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At DOISJOFU 1111 The Farmington Democrat-ic Club will be holding at meeting at 7:30 pm. Tuesday at the Buteford Ian on Grand River in Farmington Hills of discuss the proposed cellular tower ordinance. The Farmington Hills-Planning Commission passed an ordinance and referred it to the city council.



ON REAL ESTATE by Randal Goodson

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cally, there is a chain of event s when an offer co nes in o a home. After a meeting of the minds home. After a meeting of the minds he buyer often brings in a home rspector who usually finds a few item hat need to be repaired. The Realton ives the homeowner a list of the quested repairs. What comes next? The seller takes care of the renairs in most transactions. Many sellers wait until the week before the closing to call someone to do the work (they want to be sure that they are going to make it to the closing table before they spend ost transactions, Ma

noncy on repair work). If you are responsible for making repairs to a home you are setting, make sure you have the work dope well in advance of the dosing date by licensed professionals who will stand hind their work. If the work is done at the last minute and is incomplete o at the last minute and is incomplete or unsatisfactory, it could cause complications at the closing. You should provide the buyers with all the receipts and the names of the persons to contact in case there is a problem with the center. th the repairs.

For professional advice on all aspects of buying or selling real estate, talk to Randal Goodson, Vice-President, The Prudential Great Lakes Really, Please come by his office at 31000 Nonthwestern Highway, Suite 101, Tarmington Hills, or phone him t 810-539-3445. 80 Tower from page A1

antennas to be "concealed with-in or upon the building or struc-tures" of a non-residence (such as a church or golf course) that is within a residential area. E 'Once you open

that door, you will be unable to keep others out.' The antenna must be con-cealed, fall within the 500-foot setback limit and be approved not only by the property owner, but by the city.

Andy Nickelhoff mington Hills resident

but by the city, Rick Sundquist, an attorney for Americken and a Farmington Hills resident, said under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, cellular providers must comply with FCC regulations and must provide regular reports on their activities and equipment.

"Once you open that door, you will be unable to keep others out," he said.

In addition, a bond must be paid to ensure that once the equipment is no longer being used, it will not be abandoned.

used, it will not be abandoned. But for many residents who have been involved with the issue, the sere point was the idea that the antennas could be located in a residential area. Andy Nickelhoff said the antennas were fundamentally incompatible" with residential

"Places of worship have a spe-cial role," he said. "It's not right that these businesses niggyback on those uses."

Commissioner David Haron said it was important to realize that the towers and antennas were two different types of equipment, adding that a state-

Commissioners voted 5-3, to send the ordinance on to the city council for further action.

out, he said. Nickelhoff said having the equipment in residential areas was much different than other permitted non-residential enter-prises such as churches and businesses run out of homes.

council for further action. Commissioners Michael Sweeney, Jerri VanHouten, Bilzman, Carol Freedman, Haron and Barry Brickner voted for the ordinance. Commission-ers Sharon Garma, Bob Bruckn-er and Carol Freedman voted against. Chairman Gleen Fleis-chhacker was absent. Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said after the meeting that the city council will likely take up the subject in April. "It's been out there for over five years," he said, "We want to resolve this issue."

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ment in the March 11 COHA newsletter "blurs the distinction between towers and antennas."

between towers and antennas. "There will be no towers in a residential area," he said. Commissioner Bob Bruckner, a former COHA president, said a more restrictive ordinance the commission had looked at four months ago would have been better.

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They will use hot patch, a more pormanent cover, in warmer weather. The efforts haven't been headache and expense of flat tires, bent rims and frayed em-pers over the past three weeks, said Chip Habermehl, owner of Center Tirs on, you guessed it, Parnington Road. The last three weeks have been real busy, he said. In the middle of the month of Febru-ary, we started getting a lot of bent rims and blowouts. There is a noticeable difference in the number of potholes. The good news is that tires are made of better material, Haber-meh said. The bad news is that the samiler the tire is, the closer it will be to the rond and damag-ing potholes. The appears to be preity bed all over, said Kent. Tyse gout that as you go down the rond, you for-to avoid the big ones. A bigger tire deen't run the same kind of risk.



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"It's by far the worst between Eight and Nine Nile," he said. Although Farmington ends up paying for a good portion of maintenance for that stretch of road, he said help is on the way. The county has done some work, including joint patching,

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between Slocum and Eight Mile on Farmington last fall and the road is scheduled for repaying by the year 2000, he said. In the meantime, 'we're just putting out fires, 'he said. Road crows in both cities use cold patch — a material that