

Flood safety awareness to be focus this week

This week, Feb. 23-29, is Flood Safety Week in Michigan, as declared by Gov. John Engler, and a time when residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with flood safety procedures.

Damage from flooding in 1991 totaled approximately \$51 million in Michigan. Last year alone, there were 21 flood and 12 flash floods reported.

A rapid winter thaw and heavy spring rains could lead to flooding in some areas of the state again this year, according to representatives of a statewide coalition formed to encourage flood safety.

The degree of spring flooding will depend on the amount of rainfall. "In Michigan, there aren't too many areas free of flood danger," said George Hosok, of the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness. "It is wise to be prepared just in case Mother Nature doesn't cooperate."

Consumers should be aware that regular homeowners insurance policies do not pay for flood damage, insurance industry representatives said. Coverage is available through a federal program, however, only about 16,000 flood policies are in force throughout the state.

TO PREPARE for a flood:

- Memorize the safest and fastest route to high ground. Keep a battery-operated radio on hand along with emergency cooking equipment and a flashlight.

- Know the elevation of your property in relation to nearby streams and other waterways and make advance plans of what you will do and where you will go in a flood emergency.

When a flood threatens and you are forced to leave your property, move essential items to safe ground, if time permits. If possible, store a fresh supply of drinking water.

When a flood hits, avoid areas subject to flooding and do not attempt to cross a flowing stream where water is above your knees. Also do not attempt to drive over a flooded road. Keep children from playing in floodwaters near culverts and storm drains.

Following a flood, use flashlights, not lanterns or torches to examine buildings. Flammables may be inside. Also do not handle live electrical equipment in wet areas. Electrical equipment should be checked and dried before being returned to service.

Parent group seeks new members

The eight-year-old Farmington Families in Action parent group is seeking new members, with the president of the group saying the same handful of people can no longer shoulder the burden.

If more members are not recruited by June, said president Sue Dolish, the group may have to cut back its involvement in the schools and community.

"Any organization that doesn't grow becomes stale," Dolish said in a Feb. 10 letter distributed to the community. "The very future of FFIA depends on new people."

FFIA is a parent group active in

anti-drug efforts in the community and the local schools. It has, for the past several years, sponsored numerous activities in the Farmington area, including an extensive drug awareness month in October.

Organizational and informational meetings to reintroduce FFIA to the community will be held 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in Room 108 of the Farmington Training Center, 3300 Thomas St., downtown Farmington. Dolish encourages anyone interested in joining the group and getting involved to attend.

IN HER LETTER, Dolish said she has shouldered much of the burden, not only acting as president, but chairing the October drug awareness event and, at times, serving as recording secretary, treasurer and newsletter editor. She also circulated a list of FFIA accomplishments, which include the following school activities: the BABES life skills program for third graders; a special Fifth Grade Night program; peer pressure reversal training workshops for parents, who then work with fourth and fifth graders; introduction this year of a new Talking With Your Kids About

Alcohol program for parents; creation of a liaison program with the schools; donation of appropriate drug education books to schools; providing a statewide scholarship for the past two years; and providing various speakers for schools.

The group was also instrumental in getting the host party law and the subsequent hotel amendment passed in Farmington Hills. Those make parents and hotel owners responsible if someone is drinking in a house or on the premises.

For more information about the group or the upcoming meeting, call FFIA, 851-8565, or Dolish, 474-8815.

Improvement work starts with residents

If you want your road paved or fixed, or sanitary sewers or water mains installed, there's a way. But it begins with you.

Farmington Hills residents who want any of these kind of improvements in their neighborhoods should begin either with a call to the engineering office, 473-0590, or a stop at the engineering counter in city hall, 31555 11 Mile.

At the engineering counter you

must pick up a petition requesting an informational meeting about the particular improvement in which you and your neighbors are interested.

An informational meeting will be scheduled if 30 percent of the people in your area sign the petition. Your signature on this petition does not obligate you to support a project. It only means you want the meeting to know what's involved in the project.

THE MEETING will allow you to discuss the specifics of an improvement project, how it will be installed, how residents will be affected, costs and how it will be financed.

In the past year, the city's engineering division had 10 informational meetings for improvement projects. Improvements, such as road paving, road rehabilitation, sanitary sewer and water main installation

are paid for by property owners through a special assessment on the properties.

Following the informational meeting, interested residents may get a petition to move forward with a project. But 50 percent of the residents who would be affected by the improvement and required to pay through special assessment must support the project.

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Thursday, March 5th	6:30-10:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 7th	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

These classes meet for 8 sessions

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Beginning Date:	Time:
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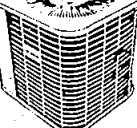
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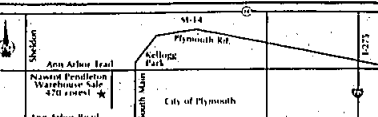


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