

# Madonnathon returns to celebrate material girl

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STAFF WRITER

Like Madonna's tasseled braisere, her popularity is on again, off again.

It's off according to local bookstores and record stores selling her controversial photo book, "Sex," and record stores selling "Erotica," her faltering new album.

This weekend, however, Madonnamania may heat up one more time.

Madonnathon '93 is back in Southfield for the second consecutive year and promoters hope the hype over the girl next door — Rochester Hills' material girl — continues.

Baseline Entertainment predicts triple the number of fans that came to last year's Madonna extravaganza. And last year 1,200 people from as far away as Portugal and Sweden came to Southfield. This year fans will trek from Mexico, Quebec and England, said Bruce Baron, organizer and promoter for Baseline.

Perhaps her local popularity needs the boost. Her newest record release, "Erotica," a 14-cut selection that came out this year, isn't selling well, at least not in the past two months.

"It sold really well at first, like phenomenally well, but right now it's not selling at all," said Farmington House salesperson Tom Berratta.

"I think she's still popular, but I think her popularity did go downhill," Berratta said. "Of course, when she comes out with a new release that will all change."

Promoter Baron said Madonna's popularity is far from fading and will pick up momentum when her fall tour "The Girlie Show" begins in London next month. She already has U.S. concert dates set up in Miami, New York and Chicago. No news yet of a local performance, he said.

The Madonnathon has captured the interest of numerous media outlets including MTV, People magazine and the ABC News program Day One — all will

be in Southfield to cover the event.

The Madonnathon kicks off on Saturday morning with several two hour bus tours to Madonna's childhood sites — including the parochial school where she reportedly had her mouth taped shut by nuns. The bus leaves from the Southfield Plaza Hotel at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. The 65 mile tour costs \$36.

Also on Saturday at Menjo's Nightclub in Detroit an all-male Madonna drag-lip synch contest at 10:45 p.m. Madonna and Christopher Flynn went to Menjo's in the 1970s. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project. Cover charge for the MAPP benefit is \$4 at the door.

A Collectors Expo will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Plaza Hotel. Dealers will sell rare Madonna collectables. Also, a Madonna art competition, lip synch and a female Madonna look-a-like show. Cover is \$5.



Still Into the groove? Madonna look-alike Lisa Schuler of Chicago was the center of attention at last year's Madonnathon, but has the music superstar's appeal faded? Felix Thurner

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 9, 1993**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nancy Bates at 7:30 pm. Members Present: Bates, Grant, Lichtman, Marks and Sever. Members Absent: Smith and Vagnotz. Others Present: City Manager Costick, City Clerk Dornan, Assistants Call and Brock, and Attorney Donohue.

**MAYOR PROCLAIMED:**  
• August 9, 1993, as "South Farmington Baseball - 1993 Pony Baseball State Champions Day."

**COUNCIL:**  
• Amended 1993/94 Engineering Division Budget to allow for the hiring of a Civil Engineer I.  
• Received report on construction schedule for Farmington Road resurfacing and sidewalk/bike path construction.  
• Received monthly City Attorney report for August, 1993.

**APPROVED:**  
• Appointment of Neil Swicki to Zoning Board of Appeals.  
• Nomination of Trustees for Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Fund.  
• Attendance of Mayor and Staff person at National League of Cities Conference re: Volunteers and Families programs.  
• Agreement with City of Southfield to split costs of Inkster and Shilawassee intersection improvement.  
• Employment in accordance with Section 10.01A of the City Code.  
• Special Event License for family picnic on Cora on August 14, 1993.  
• Purchase of police vehicle to Red Holman Pointe in the amount of \$12,361.77.  
• City Council minutes of July 12 and 19.  
• Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

NANCY BATES, Mayor  
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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<b>WOMEN'S EVENINGS</b>	Thurs. 5:30-7:30 pm	Fri. 5:30-7:30 pm	Sat. (all) 5:30-7:30 pm				
<b>MIXED</b>	Sun. (all) 12:30-2:30 pm	Mon. 12:30-2:30 pm	Tue. 12:30-2:30 pm	Wed. 12:30-2:30 pm	Thu. 12:30-2:30 pm	Fri. 12:30-2:30 pm	Sat. (all) 12:30-2:30 pm
<b>MEN'S</b>	Sun. (all) 12:30-2:30 pm	Mon. 12:30-2:30 pm	Tue. 12:30-2:30 pm	Wed. 12:30-2:30 pm	Thu. 12:30-2:30 pm	Fri. 12:30-2:30 pm	Sat. (all) 12:30-2:30 pm
<b>RETIREES</b>	Thurs. 10:00-11:00 am	Fri. 10:00-11:00 am	Sat. (all) 10:00-11:00 am				

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
3155 ELEVEN MILE ROAD  
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48336

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvement: Construction of SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS to be located in the City as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Mayfield Street	Colfax Avenue	Cadillac Avenue
Whitlock Street	Eight Mile Road	Colfax Avenue
Colfax Avenue	Mayfield Street	Whitlock Street

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (REVISED) CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS 3155 ELEVEN MILE ROAD FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48336**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS Special Assessment Roll No. C-256 in the amount of \$252,812.54, for the construction of Road Improvements in said City to be located as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Randall Avenue	Folsom Road	Eight Mile Road
River Glen Avenue	Randall Avenue	Easterly Terminus

has been filed in the office of the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:	\$252,812.54
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT:	100%
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AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL ZONED COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	\$2,735.12
AVERAGE INDUSTRIAL ZONED COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	\$4,327.10

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL will meet in the City Hall Council Chambers, 3155 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 16th day of August, 1993, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, to review said Special Assessment Roll and to hear any objections thereto. Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing. In which case appearance in person is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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That plans and specifications outlining the improvement and the location thereof are on file with the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:	\$478,000.00
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT:	100%
TOTAL COST TO DISTRICT:	\$478,000.00
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	\$5,474.23

That the City Council has tentatively designated the proposed special assessment district to include the following properties:

**TIN. REE, SECTION 34, CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, PORTIONS OF WOODLAND ACRES SUBDIVISION AND WARNER'S WOODLAND VIEW SUBDIVISION AND ACREAGE PARCELS INCLUDING:**

23-34-176-004 thru 016  
23-34-177-008 thru 017, 025, 029, 033, 034 and 035  
23-34-338-025 thru 038 and 039 thru 041  
23-34-327-001 thru 016  
23-34-376-022 thru 033  
23-34-377-001 thru 011 and 017

That the City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chambers, 3155 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 16th day of August, 1993, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, to hear and consider any objections to the said improvement.

If the City Council approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. Act 186 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1973, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. The hearing for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to notice given as required by law. Appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required.

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