

### Farmington readers' forum

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### How to help out the Goodfellows

To the editor:  
The Farmington Area Goodfellows had their first 1986 meeting Jan. 15. Their purpose was to talk over and settle the Christmas activities for 1985. They also discussed new plans for 1986.

It is sad to realize we did not reach our goal for last year. If we all get down to the "nitty gritty" and work together with the citizens of Farmington/Farmington Hills, it will be possible to take care of our seniors and needy families. With your interest and help, we will make it.

The list of people who require our help is getting longer. Any one of you who would enjoy providing assistance to the unfortunate for 1986 are cordially welcome to join us. Your help is deeply appreciated.

You can contact Bettie McPhail at 553-4719, where you can receive needed information. I am sure you will agree it is an enjoyable and fun group to be with.

To the people who have helped us in any way: "thank you." Your thoughtfulness and kind way was greatly valued.

Bettie McPhail  
Farmington Hills

the city would only pay one percent (\$5,200), the state would pay \$47,620, and federal government \$427,200.

As a taxpayer in all three jurisdictions, I object. It is my belief that the properties for which the barrier is being requested were developed after 1-275 was in place. If not, the developers were certainly aware of the plans to construct the road. The same goes for the homeowners themselves, and if there is a disadvantage to being adjacent to a freeway, I suggest it was, or should have been, considered in the purchase prices of the homes.

In any event, I feel strongly that it should not be the responsibility of other citizens of Farmington Hills, the state, or country, to rectify such a problem, if it exists.

Donald Trevas  
Farmington Hills

### Bigger is not always better

To the editor:  
I agree with Mr. Steve Barnaby's column (Jan. 9) about the size of houses.

In the land of cardboard castles, more commonly known as Novi, the size requirement for houses is not as large as that in Bloomfield Hills, but that requirement has been lessened only to allow for high-priced condos, outrageously priced apartments, and kit homes that look like the contractor left before he was done with the job. It wouldn't be so bad if there were smaller houses, constructed with quality being the virtue rather than quantity.

I would suppose there are two ways of looking at life: either bigger is better, or good things come in small packages. If your vision of wealth is a Lincoln, then the big house will appeal to you; but if you would be more thrilled by a smaller, handmade car, such as a Mercedes, than a smaller house with carved rails, a single large bathroom with a sunken tub, and a furnace that keeps the house warm for less than a week's pay-per-month, will delight.

It's unfortunate that builders have forgotten the few who would rather have the smaller class act. In an era when homes are mass produced, crated by truck to the site, and assembled in a few weeks, how can one feel quality is also packed with the two-by-fours?

I, myself, would rather have a smaller house, a home where I can afford to live and occasionally see my children.

If in order to pay for the big monster the neighborhood requires, I have to work a double shift; if, in addition, my wife has to work for our ideal the average American family, then that small class act has, again, been forgotten.

T. James Zanotti  
Novi

### Gazebo was simply super

To the editor:  
The following letter was sent to the Farmington Area Jaycees. It was published last week in this column without properly crediting the Jaycees:

The Victorian Gazebo which graces the lawn at the Farmington Historical Museum looked positively magnificent in its holiday splendor.

Festive by day and glorious by night, its sparkling Christmas tree was a breathtaking jewel in a beautiful setting, a truly spectacular addition to the stately Warner Mansion.

During all the months leading up to its completion we attempted to provide the countless ways in which the gazebo might serve to enhance the grounds at the museum.

The Farmington Area Jaycees' membership deserves the credit, however, for being the first to visualize it as the focal point for a community Christmas tree to be enjoyed by all.

Congratulations on your great inspiration and many thanks to all those who assisted in providing this beautiful gift to the community.

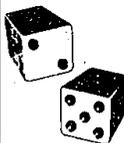
Hopefully, "The Christmas Tree in the Gazebo"

### Taxpayer objects to barrier plans

To the editor:  
A recent article in The Farmington Observer informed us that a group of Farmington Hills homeowners has requested the installation of noise barriers along I-275 between Eight and 10 Mile roads and that a study of the request is under way.

The article went on to point out that the cost of such a barrier would be \$528,000 per mile, of which

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