



SHARON LAMERUX/staff photographer

Trying to locate break in a water main near are Rob DoAngelo (left), Gary Allen and Ed Eight Mile and Grand River in Farmington Hills. Hunter.

Water pails come in handy

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there isn't enough water for the tank to refill to continue flushing the toilet. That's where Roberts' bucket of water came in handy.

THE BREAK, reported to the Oakland County Public Works occurred shortly before 8 p.m. Tuesday. "There was 70-80 pounds of pressure (of water) bubbling up through the road," said Jim Porter, division manager of Oakland County water and sewer operations.

County crews dug up about a foot of concrete to reach the break and replace about 16 feet of the old pipe. "We didn't want to tear up the road, fix the pipe and be back there

next month," Porter said. The break was repaired by 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

A temporary patch has been put on the road where repairs were done. "It will accept the traffic," said Tom Blasek, Farmington Hills public services director.

Porter believes that a two-square-inch piece of the 50-year-old cast iron main "blew out" because of the cold weather New Year's Day. Cold

weather makes the ground shift and consequently the aged pipes break, he said.

"They have a higher history of main breaks because of the older pipes in that area," Porter said. Roberts estimated that the area, formerly known as section 36, has about four water main breaks a year. "I know of no other area in city that has this problem."

Purves accepts MADD award

Officer Terry Purves was recently selected by the Farmington Department of Public Safety to represent and accept an award from Oakland County Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Forty such MADD awards were given to various police departments this past fall at the group's third annual Lifesavers Award Banquet at the Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. Each officer was selected by their individual depart-

ment for their dedication and expertise in combating drunk driving, received a plaque and a lifesavers lapel pin.

Although arrests for drunk driving have declined statewide, said MADD's Oakland County President Greg Bien, arrests in Oakland County have risen significantly in the last two years because of the commitment of various Oakland County police agencies.

clarification

Information in both a outline and recent article in the Observer about the Farmington Hills Observer should have said a total of \$6,000 was donated by local, state and national Quarters groups to put a new balustrade on the former home of Gov. Fred Warner.

The International Organization of Quarters donated \$3,000, the Michigan State Organization of Quarters donated \$2,000 and the local chapter, the Quakertown Quarters No. 115, donated \$1,000, according to a representative of the local group.

The city also spent \$4,400 from its budget for the project.

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Inn gets new manager

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The change will also give Anhut time for more involvement in other community ventures and groups, and for the boards on which he serves. Currently he serves on the board of directors for neighboring Botsford General Hospital and is heading up an endowment drive for a hospital expansion, and chairs the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce PAC committee which endorsed Gov. John Engler in the November election.

ALTHOUGH HE attended Engler's recent inauguration festivities and knows the new governor, Anhut said he is unsure whether he will become involved in state-level government.

Right now, he said, he will focus on the business of running a profitable, comfortable historic inn in the

same style he has for 40 years.

Anhut quoted a recent visitor, who he said reflected his vision of the business: "There is no meeting place with the atmosphere of the Botsford," the customer said in the "comments" section of a Botsford questionnaire. "The trade-off is ambience for modern convenience. The fireplaces and uneven wooden floors are why we come. Don't improve yourself out of business."

The 68-room inn on Grand River was owned by Henry Ford before the Anhut family bought the business in 1951. Anhut had placed a \$3.5 million price tag on the property, which included all the furnishings and antiques and a staff of 50.

Anhut became hooked on the hotel and restaurant business nearly 50 years ago, after taking a job to support himself and while attending law school. He has spent his life and career devoted to it.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from the agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council
City Council Chambers
31555 11 Mile Road
7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7

First on the agenda is the city's Employee Awards Ceremony, which will include remarks from outgoing Mayor Jean Fox and formal passing of the gavel to incoming Mayor Aldo Vagnoni. Awards will be given for years of service, police and firefighter of the year, and outstanding employees. A reception will follow the awards.

Following the awards and reception, a special city council meeting will be held to discuss the city's parks and recreation master plan, five-year action plan and approval schedule. Also to be discussed is the city's sidewalk snow removal policy.

Farmington City Council
City Council Chambers
23900 Liberty Street
8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7

The council will consider a sign variance request from Oak Farms Market, transfer of SDM and SDD liquor license from Cambridge Drugs to Maple Drugs, and hear a report on this year's Boys State program.

- The council will also:
- Hear a report on notice of increase in Detroit water and sewer rates
- Consider transfer of money from the city's EDC board
- Consider a traffic control ordinance involving designated parking in the Downtown Center parking lot.
- Hear a city attorney's report on pending litigation.
- Consider authorization of contractor payment for the Farmington Historical Museum.
- Hear financial reports from various city departments.

Farmington Board of Education
Lewis Schulman Adm. Center
32500 Shawansee
Tuesday, Jan. 8
7 p.m. — Policy Committee
8 p.m. — Regular Meeting

The board's policy committee will meet to discuss proposed changes to the district's policy manual. During the regular meeting, the board will handle routine business as well as consider an administrative recommendation for a 5-year plan for gifted education.

Resource Recovery & Recycling Authority of SW Oakland County
43315 Sixth Gate, Novi
8:30 a.m., Wed. Nov. 9

During this regular meeting of the HRRASOC board, members will hear an update report from the manager and consider an executive session to discuss property acquisition.

Hills cops take TV training

Television will become a training tool for Farmington Hills police thanks to the Law Enforcement Television Network.

"It's a cable service that's only to police departments," said Lt. Richard Murphy of the Farmington Hills Police Department. "They have top

law enforcement people from around the country on it."

LETN is a national satellite television network bringing up-to-date training, news and information 24 hours a day. Recognized law enforcement experts will provide training and information on issues

such as the war on drugs, officer survival, community relations, leadership and crime prevention.

"Increasing the safety, knowledge and effectiveness of law enforcement officers will assist them in improving the safety of the community," Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said.

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