

Award-winning station



Proud people: Don and Sue Schlitt, new owners of the Shell gas station at Grand River and Haggerty, show off their facility with employees Lisa Vowell (left) and Dan Rapp. Also with them is their dog Sailor. The station won the top community beautification award given recently by the Chamber of Commerce.

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an or alternative set.

The Sakutas' downtown neighbor Skip Rosenthal of Books Abound, Books for Less and Farmington Book Center received an award for "Adding Ambience and Livelihood to Downtown" from the commission.

Rosenthal's neighbor, Greg Hohler of the Civic Theater, was honored for his contributions for maintaining downtown's historical floor.

West of downtown, Kmart in

'Mostly what we were trying to do is make a place that was clean, neat and classical.'

Bob Sakuta

the Grand/Halsted shopping center received the "MVP Renovation and Improvement" award.

Lucy Vance was honored for "Residential Contribution to the City" for the flower display in front of her home. Betty Pool was recognized for her efforts in beau-

tifying the front of the Farmington Historical Museum. Author and historian Lee Peel was honored for his latest book, "Farmington: A Pictorial History."

Several condominiums and apartments received awards as well as businesses.

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Residents wary of development plan

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Although a plan to build a regional retail store near a Farmington Hills residential area is dead, some area residents are still not resting easy.

Developer Gary Jonna had originally wanted to qualify a proposed SourceClub warehouse store and housing project as a planned unit development, but withdrew the offer before planning commissioners could consider it in August.

More than 100 residents, most of them living near the 90-plus-acre lot on the southwest corner of Middlebelt and 12 Mile, attended to protest. Jonna withdrew it from

the agenda and instead, is bringing a more modest commercial development for consideration by the commission Nov. 18.

"The SourceClub is dead at that location," said planning commission chairman Paul Blizman.

But Ann Harris, one of the many residents opposed to the SourceClub plan, said she is not sure what Jonna is really planning this go around.

Harris said she and some others who originally opposed the SourceClub have met with Jonna to hear about his new proposal. But the proposal has been changed so that Harris isn't sure what the developer really has

planned.

"Another day, another story," she said. "It's just upsetting to me that he's changed his proposal."

Jonna said he will be proposing a development that includes a neighborhood shopping center with a housing development, not a regional shopping facility, such as the SourceClub. Jonna added that his request will not depend on the "cluster housing option," or especially dense housing, to make it go.

Jonna will take his proposal before the planning commission for a public hearing on Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

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