

# DCX wants to expand parking at new site

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DaimlerChrysler is proposing to build a new parking lot near the building it recently bought in Farmington Hills.

The German automaker bought the old Michigan National Bank Headquarters building off Inkster Road, north of I-696 recently and plans to conduct its financial services for North America in the building.

Bill Crabtree, manager of administrative services for the company's North American ser-

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vice, said the company plans to consolidate its two Southfield offices under one roof at the site. "This building provides us with everything we want," he said. "This building will allow us to put everything under one roof."

Crabtree said DaimlerChrysler will put \$15 million in renova-

tions and furniture into the building and move its 1,200 employees inside in August or September. An open house is planned in mid-September, he said.

The company is seeking to build an adjacent parking lot on 9.5 acres of former school property east of the bank site's current

parking lot.

An attorney for the company told the council that the plan is to preserve "plenty" of open space and supply sufficient buffering between residential homes to the north, known as the Forestbrook Hills No. 1 subdivision, with a berm and trees.

The architect for the proposed project told council that the plan is to add 169 trees to replace the 79 trees on the site.

During the public hearing on the request Monday, resident Stella Menton told the council her property abuts the proposed

project. She questioned whether anything else could be built on the site at a future time.

She was told that since the project is being pursued under a Planned Unit Development agreement, any future land use proposals would have to be approved by the planning commission and council.

"They cannot do anything that is not in the PUD agreement," said city attorney John Donohue.

A PUD allows the city to enforce guidelines for how the project will appear.

Donohue said the qualification

request that was approved by council Monday simply means DaimlerChrysler can proceed with more detailed plans for the company's proposal.

There will be at least two more public hearings on the proposal, the attorney said.

Fred Hoffman, a DaimlerChrysler representative for government relations, told the council that the company is looking forward to moving part of its operations to the Hills and that it plans to be involved in the community and be a member of the area Chamber of Commerce.

## Recycling authority sets days for dropoff

Residents of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake, Wixom and Lyon Township should mark their calendars for the six regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop Off Days scheduled for 2002.

The Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) continues to sponsor these regional events.

Residents may take used computer equipment, oil-based paint, household and automotive batteries, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs and other common household chemicals from their homes, garages and workshops to the following events:

■ April 20 at Wixom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail, (between Wixom and Beck Roads) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ May 11 at the 47th District Court in Farmington, 32795 W. 10 Mile Road. (Enter via Shiawassee, between Farmington and Power Roads) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ May 18 behind RRRASOC, 20000 W. Eight Mile Road. (Enter via Maple Ridge, North off of Eight Mile, just east of Evergreen Road.) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ June 1 at Lyon Township Park, 58000 Grand River (just west of Milford Road) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ September 7 at Novi City Hall, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. (Between Novi and Taft Roads) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ October 12 behind RRRASOC, 20000 W. Eight Mile Road. (Enter via Maple Ridge, North off of Eight Mile, just east of Evergreen Road.) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

RRRASOC is assuring residents that used computer equipment (UCE) collected at HHW events is processed and recycled domestically at facilities owned by its hazardous waste contractor, Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., and/or at properly licensed facilities in North America, with which Clean Harbors has arrangements. RRRASOC's agreements with Clean Harbors emphasize material reuse, recycling and reclamation.

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"Instead of being lost in a sea of tax-time legalese, the guide's easy-to-read format makes it simple to learn about preparing taxes," said Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills. "Senior citizens and families can also save money with details on current tax exemptions."

Raczkowski has provided free copies to local public libraries and post offices.

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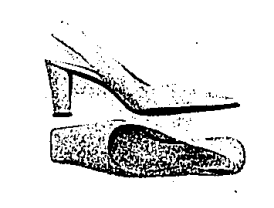
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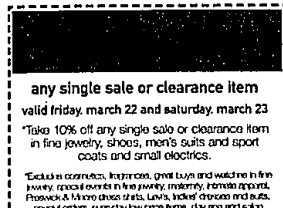
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