

## Fire hall architect picked

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Farmington Hills-based Wolf Wineman Inc. has been selected to develop plans for the remodeling of Fire Station #4.

"We're all very excited," said project manager Jim Lemire. "It sounds like a nice little project."

Architects haven't met yet with fire officials, he said, so the entire scope of the project has yet to be determined. Located at 28711 Drake Road in northwest Farmington Hills, the station once served as department headquarters, said Fire Chief Richard Marinucci.

"We vacated the headquarters space and left it the way it was," he explained. "That's not the best use for the kind of station it is now."

The station is "home" to three career firefighters; in addition, 15 paid, on-call firefighters respond from there. The office will be redesigned to ensure the most effective use of space, Marinucci said.

Because the building is 20 years old, designers will also take a look at the heating system.

The building also doesn't accommodate some of the important changes made in fire services over the past two decades, such as an increased gender

diversity among the ranks.

"We're redesigning it to add a women's locker room," Marinucci said.

A number of other issues in the aging building will be addressed, such as cosmetic damage caused by the move and a reworking of the apparatus bay and storage areas.

The building's second floor training room won't be touched because it was redone after trusses stressed by heavy snows collapsed during a storm a few years ago.

Wolf Wineman's bid of \$21,260 was nearly \$3,000 lower than the next-highest bidder.

The company has previous experience with fire departments and has completed many remodeling projects for federal agencies such as the U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and General Services Administration, Lemire said.

He's familiar with the building because his brother-in-law and sister-in-law live in an adjoining neighborhood.

"My kids go to that fire station when they have their open house every year," Lemire said.

Partial funding for the project is budgeted in the 1999/2000 capital improvement fund, with additional dollars projected for the 2000/2001 fiscal year, Marinucci said.

## Community service



Doing their part: Jenny Wingert and Jessica Pedroza load Goodfellows baskets into a volunteer driver's truck. The students were two of the Farmington High School students who donated time and muscle to the Saturday delivery day.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL REEBLES

## SANTA LETTERS...



Hannah Foster

DEAR SANTA,  
I am sending you this letter for my sister, Hannah. She is one now, but doesn't say many words. Could you please bring her a baby doll and some Mega blocks?  
Her doctor has Mega blocks and she goes there a lot. I think she will share them with me, too.  
Here is a picture of Hannah. I think she is cute.

— Love, Zachary Foster  
Farmington Hills



Zachary Foster

Hi SANTA!  
How are you doing? I am fine. Could you please bring me two things for Christmas? I would like a Brio Train Station and a Thomas the Tank Logging Mill.

You could bring me anything else you want, too. Just know that I'm not crazy about Barbies.

— Love, Zachary Foster  
Farmington Hills



Rebecca Pruter

DEAR SANTA,  
How's the North Pole? I hope you're ready for Christmas. I would like... a hamster, a secret, a big blow-up chair, and slippers.

— Love, Rebecca Pruter  
Farmington Hills

DEAR SANTA,  
Many Christmas! Here are some things I might like. Could I please have some of these things? A Bop-it, a doctor case, Sissy and her traveling trunk, Cuddly Soft Kelly, Chow Chow, WWF Wrestling figures and action set, Brummin' Singin' Woody, and a Nascar Speed Zone.

— Sincerely, Cassandra Reasco  
Farmington Hills

TO: SANTA CLAUS  
Things that I might get for Christmas - Please  
• The Baskin Robins Milk Shaker  
• Echo the Robot  
• Skateboarding Shannon Barbie  
• Sparkle head bands  
• Milky pens  
• The Pokémon Movie  
• Pokémon cards  
• Britany Spears CD  
• Pokémon slippers  
• Beach Boys tape or CD

— Cynthia Reasco  
Farmington Hills

## RECREATION NEWS

### HOLIDAY CAMP

Children ages 5-11 can enjoy games, crafts, outdoor fun during Holiday Break Camp. The camp will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 27-31 at Heritage Park Day Camp Building. The cost is \$50 per person and pre-registration is required.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The city of Farmington Hills is accepting men's basketball registration. Leagues play on Mondays or Sundays at the Costick Activities Center. The fee is \$325 per team. For more information call 473-9570 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

### WINTER STAFF

The Recreation Division is in search of Youth Basketball Referees, Sled Hill Supervisors, Cross Country Ski Center Attendants and Special Events Assistants. If you are interested please call the Recreation Division at 473-9570 or stop by the city of Farmington Hills, Department of Special Services for an application.

### ICE SKATING HOURS

Following are public skating hours through June 11, 2000, at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena on Eight Mile Road:  
Monday-Friday noon skate,

11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday, 7-8:50 p.m.; Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Sunday, 4-5:50 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. The Parent-Tot Skate is 9-10:50 a.m. Monday and Wednesday, while the Adult Skate is 9-10:50 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

### CHORUS CONCERT

The Farmington Community Chorus will perform "It must be the Holiday Season" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday Dec. 17 and 18 at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. Tickets are available at the Special Services office. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors.

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## School helps cyclone victims

Beechview Elementary School students this week are sending food, clothing and medical supplies to cyclone-ravaged Orissa, India.

The worst cyclone in the history of Orissa left millions of Indians homeless.

Beechview's collection included medicines donated by Abbott, Pfizer, Smith Kline Beecham and Parke-Davis pharmaceutical companies.

Organizing the effort were parents Veena Jindal, Pushpa Goswami and Rashmi Wadhwa, members of the Farmington district school's Indian community.

Last week, the school received permission from the Consulate

## BEECHVIEW ELEMENTARY

General of India in Chicago to send the items to India.

"We have received permission to send clothing, bedding, non-perishable food items, and medicine," Wadhwa said.

Mark Shook of Air Towne Freight donated a tractor trailer and driver to take the items from Detroit to Chicago.

Air India in Chicago donated the space to take the items from Chicago to New Delhi, India.

**LIGHT A CANDLE OF LOVE.**

Since Christmas is a time for remembering, we are lighting a candle in our funeral home for all the families we have served this past year.

As you enjoy this Christmas season, we hope this gesture will serve to remind you of Holidays past and the importance of family.

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