

# She deals in astrology, dabbles in ghostbusting

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Linda Newman is a third-generation astrologer who specializes in Asturian studies, Koscicevian beliefs, experiential shamanism, spiritualism, tarot, Qaballah and "metaphysical research in human potential."

And she believes in ghosts, or at least the form of energy that some people call ghosts.

Working out of her office on Maple in Birmingham, she writes newspaper columns, prepares astrological charts, schedules lectures and teaches those metu-

physical studies listed above to community groups.

She also will send an occasional ghost packing to the other side of eternity.

"Some are pretty horrible," said Newman. But it's not like what you can see in a movie, although the plots could give Stephen King the creeps.

Take the case of the woman who lived on a Washington, Mich. area farm about 100 years ago. She fell on a manure fork, which is something like a hay pitchfork, but with longer tines. She managed to crawl back into

the house, impaled, where she died.

A while later one of her sons came home. But he was an alcoholic and fearing he would be blamed for the accident, took his mother's body out back, put her body in a pit and covered her with lime to destroy the body before burying her. He then wrote a note signed by her saying she was sick of Michigan and was leaving forever.

"No one even looked for her and she was buried without even a prayer," said Newman.

That was the problem. Skip ahead a hundred years. The owner of the farm contacted Newman because she kept feeling the presence of a woman leaning over her.

Newman belongs to a group called Spirit, which has about 12 members who investigate psychic

occurrences and helps free troubled spirits.

She and the other members of the 12-person Spirit organization visited the site. One of the members was a voice medium who was able to piece together details of what had happened a century before. They later confirmed through records that a woman who had lived there did disappear 100 years earlier.

The group prayed over the site and the spirit departed, having been given a proper sendoff.

"But the (farm owner) got mad that we sent her spirit away," said Newman.

She avoids police investigations of grisly crimes because they can affect her.

After becoming involved in one gruesome case, she recalled, "I started seeing bits of people's babies in my dreams."

But such ghastly images are offset by the gentler cases.

Take the case of the couple who had an infant child who slept in a separate bedroom. The parents had an intercom connected to the child's room so they could hear if there were any problems at night.

"They would hear a couple talking about the baby, what a beautiful baby it is," said Newman. "Then they would say, 'be quiet, she will wake up.'" And they would hear the baby awaken.

As it turned out, years before another couple lived in the house. The husband died in the basement. After he died a cold spot remained on the stairs.

The wife, however, was still alive, but suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

"She thought she still lived there," said Newman. "In her mind she'd go back to the house where his spirit was still waiting." Eighteen months after Newman and her group figured out what was happening, the woman died.

The voices disappeared.

"He wasn't there out of fear," Newman said of the man's spirit. "He waited for her. He loved her so much. It was a beautiful love story."

Some cases are tougher to crack, such as the haunted sump pump at a Bloomfield Hills house. It turned itself on every Tuesday and Thursday during the spring. Newman said she thinks there must have been a devoted handyman there at one time.

Not all occurrences prove so baffling, or so spooky. The garage door that kept opening by itself was traced to a neighbor's TV remote control box. And the man who kept finding his sod rolled up in the morning was probably victimized by raccoons, Newman said.

"We go through 90 cases before we have a real one," said Newman. "Once in a while we get a real one. But it's seldom."

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE**

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE C-14-93, an ordinance to amend Section 34-3 of Chapter 34, Zoning, of the Farmington Hills City Code, to provide definitions of vehicles and commercial vehicles.

**THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ORDAINS:**

Section 1:  
Section 34-3, Definitions, of Chapter 34, Zoning, is hereby amended to add the following definitions, only, to be inserted in the appropriate alphabetical order among the definitions contained in Section 34-3:

**Commercial Vehicle** means all vehicles used for the transportation of passengers for hire, or constructed or used for transportation of goods, wares or merchandise and/or all motor vehicles designed and used for drawing other vehicles.

**Vehicle** means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, excepting devices designed exclusively to be moved by human power.

Section 2. Repealer  
Section 3. Severability  
Section 4. Saving  
Section 5. Effective Date November 15, 1993  
Section 6. Enactment October 25, 1993

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE**

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE C-15-93, an ordinance to amend Section 34-515 of Chapter 34, Zoning, of the Farmington Hills City Code, to amend the regulations relating to the size of signs on entranceway structures.

**THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ORDAINS:**

Section 1:  
Section 34-515(c)(3), of Chapter 34, Zoning, is hereby amended by adding a new subparagraph, Subparagraph h, which reads as follows:  
h. The sign area shall be limited to the smallest maximum area in square feet permitted in the district in Paragraph (c)(2) above for freestanding signs except that in the RA, RP, RC and MH Districts, the maximum sign permitted shall be thirty-two (32) square feet. The sign area shall be determined by the entire area within a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of writing, representation, emblem or any figure of similar character.

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 1993**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bates at 7:30 p.m. Members Present: Bates, Grant, Lichtman, Marks, Sever, Smith and Vagnotsi. Members Absent: None. Others Present: City Manager Costick, City Clerk Dornan, Assistants Call and Brock, Directors Blaszil and Countegan, and Attorney Donohue.

**COUNCIL RECEIVED REPORT ON:**

- The League of Women Voters program activities.
- Metropolitan Cable Television programming and rate issues.
- Status of Twelve Mile Road sidewalk, east of Middlebelt Road.

**COUNCIL:**

- Postponed consideration of Ordinance to amend the City Code, False Alarms, to provide a new tax lien collection procedure.
- Deferred for further study authorization to hold public hearings on the needs of youth.

**APPROVED:**

- Transfer of liquor license to Cadillac Cafe, located at 30355 Grand River.
- Transfer of liquor license at Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River.
- Appointment of Jeff Stewart to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Special Event License for Kendallwood Subdivision Halloween Parade for October 31, 1993, from 3:30-9:30 p.m.
- Labor agreement with Police Department's Lieutenants and Sergeants Association/POLC.

**APPROVE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR:**

- Road Improvements for Treatin Road and set date of November 22, 1993 for Public Hearing of Determination.
- Road Improvements for Rock Ridge Lane and set date of November 22, 1993 for Public Hearing of Determination.
- Water main installation for Northwestern Highway, from 32550 Northwestern Highway to 775 feet southeast of Fourteen Mile Road, and set date of November 8, 1993, for Public Hearing of Determination.

**ENACTED FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AMENDING CITY CODE, CHAPTER 24, ZONING:**

- C-14-93, to add definition of Commercial Vehicle.
- C-15-93, to clarify Entranceway Structure/Size of Signs.

NANCY BATES, Mayor  
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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JOSEPH A. SVOKE, Secretary  
Board of Education

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