

# Post office finally delivers for OL Road residents

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After a year of chasing down their mail at several different locations, Orchard Lake Road residents finally got their mailboxes put up outside their homes this week.

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow, nor gloom of night stops the U.S. Postal Service from delivering mail, but road construction problems apparently do.

Residents on the east side of Orchard Lake between 10 and 11 Mile spent the past year having their mail delivered sporadically and at different locations while the road was widened last construction season.

At first, temporary boxes were put on a side street for affected residents, then when the boxes were put back on the roadway, carriers were nervous about stopping their mail trucks on the 45 mph road for fear of being rear-ended by another vehicle. That caused residents to make a 3-mile round trip to pick up their mail at the local annex.

The problem was the sidewalk for the east side of Orchard Lake

was not finished before last winter. The master plan was for carriers to use the new sidewalk for mail delivery.

After complaints from residents, the city offered to put temporary mailboxes by city hall until the boxes could be placed along sidewalks.

Now the sidewalks are installed, the grass areas have been planted along the rights-of-way, and finally, the mailboxes were put in their permanent homes this week.

Orchard Lake resident Laurie Adams said she's happy the service is finally back on track. Picking up her mail at the local annex became a challenge, she said, as the annex's limited hours didn't always match up with her work schedule.

Adams said earlier this month, once again the mail was sporadically delivered from the city hall boxes to the boxes on the roadway. "I think what happened was the (usual) carrier went on vacation and the new person didn't know where to go," she said. Officials at the local Post Office could not be reached for comment.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL DRABLER

Ducks in a row: Aliens haven't landed on Orchard Lake Road. It's still new, long-awaited mailboxes installed this week after road construction was finished.

## OBITUARIES

**MAXINE LEAR IRVINE**  
Maxine Lear Irvine, 85, of Farmington Hills died July 8, 2002 in Dotsford General Hospital. She was born November 12, 1916 in Benton Harbor, Mich. She was employed by city government as an office worker. Mrs. Irvine is survived by her husband of 44 years, Harry M. Irvine; brother Fred Lear; sister-in-law Lila (James) Irvine; and many nieces and nephews. Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home of Farmington.

**RICHARD DARE OSTRANDER**  
Services for Richard Dare Ostrander, 74, of Farmington Hills, were July 11 in Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home of Farmington with Pastor Charles Giddens officiating. Burial followed at Wright Cemetery in Webberville, Mich.

Mr. Ostrander was born October 13, 1927 in Farmington. He died July 8 at Charter Oak of Farmington Hills. He was employed as a floor sander in the carpentry business. He was preceded in death by wife Mary Lou.

Survivors include son Richard M. (Marcia) Ostrander, Jr.; sister Barbara (Howard) Backus; grandchildren Lisa Griese, Richard M. Ostrander and Christopher Ostrander; and great-granddaughter Addison Rose Griese.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice. Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home of Farmington.

**ROBERT H. HULL**  
Services for Robert H. Hull, 83, of Farmington Hills, were held Thursday, July 11 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Rev. John F. Maki of Salem United Church of Christ officiated. Burial followed at Glen Eden Memorial Park of Livonia. Mr. Hull was born July 28, 1918 in Detroit. He died July 8 in Farmington Hills. He was formerly of Taylor and Detroit. He was employed as a staff representative by the Steel Workers of America. He donated flag poles to Farmington Ice Arena and benches to Founders Park. Mr. Hull served in the Army during World War II.

He is preceded in death by wife Virginia. Survivors include nephews Richard (Mary) Schultz of Taylor and Donald (Kathleen) Schultz of Big Rapids. Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home of Farmington.

**PAMELA ANN OWENS**  
Services for Pamela Ann Owens, 43, of Ft. Myers, Fla., were July 13 in St. Edith Catholic Church of Livonia with Rev. Fr. Tim Murray officiating. Burial followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery of Southfield.

Pamela Owens was born August 16, 1958 in Detroit. She died July 8 in Orangeburg, South Carolina. She was a dental hygienist at a private dental practice. She was a graduate of Ferris College and a former resi-

dent of Livonia and Farmington. She was a Girl Scout troop leader, former PTA president, catechism teacher, and band booster at Estero High School in Florida. She was preceded in death by son Stephen.

She is survived by her husband Michael; sons Robert and Timothy; daughter Elizabeth; parents David and Judy Antishin of Farmington Hills; parents-in-law Richard and Thelma Owens of Brighton; brothers David Antishin of Boston, Dennis (Suzie) Antishin, Douglas Antishin of Farmington Hills, and Daniel (Josephine) Antishin of Milford; and sister Paula (Scott) Schwanke of Rochester. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home of Farmington.

**FENI S. GANDOLFI**  
Funeral services for Feni "Fay" S. Gandolfi of Farmington Hills will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 15 at St. Gerald's Church in Farmington, with Rev. Gerald McEhll officiating.

Mrs. Gandolfi was born on May 5, 1907 in South Wilmington, Ill. She died July 10, 2002 at Addington Place, Northville.

She was married to Henry Gandolfi in 1939 and spent her life as a wife and mother.

Along with her husband, she is survived by daughter Mary (Perry) Herndon; son Gary (Nancy) Gandolfi; granddaughters Gina, Julie and Holly; grandson Michael; and great-granddaughters Hannah, Sophie and Kaitlin.

## CLARIFICATION

### Correction

In Thursday's story regarding a police report filed by Bill Laverti of Magic Brain Computers over noise during the Monday night classic car show in the municipal lot, the address was listed incorrectly. It is 23603 Farmington Road, northwest corner of Farmington and Sinte Street.

Also, Mr. Laverti was described as having "complained" to the Farmington City Council regarding parking for his business. Mr. Laverti responds: "I did not complain to the city council. I asked for consideration for parking for my customers who have to carry heavy things in and out."

## Road Commission Roadwatch

Information for Road Watch is supplied by the Road Commission for Oakland County ([www.rcocweb.org](http://www.rcocweb.org)). Information is subject to change.

### Farmington

■ Road 17 Farmington Road, south of Nine Mile to Grand River—This section of Farmington is closed to southbound traffic as the ROCOC reconstructs and widens the road. During the project, the detour route for southbound traffic is Grand River, Drake and Nine Mile. Motorists traveling northbound on Farmington should expect delays and are encouraged to use the detour route as well. Completion is expected Sept. 30 (section north of Slocum to be done by July 16).

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