

# Barnett protests right of way legislation

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Do you want private business taking away your land? That's the question Farmington Hills City Councilwoman Vicki Barnett is asking as communities' rights of way are being threatened by proposed legislation in Washington.

Barnett warned that U.S. Senator John McCain and the Federal Communications Commission are moving forward with plans to assert jurisdiction over rights of way nationwide, in an effort to exempt telecommunication companies from having to pay franchise fees to use that property to install cables.

Barnett said the right of way is owned by the city, and, in a sense, by all citizens.

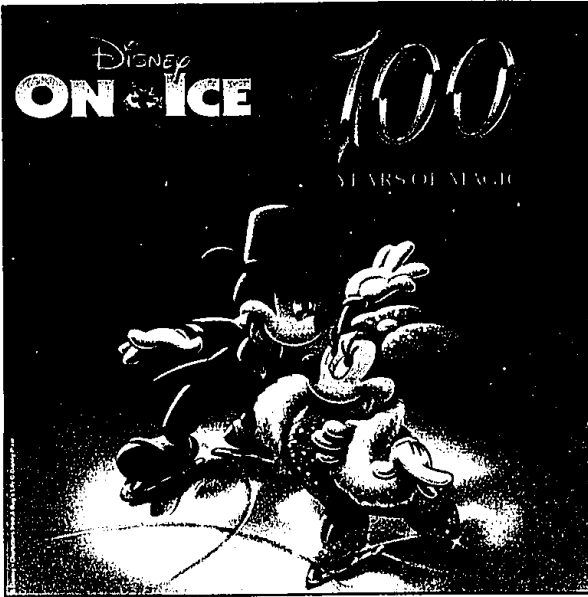
"They are trying to take away land without due process or compensation," she said Monday before Congressman Joe Knollenberg, who updated the council about issues in Washington during a council study session.

Knollenberg said he wasn't familiar with McCain's proposal but would look into it.

At the council meeting, Barnett went on to say, "It's only fair to be paid proper rent to put cables in our land. Otherwise, it's citizens subsidizing private industry."







Barnett urged residents to contact their congressman and U.S. senators to voice their opposition to any legislation that threatens to overturn Public Act 48.

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Adult basketball, 9-11 a.m. Sundays; adult volleyball, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays; teen basketball, 1-3 p.m. Sundays; ping pong, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays.

The cost to participate for residents 17 and under is \$2; non-residents at \$4. Eighteen and over is \$4 for residents and \$5 for non-residents.

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Bring the family to a pasta buffet dinner and check out local Farmington talent 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Costick Center. Performances by the Farmington Dance Company, the Melodie Minors, the bands Squeeze Box and Gutterbunnies will all be a part of the fun. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Costick Center. Last day to purchase tickets is Nov. 4.

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