

# Kendallwood residents to get new roads

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Residents in the Kendallwood subdivision, section 9, will be getting new streets starting next year as the Farmington Hills City Council approved a special assessment district to have the roads repaved with asphalt.

The council approved the move despite the fact that several residents said they wanted to change their vote on the poll for a special assessment district for the project that is estimated to cost about \$1.04 million.

The council approved the measure after residents who both supported and decried the move spoke before the city

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council. Approval was based on a 57 percent level of support by residents in the nearly 300-home subdivision.

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Tom Biasell, director of public works, said the city will pay the maximum share for such a project at 80 percent.

He said the reconstruction work could start in the spring.

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Erin McConnell's amazing pumpkin vine has fruit scattered through the family's flower beds and hanging from trees.



Pumpkins are growing in the top branches of a tree in the front yard.

## Young grower succeeds with planting pumpkins

Erin McConnell, 11, planted pumpkins seeds a couple of years back and the plants decided to do a healthy job of reseeded themselves by the home on Derby Lane she shares with her mother, Marie Himmler.

The plants expanded the length of the side of house and

even the front and up a tree.

Now, Erin has 24 pumpkins on the vines and another 10 flowers are already blooming.

"We're thinking of having a pumpkin stand," Himmler said.

Erin, an upcoming sixth-grader at East Middle School, also enjoys planting and caring for cucumbers and tomatoes.

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This year's holiday falls on Sept. 8 and provides a time to spend together with grandparents or to reminisce about happy times with grandparents who are no longer living.

In Farmington Hills, there is now an official way to commemorate special grandparents. Residents have chosen to keep alive the memory of their grandparents by purchasing a commemorative brick at Memorial Park.

For a donation of \$100, individuals or groups may purchase a brick to be inscribed with the name or message of their choice. (Please note that the individual being memorialized or the person purchasing the brick must be a current or former resident of Farmington Hills.)

Other items available for purchase as memorials include a variety of trees, task benches, and handmade designer birdhouses. For information, call the DPW at (248) 553-8580 or visit [www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us](http://www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us).

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