

## Parking stickers required

By Craig Plechura  
staff writer

Only residents who've bought stickers will be able to park in the evening on Brookdale. The city-issued stickers will cost \$8 per year.

The action, which should take effect in six weeks, was approved by a 4-1 vote of the Farmington City Council Monday night.

The parking ban for non-residents came about in response to continuing complaints by Brookdale homeowners that patrons of the busy Bootleggers Bar block driveways and damage parked cars when the bar's parking lot fills. The bar shares the 150-space lot with a bowling alley.

Councilman Ralph Yoder opposed the motion, saying residents of the street "will suffer the consequences of the action."

Bar owner Joseph Ascione wasn't at the council meeting Monday night, but he's said previously that the idea of exclusively restricting parking to residents is unconstitutional.

"Brookdale is a public street, and I'm a taxpayer just like anybody else in the city," Ascione said last week.

The city attorney found numerous legal precedents for restricting residential street parking when commuters disrupt the peace of homeowners, said City Manager Robert Deadman.

Council members stressed that the situation on Brookdale is unique and said they don't intend to grant similar parking restrictions on other streets in the city. Councilman William Mitchell said the restrictions would only be applied "in extreme circumstances."

**PEOPLE LIVING** on Brookdale asked council members if the city will issue special visitor passes to allow friends and family to park on the street during parties or holiday gatherings.

Mayor Alton Bennett said such "administrative rules" would have to be worked out by the city manager. City Manager Deadman predicted that the program will be difficult to administer and expensive to enforce.

"We know grandma's going to visit and not get a permit, and she's going to get a ticket," Deadman said.

Fines for the restricted parking zone will have to be set by judges at 47th District Court, but it currently costs offenders \$10 if found guilty of parking in a no-parking zone and \$20 if traffic is obstructed by illegal parking.

The city will pay \$190 for adhesive stickers for residents' vehicles. The posting of 14 signs on Brookdale from Grand River to Nine Mile will cost \$395, Deadman said.

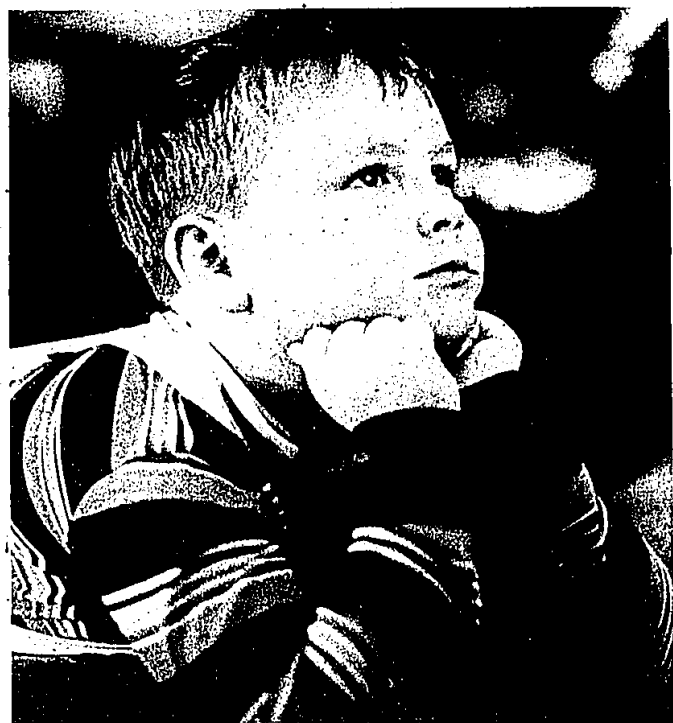
To help the city pay for buying stickers, residents will be asked to pay "probably \$7 to \$8 a year — at least the first year," Deadman said. Subsequent year renewals, if the problem persists, should be cheaper, he said.

**THE FEE** didn't seem to bother those residents at the meeting.

"You know how many years of permits my daughter could pay to replace her boots, her windows and her radio?" said Darlene Thompson of Brookdale. Her daughter's car was broken into, she said.

If Brookdale is closed between 7 p.m. and 8 a.m. every day, where will the bar patrons park when their lot is full, asked Councilman William Hartsock.

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## Waiting for Santa

It can be difficult, you know, waiting for the jolly old gentleman in the red suit to bring those surprises. Millions of youngster's moods are re-

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BETTY MONSON

## Auto dealer seeks homes for seniors

By M.B. Dillon Ward  
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Senior citizens of Farmington Hills will have a new 900-unit condominium village if the city complies with the wishes of car dealer Roger Peck.

