge. The detour route is Beck Road, 12 Mile Road and Novi Road.
Community: Novi
Completion: November

Road: Grand River Ave., Beck Road east to the CSX railroad bridge
Project: The City of Novi is widening this section of Grand River to five lanes. The road is open to local traffic during construction, but closed at the bridge for the above mentioned bridge reconstruction.
Community: Novi
Completion: November

Road: 12 Mile, Meadowbrook to Novi
Project: RCOC is widening this road to a four-lane boulevard. The road remains open during construction.
Community: Novi
Completion: End of September

Road: Middlebelt Road bridge over I-696
Project: Middlebelt Road is closed at this bridge so that the Michigan Department of Transportation can reconstruct the bridge. During the closure, the detour route is 11 Mile, Inkster and 12 Mile.
Community: Farmington Hills
Completion: July 18

Road: Middlebelt Road at 8 Mile Road
Project: As part of RCOC reconstruction of 8 Mile Road between Grand River and Farmington roads, Middlebelt is currently closed immediately south of 8 Mile. On May 19, the closure is expected to be switched to immediately north of 8 Mile. During the closure on the south side of 8 Mile, the detour route is 7 Mile, Meridian and 8 Mile. Once the closure shifts to the north side of 8 Mile, the detour route will be 9 Mile, Orchard Lake and 8 Mile.
Community: Farmington Hills and Livonia
Completion: Approximately June 9

Road: 8 Mile Road, Grand River Ave. to Farmington Road
Project: RCOC is resurfacing this road. During construction, one lane of traffic will remain open in each direction.
Community: Farmington, Farmington Hills and Livonia
Completion: Sept. 1

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