

# Sing a song

## Our Lady of Sorrows Chorus performs to benefit shelter

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Our Lady of Sorrows chorus director Amy Malaney began Wednesday afternoon's rehearsal of "This Song Is For the Children" with an important reminder.

"Remember, you have to sell the song," Malaney implored the group of 17 young singers at the Farmington church. "Mean it when you sing it."

Malaney had to reiterate her advice following the initial run-through, which was accompanied

by pianist David Schall of Sorrows.

"Sell, sell, sell!" Malaney said. "What we're trying to do is raise awareness here."

She wants the chorus to sing with passion and urgency lyrics such as "For we are brothers and sisters, part of one family, and how we care for each other, depends on you and me."

The Sorrows' chorus, comprised of students in grades eight (from various schools), will sing those words - from "This Song Is For the Children" - during an 8 p.m. Friday concert to

benefit the Doorstep Homeless Shelter in Detroit. Doorstep is the largest shelter for women and children in Michigan.

After the chorus made it through the entire song, Malaney was sufficiently encouraged. "You guys are going to be great."

### Donations recommended

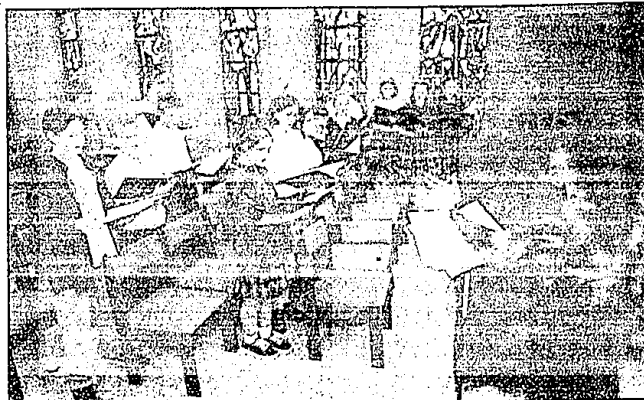
The concert, titled "Hearts and Voices for the Homeless," will take place at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23915 Power in Farmington.

Conducting the Rackham Symphony Choir, prominent area soloists and members of Michigan Opera Theatre's chorus is Suzanne Aeton, Rackham music director and MOT chorus master. They will perform everything from operatic arias to ragtime tunes. All are donating their time to the cause.

Jon Rutherford, from Doorstep, will also make a speech to the audience.

According to a press release about the concert, Doorstep, a nonprofit division of Metro Emergency Services Inc. "offers a bridge to future goals of economic self-sufficiency and stable permanent housing" and "places participants into mental health programs, residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment and helps to find appropriate employment for those who are ready."

Although admission to the 90-minute performance is free, \$10



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL DEERER

Rehearse: The Our Lady of Sorrows chorus, directed by Amy Malaney, practices for the performance at 8 p.m. Friday, to raise money for homeless women and kids.

donations are recommended and will be accepted at the door.

Before the rehearsal, Malaney, director of Sorrows' children's choir and a professional singer with the MOT, discussed the third annual concert, held at other metropolitan Detroit venues the first two years.

"They're excited about performing," said Malaney, about the Sorrows chorus. "... It's important for people with special talents to use those to help people," primarily by raising awareness of the plight of the homeless.

Malaney said comments heard following the first two concerts were that "people were so amazed by what they heard that they donated a lot more than

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Amy Malaney  
—chorus director

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Proceeds will be used "for whatever it's needed for," she said. "Last year, there was enough to buy a computer," although money was also spent on basic necessities.

Sorrows chorus members are Katie Baumgartner, Megan Casey, Matt Daigler, Katie Egan, Emma Erkin, Brianna Jonna, Kate Koehler, Margaret Leithner, Sean MacLennan, Emily Rahrig, Mark Schall, Tom Sfranski, Tom Domol, Amanda Buckhave, Carol Grabarczyk, Patty Kolinski and Emily Mor-

ria.

In addition to Malaney, the following MOT chorus members and special guests will sing: Betsy Bronson, Alaina Brodzki, Michael Budewitz, Louise Ficker, Lois Knaus, Richard Koenig, Donald Kukier, Robin Lounsbury, Jeanine Head Miller, Michael Parr, Curtis Peters, Brian Schultz, Charles Sutherland, Peggy Thorpe, Mark Vondrak and Barbara Wiltsie.

For more information, call (313) 341-3466.

### CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

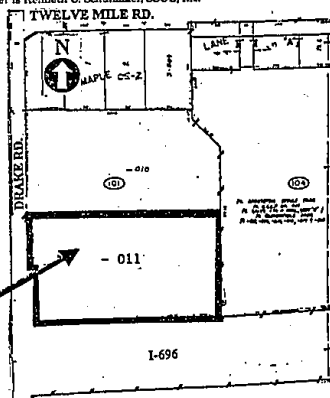
DATE: MARCH 18, 1999

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall  
31555 Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336

ITEM: Special Approval 56-2-99

The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to an application for Special Approval (SA 56-2-99) for a proposed use (product development) to be located in the Dana Building which is currently under construction, in OS-4, Office Research District classification. The property involved is located on the northeast corner of Drake Road and I-96, Sidwell #23-16-101-011. The applicant in this matter is Kenneth C. Schumaker, SSOE, Inc.



Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the Special Approval request. The application of Special Approval and the Zoning Text and Map may be reviewed at the Farmington Hills Planning Office on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

DALE A. COUNTEGAN, Director  
Planning, Community & Economic Development  
City of Farmington Hills

Item: SA 56-2-99  
Phone: (248) 473-9543  
Publish: March 7, 1999

### CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

DATE: MARCH 22, 1999

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall  
31555 Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

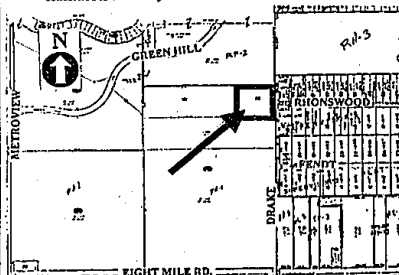
ITEM: Rezoning Request 10-12-98

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Farmington Hills City Council will give formal consideration to a proposed amendment to the official Zoning Map of the City of Farmington Hills by amending Section 34.32 of the City Code by changing the zoning classification of the following parcel of property as follows:

Rezone from RA-1, Single-Family Residential District classification to RA-3 or RA-4, Single-Family Residential District classification.

Sidwell #23-32-400-008

A part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, T1N, R9E, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan. The property concerned is commonly known as 35410 Rhinewood Avenue.



The proponent in this matter is Sam Baki.

Any person who is interested in this proposed zoning map amendment is invited to participate in the discussion of the proposed zoning change at the public hearing above mentioned. Copies of the Zoning Text, Zoning Map, and Application for Rezoning may be reviewed at the Planning Office, Farmington Hills City Hall at 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

DALE A. COUNTEGAN, Director  
Planning & Community Development  
City of Farmington Hills

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### FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for Asbestos Abatement at Harrison High School until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 1999 at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shilohwasee, Farmington, Michigan 48336-2368, addressed to Paul Hein at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. No oral, telephonic, telegraphic or facsimile proposals will be considered. The Board will not consider or accept a bid received after the time and date specified.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any item in the bid to accept or reject any or all bids; to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

A bid bond for 5% of the bid amount issued by a carrier licensed by the State of Michigan and with an excellent or superior rating from A.M. Best Company must accompany your bid proposal. No certified checks accepted. Bid documents will be available at the office of Environmental Testing & Consulting, 38900 Huron River Drive, Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 955-6600.

A mandatory prebid meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 1999 at 4:00 PM at Harrison High School, 29995 West Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

This project to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

LINDA K. ENBERG, Secretary  
Board of Education

Publish: March 6 and 7, 1999

### Public Notice to ALL Veterans FREE BURIAL SPACE

The field of Honor at Acacia Park Cemetery is being re-dedicated to veterans, ex-service personnel and their families. You are entitled to burial space, proof of honorable discharge is required. A limited number of spaces are available to veterans and their families. Therefore, immediate pre-registration is advisable. To receive your eligibility certificate, and other valuable veterans information, fill out and mail coupon below or call:

Acacia Park Cemetery Since 1924  
(248) 646-4228

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### Middle School

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(248) 474-6115

### ADVERTISEMENT

The City of Farmington Hills Purchasing Division will solicit sealed bids, during the next forty-five (45) days for the following products and/or services:

Video Conferencing System

Fire Protective Clothing

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Central Services Department. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the bid specifications. The City of Farmington Hills reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in part or in whole, to waive any formalities and to accept the bid which it believes to be in the best interest of the City.

KATHRYN A. DORMAN  
City Clerk

Publish: March 7, 1999

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL MARCH 22, 1999 7:30 P.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a Public Hearing held on Monday, March 22, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing opinions on the partial vacation of Bartlett Boulevard lying east of Lots 149 through 152, Oakland Hills Orchard Subdivision, Section 11, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan.

Any person who is interested to participate in the discussion of the proposed vacation at the Farmington Hills Administration Building, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan. Phone: 474-6115. Anyone who cannot attend may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk at the above address for inclusion in the public hearing record.

KATHRYN A. DORMAN, City Clerk  
The City of Farmington Hills

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