

June 30, 2003

BLOOMFIELD ORCHARDS SUBDIVISION NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The **Footing Drain Disconnection (Sump Pump) Project** is rapidly nearing completion in the Bloomfield Orchards Subdivision. The City is now completing the final phase of this important program.

Approximately 500 homes (almost 95%) have had sump pumps installed and the footing drains disconnected to date. Based on this progress, **the City will complete the Volunteer portion of this project on July 31, 2003.**

To continue our success with protecting the environment and remain in compliance with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and Oakland County Drain Commission (OCDC), we encourage you to participate in the footing drain disconnect program. **The City of Auburn Hills will fund all work for those that have volunteered to have a sump pump installed and are completed by July 31, 2003.**

As the program nears completion and all volunteers have been disconnected, those homes that are non-conforming may be required to disconnect at the "time of sale." A draft ordinance is currently being prepared for City Council review and approval to require the footing drain disconnection from the sanitary sewer, with all work to be inspected and approved by City personnel prior to the sale of the home. Upon completion of the voluntary program, **the homeowner will likely incur the cost of all related work not completed as part of the voluntary program.**

The City's focus in this last month of the voluntary program will be to complete the final thirty-one (31) homes.

It is true that many homes have not experienced basement flooding during a significant rain event. If you are one of these fortunate home owners, please remember that every house with its footing drains connected to the sanitary sewer is contributing to neighborhood basement flooding and sanitary sewer overflows (SSO's) that pollute our lakes and streams. Soon after the project began, those residents located in low areas within the subdivision that are prone to basement flooding have experienced relief from sewer backups. When reducing SSO's, we also do our part to protect the environment.

Yes, every resident within the subdivision has reaped the benefits of this program, even though they may not be apparent. We can only achieve compliance with the MDEQ requirements by drying up the sanitary system and reducing flows into the Evergreen/Farmington Interceptor by redirecting clear surface and ground water into

storm drains where it belongs. In turn, the City and its residents will avoid potential **penalties and fines** levied by the OCDC and the MDEQ, providing further benefits by saving your tax dollars.

An Information Sheet is attached if you desire to take advantage of this program while City funding lasts. **If interested, do not hesitate to complete the Information Sheet and contact Ron Moniz immediately at (248) 364-6908 to schedule an appointment.** You may also fax your Information Sheet to the attention of Ron Moniz at (248) 391-4895. Additional background information may be viewed on the City of Auburn Hills' website at www.auburn-hills.org/dpw/.

We ask for your patience and cooperation during construction as occasional temporary inconveniences may occur. Any comments, questions or concerns may be directed to Ron Moniz at the Department of Public Works (248) 364-6908.

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