



Road widening, resurfacing and replacement is in progress throughout Oakland County, and until the projects are completed, motorists may want to bypass the following locations:

- **Birmingham** — Brown Street (also known as Ring Road) between Chester and Pierce is being reconstructed due to the addition of new sewers and new pavement. The work is expected to continue until mid-July, with a detour for east-bound Brown Street traffic to Maple Road. Derby between Adams and Coolidge and Buckingham between St. Andrews and Coolidge are being resurfaced with an expected completion date of late July. Derby will be closed during construction except for residential traffic.
- **Bloomfield Township** — Square Lake Road, between Bloomfield Crossing and Adams Road, is being resurfaced. The project is set to be completed by mid-June.
- **Farmington Hills** — The 1996 widening project along Eight Mile, between Haledale and Farmington roads, to five lanes, is continuing. The remaining one and a quarter miles through the Farmington Road intersection is expected to be completed Aug. 22. Intermittent lane closures are possible. Expansion of the Hagerty Connector (M-6) has closed 13 Mile Road, between Hagerty and Meadowbrook, until Aug. 1. Fourteen Mile, between Hagerty and Welch, is expected to have intermittent flagging for water main work through next week. Beam repair work has started on the 10 Mile bridge over I-96/I-275 with an expected completion in late October. There will be hourly closures on I-96/I-275, and 10 Mile is restricted to one lane in each direction. The gravel roads of Forestbrook and Grand Duke, off of Inkster Road and north of I-696, will be paved next week. Detours may be used within subdivisions. Rhinowood, a gravel road off of Gill Road and south of 9 Mile, is planned to be paved in mid-June with road paving completed by July 4. The Farmington Road bridge over I-696 will be shut down June 10 for deck replacement and reopen Aug. 19. Traffic will be detoured along 11 Mile, 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads and a lane shift will be in place for east and westbound I-696 travelers with intermittent lane closures during the late evening hours. A traffic signal is being installed at Haledale Road just south of I-696 at the Amerisure Insurance company business entrance. The work is expected to be completed in mid-June.
- **Independence Township** — White Lake Road near Andersonville Road is closed to through traffic. It is being widened to three lanes and realigned with Nelsky Road. Detours route drivers down Dixie Highway to Andersonville until the expected completion in November when the southern portion of White Lake Road will be turned into a cul-de-sac instead of intersecting Andersonville.
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- **Walled Lake** — Gamma Street, the main entrance to the Tri-A subdivision and Marshall Taylor Park, is closed for reconstruction and widening to three lanes through June 14. Access to businesses is being maintained, but subdivision residents are encouraged to use Omega Street.

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, detours are unknown or not planned.
Source: Local, county, city and village road officials.
— Compiled by staff writer Jennifer Paccione

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the past week.

BIRMINGHAM

Basin battle resolved: Bloomfield Township residents in four subdivisions will pay \$9 million toward the cost of construction on a new retention basin. On June 4, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Denise Langford Morris ruled that taxpayers in Bloomfield Village, Oakland Hills, Westchester and Birmingham Farms are responsible for that amount, based on the benefits they will receive from the basin.

Downtown business closes: Ending a 27-year stay, Art Schurgin will close his "Horn of Plenty" gift shop in downtown Birmingham. A local activist, the Birmingham resident is one of the founders of the popular "Night on the Town" summer sale event. The space at 442 S. Woodward will be occupied by the real estate firm Hall & Hunter.

CLARKSTON

Would-be carjacker impersonates police officer: An attempted carjacking in Springfield Township June 2 involved a man pretending to be a police officer. A driver was flagged over by man driving what appeared to be an unmarked white sheriff's car with a patrol light on the dash. The driver fled the scene.

FARMINGTON

Sewer plant: New sewers will be installed into the Greencastle subdivision in Farmington Hills. Concerned about high levels of E. coli bacteria and septic system failures. Residents in the special assessment district petitioned the council for the \$1.1 million project, although they will have to pay nearly \$13,000 on average for the improvement.

City/Wayne State collaboration: Farmington and Wayne State University are planning a vision for the city's central business district. City council recently approved an agreement to work with WSU's Center for Urban Studies at a cost of \$9,500.

LAKE ORION

Water main construction approved: Construction on two water mains on Baldwin and Clarkston roads will begin in July. The additional mains will improve the current water service by looping the system to ensure no breaks in service if a line ruptures.

OXFORD

Rezoning of subdivision denied: Addison Township Board of Trustees unanimously denied rezoning of over 94 acres of land on June 2. The request was denied because of inconsistencies with the Master Plan.

Gravel pits pose danger: Oxford police are warning trespassers to stay out of gravel pits on the Koenig Sand and Gravel property. The pits attract motorcyclists and teenagers.

ROCHESTER

Bond continued: Judge Jessica Cooper continued the \$250,000 bond for Monica Nowes in Oakland County Circuit Court June 4, allowing the Hills woman to remain out of jail as she awaits her trial next month. Nowes, 27, is charged with open murder in the death of brother-in-law Michael Hockenberry on Feb. 12.

Avondale considers millage renewal: Voters in the Avondale

school district will decide a 10-year millage renewal on June 9. If approved, the district will continue to levy \$18 for every \$1,000 of state equalized value for non-homesteads. It would also levy \$3 per \$1,000 of SEV on homestead property.

SOUTHFIELD

Arts center opens this weekend: Instead of building a new facility for \$26 million, Southfield decided to convert the former Congregation B'nai David synagogue into the new Southfield Centre for the Arts for a cost of just \$4 million. The center held its grand opening this weekend. The 47,646 square-foot facility holds 11 classrooms, a dance studio, a formal meeting room, a multi-purpose room, and a main auditorium.

TROY

Suspect in Ricketts case: A suspect in the hit-and-run death of Priscilla Ricketts at a local shopping plaza in late March is being asked to take a polygraph test. The man is currently facing trial for two unarmed robberies and a larceny, but has declined to take the polygraph test.

Bond issues: Voters in the Troy School District will decide who gets two four-year school board terms and whether or not to approve a \$71.5 bond issue on June 9.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Date for library vote: Sept. 23 is the date on which voters will be asked to approve a .7 mill increase to fund the expansion of the West Bloomfield main library and Westacres branch. The money would be used to cover \$10.5 million in 15-year bonds to be issued by the township.

—Compiled by Todd Wicks

Zoo event to benefit Sanctuary

Big creatures are coming back from extinction for a special event. The Detroit Zoo, with its Dinosauria II exhibit, is hosting a benefit fund raiser for The Sanctuary from 6-9 p.m. Monday. The zoo is located at 10 Mile and Woodward.

The Sanctuary is Oakland County's only agency providing care to runaway and homeless youth ages 10 through 20. It has built a system of shelter services, non-shelter community-based services, a 24-hour telephone, drop-in counseling, and teen and parent groups.

Tickets for the evening are \$25 per person and include a picnic-style dinner, the Dinosauria II exhibit, tractor train tour, gift bags for children under age 12, and raffle prizes. A \$125 per person ticket includes all the above plus the opportunity to win one of five diamond/amethyst gold rings, courtesy of Astreina Creative Jewelers, Birmingham. Sponsors include Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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