

# 8 Mile project gathers Big 4

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All four were there: Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Oakland and Wayne County Execs L. Brooks Patterson and Edward McNamara, and Macomb County Commission chairman Mark Steenbergh. This is name dropping for a reason.

It's to show you the importance they obviously place on the Eight Mile Boulevard Association, which held its first annual meeting Monday at Bonnie Brook Golf Club, yes, on Eight Mile Road, in Detroit.

Called "Great Days on Eight Mile," it heralded the cooperation and progress being made to improve the image and actuality of the border that spans Detroit and 12 of its suburbs.

"(The association) is consistent with the bridges that I'm personally trying to build," said Archer, acknowledging that the effort preceded his election.

"I believe there's no reason to have any barrier to keep us apart," He pledged that Detroit would be even more of a contributing player "when we get healthy."

McNamara wasted no time lighting into his hometown of Livonia that is the only one of the 13 communities along the boulevard that refused to fund the association.

"All these communities belong — except Livonia," McNamara said. "My objective for the coming year — other than to defeat my opponent — is to bring Livonia to the realization that they are a part of the current world."

Patterson emphasized the

importance of the four top tri-county officials personally showing up. "That bodes well for the region." He said Oakland County has budgeted its support.

Pat Nowak, director of the Michigan Department of Transportation, down from Lansing for the event, said Eight Mile should be more than just a state trunkline. "If the pressures of the world can bring down the Berlin Wall, it certainly can bridge the north and south sides of Eight Mile."

The state, he said, has already contributed \$50,000 toward a landscaping project. "Come to us again," he urged.

Southfield Mayor Don Fracassi, chairman of the group's board of directors, said since the association came into being, crime has gone down all along the boulevard. Other goals achieved this year are:

- Reaching out to businesses.
- Landscaping in front of the State Fair Grounds.
- Annual clean-up (made easier by the Adopt-A-Highway program).
- Enlisting 68 on the way to 100 associate members at \$28 a head.

The association's executive director, Sharon Douglas, later said the top priority for the coming year is "crime prevention through environmental design."

That means, she says, making it easier to observe criminal behavior.

*If you would like to join and/or want further information on the Eight Mile Boulevard Association, call Sharon Douglas at 559-8633.*


# Dietary assistant eats up Botsford Applause

Martha Mielke is winner of Botsford Continuing Health Center Applause! Applause! Award for May. Mielke, a two-time employee of the month, is a dietary assistant with the Dietary Services Department of Botsford Continuing Health Center. She was nomi-

nated for the award by family members of BCHC residents. "Martha is always in good spirits and eager to help residents," said one family member. "It really shows that she enjoys her work." Mielke was also recognized by BCHC for her outstanding ser-

vice, punctuality and attendance during her 25 years with BCHC. The Applause! Applause! award is given monthly to those who have provided exceptional care and service to residents of BCHC. Botsford Continuing Health Center is a 179-bed nursing facility in Farmington Hills.

In addition to providing long-term care, the facility provides hospice care, short-term respite care for families that need relief from daily caregiving activities, and a variety of support groups as part of its community outreach program.



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Farmington Community Education, in cooperation with the Michigan Builders Institute, will offer a one-day class on the basic techniques for applying roofing materials, 6:30-9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25, at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shinawassee.

Participants will learn methods for applying roofing materials through classroom lecture and hands-on demonstrations using a mock-up.

The class covers estimating cost and materials, types of roofing, working with roofing valleys,

and installing venting. The class costs \$35.

Pre-registration is required no later than Monday, May 23, to Farmington Community Education. Call the school at 489-3333 during office hours to register.

The instructor is a licensed builder with experience in all aspects of roofing. He will answer questions about roofing and its application.

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