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**FH resident
sues village**

A Fairport Harbor resident is suing the village, a mortgage company and an insurance company, claiming utility work caused a water leak that damaged a house.

According to a civil lawsuit filed this week in Lake County Common Pleas Court, the village performed water and sewer line work on King Street in 2010, but failed to take reasonable precautions in the process.

The work caused a waterline leak that damaged the plaintiff's house and yard, cracked the house foundation, allowed "black mold" to develop and ultimately rendered the house uninhabitable, according to the lawsuit filed by attorney Gerald J. Patronite, attorney for King Street resident Jamie McCullough.

The lawsuit seeks compensatory and punitive damages and other damages in excess of \$125,000. The case has been assigned to Judge Vincent A. Culotta.