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Haggerty Road plans unveiled

By Joanne Maliszewski
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"That's where my property is," was the most commonly heard murmur as Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield Township and Novi residents took a first glimpse of suggest-

ed improvement plans for congested Haggerty Road.

The four plans — including a do-nothing alternative — were unveiled Thursday in Novi High School in an MDOT-sponsored open house.

Though MDOT representatives did not make a formal presentation,

they listened carefully as residents and community leaders reviewed the four plans.

MDOT representatives and local leaders, such as Farmington Hills City Manager William Costick, weren't overly surprised by residents' comments. At least two of the

four plans, they acknowledged, involve large amounts of right-of-way. Haggerty is one of three major north-south arteries and is the western border for West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills.

"Our next step will be to go back to the policy committee with the

feedback we've gathered today and get some direction," Hank Lotosinski, MDOT planner, said.

"Hopefully, we will come to a preferred alignment (choosing one of the plans). Once that's been chosen,

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ON display. The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission's photo exhibit travels to Farmington this fall. The free-standing display features color photos highlighting facilities, activities and events at the nine Oakland County parks.

The exhibit will appear at the Farmington Community Library, near Grand River and Farmington Road, Nov. 30 to Dec. 21.

Brochures for parks and special activities such as cross-country skiing, hiking, camping and nature study are available at the display.

THEY contribute. The Wallen family of Novi has contributed \$1,857 to a memorial fund for Farmington Public Schools' Fairview Early Childhood Center. The fund will be used to purchase equipment to benefit younger special education students who attend Fairview.

Christopher Wallen, a student at Fairview, died last May of medical complications, according to the school district.

CORRECTED title. Melanie Churella, this year's acting Miss Michigan, was Miss Farmington for 1986, not 1987, as reported in the Observer Oct. 12. Dulane Whimery is Miss Farmington for 1987.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — An unidentified Farmington Hills man is seeking \$10 million in damages from a Novi excavating company that allegedly fired him when officials found out he had AIDS.

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Cheryl Azar, an instructor at the Farmington YMCA's new Wellness Center, pedals a recumbent bike designed for people who have

back problems yet want to improve their cardiovascular systems.

Wellness Center opens

By Chris Rizk
staff writer

Are you ready to pump iron, get physically fit and generally create

a symbiosis of body and mind?

Sound too stressful for you? The Farmington YMCA has the perfect solution. Now that the Wellness Center is completed, members can

take advantage of the latest in exercise equipment as well as enroll in seminars on stress management

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Flight 255 Hills dentist identified victims

By Marie Chestney
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It had been a fun weekend at the Pan-American games in Indianapolis.

The trip back home on that Sunday went smoothly, except for the police cars whizzing by on the freeway.

"Must be a bad accident because of the weather," thought Dr. Allan Warnick as he headed toward his Farmington Hills home.

The phone was ringing as Warnick walked in the door at 10 p.m. It was then that the Livonia dentist and forensic odontologist first learned about the crash of Northwest Flight 255.

Warnick grabbed his disaster team credentials and headed for Metropolitan Airport. From that moment on, he and his fellow team

people

members had only one gruesome mission: to help identify through their dental records the bodies of the 156 victims of the airline crash.

Team members identified the last body at 7 p.m. Saturday, seven days after the crash. Of the 156 victims, 129 were identified through their dental records.

"WE HAD identified everyone when we walked out of there Saturday," said Warnick, speaking from his offices on Schoolcraft. "We worked around the clock."

"No one was pushed because we had to be 100 percent perfect or we

had no match at all. It was a hard job to do, and it made it easier having everything set in place ahead of time. If the team was not there, identification would have taken longer."

Two years ago, Wayne County officials began setting up an airport disaster team. Team members included dentists, medical pathologists, police, firefighters and emergency medical squads. All would swing into action if a disaster struck.

All the details were finally ironed out in February. Warnick, one of five forensic odontologists in Michigan, was named leader of the seven-member dental team.

Simply put, the job of a forensic odontologist is to match up a person's dental record to his or her dental remains.

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Dr. Allan Warnick of Farmington Hills helped identify, through dental records, the bodies of the 156 victims of the Northwest Flight 255 crash.