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# Flooding has residents drained



BY SUZ DUCK  
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Residents of the flood-plagued Kendallwood and Westbrook subdivisions in northern Farmington Hills turned out at Monday's Hills City Council meeting to voice concerns about flooding problems. Council resolved to continue with a flood-control program.

But construction of an 8.5-foot diameter storm drain — which could ease flooding — won't begin until March 1993, with completion set for the end of the construction season.

A detention basin on the southeast corner of 13 Mile and Farmington

roads, currently under construction, will "detain" excess water, city officials said.

"Some construction could have started a year ago," City Manager Bill Costick said. But construction was held up until DNR permits had been obtained, he added. Wetlands mitigation was another issue to be considered.

The Minnow Pond Drain Flood Relief Program, as it is called, has generated much discussion since a 1989 flood in the area.

Some Kendallwood Drive residents had said they preferred that the drain

be installed under Farmington Road instead.

They also said they didn't want construction divided into two separate construction seasons, for safety reasons.

A group of Kendallwood/Westbrook subdivision residents showed up at the meeting to voice complaints with the flood-control situation.

"We are committed to solving the problem," said Hills Mayor Jon Grant. "Some \$10-\$12 million in bonds will be floated at the end of the year."

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## Continuing her education



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Proud graduate: Freda Elias Lewis, the eldest graduate of Farmington Public Schools adult education program, celebrates her accomplishment with family and friends. Embracing her is her friend, Abir Kujan. For more on the adult education graduation, see Page 3A.

# City cuts \$5 from the haul

BY CASEY HANS  
STAFF WRITER

It will cost less to be "environmentally correct" in Farmington this year.

Residents will see a \$5 reduction in their recycling fees, thanks to lower

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costs from the city's garbage hauler, Waste Management of Michigan, and reduced administrative costs.

Starting July 1, residents of single family homes will pay \$61 and condominium dwellers \$47 per year.

In reviewing the 1992-93 budget, City Manager Robert Deadman said he would propose a fee reduction, effectively "passing on the savings to rate payers."

The reduction comes from several areas.

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# Students cook up spicy business lesson

BY CASEY HANS  
STAFF WRITER

Becky Waters' fourth graders were getting a little saucy in their final weeks of school.

But the Wood Creek Elementary teacher didn't mind. Her students were busy putting the final touches on a barbecue sauce concoction they marketed, produced, and sold as part of a school-business partnership the class had with one of her student's parents.

Called "New Fashioned Barbecue Sauce" it was touted as an "original recipe" by Mrs. Waters' class. The product was made with the secret ingredients of ketchup, honey, horseradish and Worcestershire sauce. It was manufactured by the 69-year-old, Detroit-based Brede, Inc. which is co-owned by Wood Creek parent Michael Brede whose son, Chris, was in Waters' class.

The company specializes in horseradish products and makes up to 2,200 dozen products a day including seafood cocktail sauce, horseradish sauce, several types of mustard and baked beans.

Brede said he was "very proud of the kids . . . for their work on this project."

"Hopefully, they learned a little bit about the operation of a business" and the process of taking a new product

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Becky Waters teacher

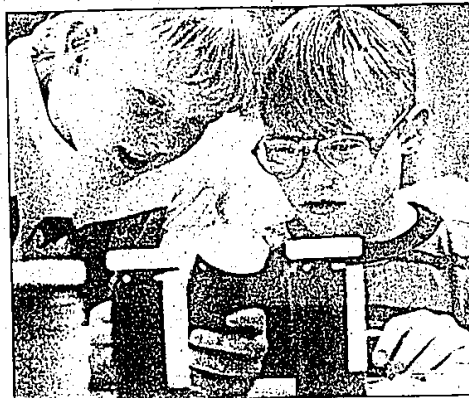
from the drawing board to the marketplace."

Waters originally approached the Brede family about the project in January. "They've done every aspect of it," said Waters about her students. "I thought it would be a creative way to work careers in."

From sales receipts, students paid for the expenses of producing and bottling the sauce, then donated \$70 in product profits to the Farmington Neighborhood House a local agency.

Susan Brede, Chris' mom, said students did their experimenting on sauce recipes at home, and brought the various concoctions into class. After taste-testing, students voted to select the best one, then set about developing a marketing and advertising strategy.

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Tasty lesson: Wood creek third graders Katie Whorf (left) and Chris Cwirka work together on a class project of creating a barbecue sauce. They bottle, label and sell it.

## Trees that please

Farmington Hills has an active tree donation program to help areas of Heritage Park that need landscaping or shade. Over the past five years, people from the community have dedicated trees to the park as memorials or just to help beautify the area.

At a recent ceremony at the park, three groups were honored for donations of trees.

The Hill and Dale Garden Club of Farmington Hills donated a blue spruce in memory of Penny Stairs, a former member. The Northkap Lodge Sons of Norway, located on Eight Mile near Halsted, planted a tree in honor of all members. The North Farmington Garden Club placed a tree to observe Arbor Day.

Other individuals and clubs have planted close to 40 trees in Heritage Park.

Anyone interested in the tree donation program

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should contact George Morrow, assistant director of parks and golf, at 473-9570.

## All about Medicare

People with questions about Medicare take note. A "crash course" on the subject will be held 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at the Farmington Hills Inn, a nursing home at 30350 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Joyce Hunt, a benefits specialist with the Area Agency on Aging, will discuss Medicare issues and answer questions. The public is invited to attend the free program.

The June 28 presentation is the last in the Spring Speakers Series at the nursing home. The series will resume in the fall with presentations in September, October and November.

For more information, call 851-9640.

## Memory Lane

From the June 19, 1982, edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

• Fred Buesner, center fielder for the Milwaukee Brewers, came across home plate with the first run of the Farmington Little League season at City Park. The Cardinals defeated the Farmington State Bank Tigers, 5-2, in the first game of a double header. Cardinal pitcher Curt Lowe tossed a one-hitter.