

# Community Corner

This week's question:

What does Martin Luther King Day mean to you?

We asked this question at the Community Center in Farmington Hills.



"He was a great leader for the black community. His teachings are well-founded for all."  
— Gloria Martin  
Farmington Hills



"He was quite a leader for civil rights... that's about all it means. I'm afraid."  
— Wesley Hayes Dearborn



"It would mean freedom for all people. He stood for freedom for all, not just minorities."  
— Rosalie Degregorio Dearborn



"It means a lot to me. It hurts to lose a man like that. When he died, the progress stopped."  
— Warren Wycho Southfield



"It means a lot. I remember what he said. I hope his dream happens."  
— Sunita Shankar Farmington



"It means the basic freedom of rights... everybody's equal."  
— Mary Ann Ryan Farmington Hills



Monsignor Thomas Beahan (right) celebrated his 75th birthday in 1976 with Joe Nikiwicz, chairman of the birthday party committee.

## Priest impacted the lives of many

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rows' current bookkeeper/secretary. "He could be stern and you never doubted that he was priestly. But he was an Irishman and there was this terrific sense of humor about him."

Monsignor Beahan was born June 4, 1900, in Hubbardston, Mich., north of Lansing, and was educated at Assumption College in Canada and at St. Mary's of the West Seminary in Cincinnati.

He was ordained to the priesthood in St. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Detroit on Feb. 7, 1926. He served at churches in Ionia, Owosso, Inlay City and Rochester before coming to Farmington's Sorrows in 1943.

He was named a domestic prelate (monsignor) in December 1959.

**SURVIVORS** include a brother, Dr. Raymond Beahan of Flint; a cousin, Martha Myers of Belding, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brothers the Rev. Bernard Beahan and Timothy Beahan, and sisters Sr. Marie Clare, OP, Catherine and Clara.

Services for Monsignor Beahan will be at 11 a.m. today, Jan. 23, at Sorrows, 23615 Power Road.

Students from grades 4-6 at Sorrows grade school will attend the service, as will grade 7-8 Beahan students.

"He loved the students and those schools," Beahan said. "Even in his older age, he would walk over to the school to see them."

Burial will be in St. John Parish Cemetery in Hubbardston.

Memorials may be sent to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

# No restrictions

## Council rejects boundaries for IRO zone

By Joanne Maliszowski staff writer

Farmington Hills' industrial-research-office district can be used anywhere in the city. And some city officials think one of the best spots for its use would be along the aging Eight Mile commercial-industrial corridor.

"I believe this zoning should be available for revitalization or enhancing of the city's tax base," said Mayor Jonathan Grant.

Older business areas, such as the Eight Mile corridor, "are areas we will have to address," Grant continued. "I think this (IRO) will allow us a tool to do this."

Councilman Aldo Vagnozzi wasn't as certain. "I don't think we need this zoning all over the city. There's too many questions where they would be located."

Vagnozzi said some residents of Old Town, which borders the Eight Mile corridor, told him they are concerned about the use of the IRO zone in their section of the city.

Discussion of using the once-controversial zone to help revitalize older or economically depressed areas of the city surfaced following a public hearing Monday to set boundaries for IRO.

ON RECOMMENDATION of the Farmington Hills Planning Commission, the city council denied 5-1 any boundaries on IRO. Vagnozzi op-

posed the denial. Councilman Larry Lichtman was absent.

The proposed boundaries the council denied would have restricted IRO to an area bounded on the north by the existing master planned IRO (south of 12 Mile), on the east by Halsted Road, and on the south by the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park.

The IRO district is designed to encourage uses that have a high value per acre to supplement the city's tax base, said planning consultant Claude Coates.

Only one resident, Brenda Kandt, who formerly led the Citizens Against IRO Zoning, spoke at Monday's public hearing. That's quite a change from 1989 when council chambers swelled with residents complaining about toxic and hazardous threats from businesses allowed in the zone.

"I'm not in favor of restricting boundaries on IRO," said Kandt, now a planning commissioner. "IRO is not what it was one year ago. It's safer."

Kandt referred to changes in the zone that disallow pharmaceuticals and laboratories engaging in genetic research as principal uses in the IRO and light industrial districts. Performance standards are also required and certain uses must get special approval if located next to multiple family housing.

"IRO is more restrictive than the

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— Brenda Kandt Hills resident

light industrial district," Coates added.

Vagnozzi questioned whether certain areas of the city would be designated IRO or would the city wait for rezoning requests. "I think that would be a legitimate question."

CITY ATTORNEY John Donohue said the city council — as with all rezoning requests — has the authority to decide what will go where. "You maintain full authority to decide where it should be appropriately used."

Grant also asserted that each — if any rezoning request for IRO would be determined on its own merit.

To further offset Vagnozzi's comments, council members asked city planner Ed Gardiner if the older areas of the city, such as the Eight Mile corridor, are targeted for IRO.

"There has been no direct study to utilize IRO on Eight Mile Road," Gardiner responded. He added that

IRO is a tool that city officials may want to use in that area.

Councilwoman Joanne Smith, former planning commissioner chairwoman, agreed. "At no time was it thought an area that would be targeted for IRO."

Councilman Terry Seyer said he could see also using IRO in the Freeway Industrial Park, which has vacant buildings. "I think we'll see a mixture of this use with light industrial."

Still, councilman Ben Marks made an appeal to use IRO in areas, such as Eight Mile, for revitalization.

"As a light industrial area (Eight Mile), I think it's on its last legs," Marks said. Uses allowed in light industrial zones, such as outdoor storage, are not allowed in IRO, he added.

Marks said he believes residents in the Eight Mile/Jankster area will want IRO because what is allowed and not allowed in the zone would "clean up" the area. "I'm paying attention to the area I think is the Achilles Heel of Farmington Hills," Marks added.

Vagnozzi, however, reminded Marks that the Old Town area "has made tremendous strides" with new homes, increased pride and an active homeowners association.

"I do believe this will be an enhancement," councilwoman Nancy Bates said. "It's not just the Farmington Hills part of Eight Mile that's in trouble. It's the whole corridor."

## on the agenda

There are highlights from the preliminary agenda of the Farmington Hills City Council. Meetings are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council  
Council chambers  
31555 11 Mile  
7:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 27

The council will consider enactment of an ordinance regulating the location of accessory buildings. Introduction of the following ordinances is expected.

- to adopt by reference the 1990 edition of the BOCA National Building Code.
- to adopt by reference the 1989 edition and 1990 amendments of the CABO One and Two Family Dwelling Code.
- to adopt by reference the 1990 edition of the BOCA mechanical code.
- to adopt by reference the 1990 edition of the National Electric Code and Technical Amendments.
- to assume the responsibility for administration and enforcement of the State of Michigan Plumbing Code.
- to adopt by reference the 1990 edition of the BOCA National Fire

Prevention Code.

- to establish rates and charges for the use of the sanitary sewer system; to provide for an annual review of rates and charges and to provide for annual notification of rates and charges.

The council will consider a resolution to amend the sanitary sewer system debt service rates and charges.

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