

Day care center closes on deal to buy post office

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Pending final approval from the Farmington Planning Commission, all signs are pointing toward go for the Sunny Day Care Center.

The day care center last week officially closed on a deal to buy the former U.S. Post Office on Slocum in Farmington, said Mary Bush of Cornwell & Bush, the listing Realtor for the property.

Bush also is the mayor of the city of Farmington, but she has abstained on every council action pertaining to the issue.

"They certainly will be starting renovation of that very soon," Bush said. "They hope to be in there by June 1."

The amount of the deal was not disclosed. Sue Casey of Sunny Day Care could not be

reached for comment.

Before the center can open, however, several alterations to the site plan must be presented to, and approved by, the planning commission.

Sunny Day Care will need approval on changes to improve safety and aesthetics, Mardy Stirling-Hamilton, chairman for the planning commission, said Monday. Alterations include changes to the exterior sign and facade.

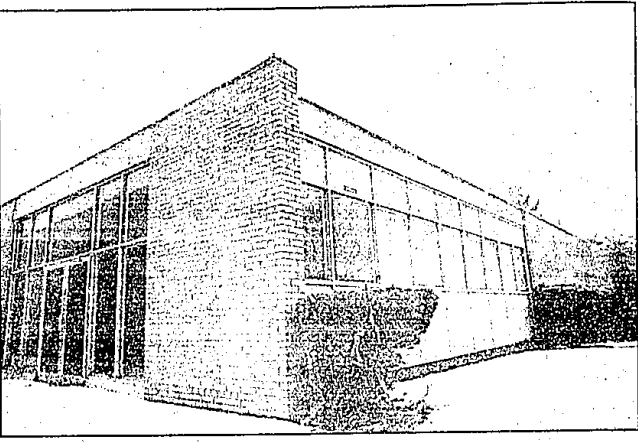
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Mayor Mary Bush
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Sunny Day Care was not on the agenda for the commission's next meeting, 8 p.m. Monday, March 8.

The day care facility will be "a great redevelopment" of the post office site, Bush said.

"I certainly feel it's an excellent use, an ideal use," she said. "This will be an ideal buffer between the central business district and residential (area). The use of the property will be much less-intense than when it was a post office."



Almost: The old Farmington post office on Slocum Street is waiting for new tenants.

Investigation: Woman says she was forced into trunk, trapped for 2 days

Police are continuing to investigate a report by a woman who said she was forced into the trunk of her car where she was trapped for two days.

The 45-year-old Troy woman was rescued from the trunk at about 2:15 p.m. Saturday. The car was parked at a strip mall at Farmington and 14 Mile in West Bloomfield.

She told police she had gone to the Kroger store at about 7 p.m. Thursday and was accosted by a

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man as she left her car. She said the man made sexual comments to her and she told him to leave her alone.

She said the man became angry, grabbed her by the hair and forced her into the trunk of her 1999 Chevy Cavalier. At about 2 p.m., Saturday some people passing by her car heard the woman pounding on the trunk.

Police said the woman was in good condition. She described her attacker as a white male in his 20s, about five-foot-10 with dark brown hair. If found, the man could face kidnapping charges.

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