

Major road openings give motorists holiday cheer

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Motorists who use two of the Farmington area's major thoroughfares got an early holiday gift, when Farmington Road construction finally wrapped up last week. And it shouldn't be long for the lanes to come down on Orchard Lake Road as well - at least by Christmas.

"Most people are understanding; they love it when it's done," said Binzell.

Construction on Orchard Lake Road "has lasted longer than anticipated," he said. "A lot of this has to do with the Road Commission (for Oakland County). They hope to have Orchard Lake open by the end of this week or at least by Christmas."

The \$10 million project, paid mostly with federal funds, is extending the busy road from two lanes to a four-lane boulevard. The first phase of widening Farmington Road from Eight Mile north to Grand River in the

city of Farmington wrapped up last week.

Farmington Hills participation is limited to the area from Nine Mile south to Eight Mile. This section was done this construction season. Motorists should be warned the remaining work on the \$7.7 million project will start next spring.

The other major road work wrapping up this season was the reconstruction of Northwestern Highway from Inkster to 14

Don't toss those holiday cards

Instead of tossing holiday greeting cards in the garbage, residents of Farmington and Farmington Hills can recycle them.

Cards may be dropped off from Thursday, Dec. 27 through Tuesday, Jan. 29 at six different locations throughout the cities.

Look for holiday greeting card drop off boxes at both the Farmington and Farmington Hills City Halls, both branches of the library, the Costick

Activities Center, and the Farmington Hills Division of Public Works at 12 Mile and Halsted.

The Resource and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County is coordinating the effort. They ask that residents drop off the whole card (not just the front) for recycling. Any type of greeting card will be accepted at the drop off locations.

Cards will be delivered to the Keith Bovenschen School

in Warren, where they will be recycled into new greeting cards, gift tags, or bookmarks. The new items will be sold to raise money for classroom items at the school, which serves developmentally disabled children and young adults.

Questions about holiday greeting card recycling or any recycling issues can be directed to the Farmington Hills Division of Public Works at (248) 553-8580.

Open for business: With the completion of the Farmington Road construction, five lanes have opened up for motorists. The new stretch between Eight and Nine Mile Roads provide a safe and smooth ride into Farmington.



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