# Guidelines set for lifting of builder's permit ban

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Lifting the restriction on building permits, however, will remain in council members hands. A report documenting Keating's progress and staff recommendation will be given to the council Monday, April 4. If council members are satisfied that problems are not likely with the councils satisfied that problems are not likely with the problems are completed to lift restrictions on building permits.

Council members insist that no public comments will be heard next week when they receive the staff report.

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Marks, who was absent last week when the council imposed restric-tions on Keating, took exception to the issue coming again before coun-cil. "Why are we crucilying this

the issue coming again before coun-cil. "Why are we crucilying this man?" he asked.

Marks told his colleagues that problems with builders should be conneid through the city staff, not the city council. "I don't think staff, to come up to this room, this table, because these are not extraordinary measures." Marks said.

OTHER CITY officials said that city staff tried to solve the problems but complaints from residents con-tinued. City manager william Cos-tick said that perhaps the city's re-

sponse was not timely.

City staff reported Monday that
Keating has made progress in clear-

ing up problems with the siles in the Nine Mile-Middlebelt area since restrictions were imposed March 21.

"There has been considerable work done out there," community development manager Richard Lampi said.

Additional ditching and placement of straw bales have helped dry the area and regrading has been done. But final grading is still to be done, Lampi said.

A city surveying crew was expected to check the grade of Keating's two completed houses on Karen Place at Nine Mile Tuesday morn-

ing.

The survey is expected to determine whether the two Kealing house sites are higher in elevation than an abutting residence, the owner of

which has complained that her back-yard has flooded since the two man-ufactured houses were erected.

"The lot has dried up considera-bly," the resident told council mem-bers, referring to Keating's recent soil erosion measures.

Lampi agreed. "He's taken measures of eliminating that water. The site needs to receive a final grade."

ON MONDAY, Kealing documented his efforts in solving reported problems with drainage, damaged roads and stilling, the same coats and stilling the sample of the ponding in the abutting neighbor's backyan.

"Our drainage is not coming from our lot to her hot," Kealing said. "It appears to be some sort of a sewer

or sepite problem in the raceyaru.
The resident later told council she does not have a sepite tank.
The city council last week placed an immediate hold on new building permits or inspections for existing Reating houses. Specifically, the restrictions were placed on Keating following reports of form up roads, blocked drainage ditches and roads blocked by construction equipment.

Reating also is charged with vio-lating noise ordinances as well as at-ter hours and Studay construction ordinances.

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## Hills man recounts confusion, panic after wing fire on plane

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"I had just unbuckled my best and picked up my brietcase," Shoup said.
"I turned around and saw people geting up and going into ailsts.
"About that time, I heard someone cailing out to evacuate the plane. At first, everybody heistlated. But by time they moved into the ailste, there was the smell of smoke."

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the Boeing 727 routinely turned on a Shoup moved to the front door and slid down the inflatable chute. "A flight attendant was there directing beople to jump," he said. "Almost everybody got off without a great After waiting in the cold for 45

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minutes, uninjured passengers were taken by bus to Northwest's main terminal and invited to the North-west World Club, a VIP lounge.

But delay loomed for a few more hours. Shoup didn't leave the airport until 11:30 p.m. "I waited all that time to get my carry-on baggage and a bag I checked as well," he said.

THE DRAMA unfolded when THE DRAMA unfolded when, while on the taxiway, the captain of the Boeing 727 routinely turned on a backup engine that runs the air conditioning, electrical and other systems when the plane is on the ground. The unit is near the main wheel well.

vapors, which occasionally happens. A ball of flame spewed from the unit's exhaust vent near the right wing, Northwest Airlines and Federal Aviation Administration officials

Despite the scare, Shoup, who logs more than 50,000 miles a year in the air, has no intention of flying less. "It was the first time I've ever had to evacuate a plane," he said.

Shoup said he and his wife, Linda, have no qualms about flying Northwest Airlines to Phoenix with their two children for a family vacation.

As he put it: "You see accidents on the highway all the time and don't stop driving. If you consider the odds, flying is a relatively safe way to travel."

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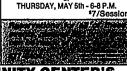
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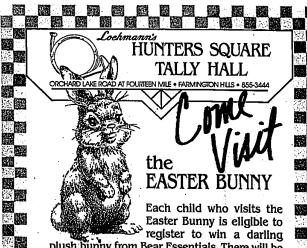
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