Peck, owner of Roger Peck Chevrolet in Farmington Hills, requested at Monday's legislative session that council form a non-profit housing corporation to serve as a sponsor/mortgagor for the HUD development he is proposing.

Compliance would mean that the development would gain tax-exempt status. The procedure is one of the first to be taken as outlined by HUD.

Currently, HUD has \$445 million in mortgage funds available for senior citizen housing construction, according to Peck.

Located at the Peck Chevrolet property, the 32-acre site is bounded by Grand River, Tuck and Nine Mile roads.

Despite the urging of councilman Charles Williams, his colleagues balked at the plan and voted 6-0 to refer the matter to the city's administrators and legal staff for study.

Peck's most vocal opponent was former mayor Donn Wolf.

"I've got some reservations. You're building 900 units here — you're talking about a large project the city probably needs. Now I know Mr. Peck sells automobiles but what does Mr. Peck know about housing?"

"I don't know who's behind all this. It sounds as though we'd almost be part-

ners. Well, if we're going to have some say, we'll have legal, moral and ethical obligations," said Wolf.

Peck attempted to clear up council members' doubts, saying he has been encouraged by U.S. Sen. Carl Levin to "get the ball rolling."

"Sen. Levin says this could be a showpiece for the nation," said Peck.

Unlike senior citizen complexes "built with one cinderblock wall running the length of the building," Peck's development would include courtyard and green belts, as well as a self-contained drugstore, barber shop, and grocery store.

"Senior citizens are the fastest-growing segment of the population there is," he added. "There are 35 million in that age group in this country right now. I feel very strongly that those people are deserving of a good place to live."

"Money is there for that use and it calls for the filing for tax-exempt status. It doesn't put Farmington Hills in any jeopardy."

In making a motion to implement Peck's request, a won-over Williams emphasized to council that Peck's request obligated the city to nothing.

"All we're talking about is giving Mr. Peck four names in order to create a non-profit housing development corporation. From my standpoint, this type of thing makes sense. We're not going to create a mall or any big business. Access is very hard off Grand River. There is a demand for senior citizen housing, and this could be a very good

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## Candidates remain undaunted in defeat

Editors Note: This is the second of a two-part story on the past election.

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Although unsuccessful candidates had defeat in common after their hard-fought campaigns, the post-election reflections of state Sen. Doug Ross, John Anderson, Aldo Vagnozzi, Alan Feuer and David Pickering vary greatly.

Pickering, a Nov. Republican who lost in the August primary to John Anderson in the 15th District state senate race, has written his last campaign speech.

"I won't run again. I'm of the belief that the electorate in a general election makes the best decisions among those candidates seeking office," said the assistant director of the Michigan Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Institute.

"History shows that more than likely the candidates that are victorious in general elections are probably the better candidates."

Ross, a Democrat whose vacated state senate seat was won by state Sen. Jack Faxon, (D-Detroit), jokes that without him the district "will obviously crumble, fall apart and be swept by pestilence, unemployment and other terrible things."

Ridding said, the veteran state senator views his own defeat in the U.S. representative race in the 17th Con-

gressional District as "simply a temporary absence from electoral office. I intend to stay involved in economic issues, individual rights, women's and environmental issues."

Until the legislature adjourns, Ross said he is unable to reveal his immediate plans.

Anderson, a Republican attorney who challenged Faxon in November, says "chances are good I will try to get involved in some (political) capacity much sooner than four years from now."

"I think the voters are going to be paying close attention to the performance of the legislature and government with respect to issues. If nothing is done about economic issues, or if only minor progress is made over the next two years, we're going to find ourselves in an even harder-fought campaign in 1984 than this one."

Even the winners in the past election will "probably wonder why they ran for office and tried so hard at the state and federal levels," says Vagnozzi, a Farmington Hills Democrat who challenged incumbent state Rep. Sandy Brotherton, (R-Farmington).

"I think they're either going to have to really do what is right for the programs that are now deteriorating — mental health, higher education, public health, our roads and highways — or they'll be watching the state collapse. There are some tough decisions to be made on raising revenues."

The Observer's choice for the Demo-



Doug Ross

cratic nomination in the 15th District state senate race, Feuer derives satisfaction from having raised issues, despite his defeat.

"You can't win every election, but you can make a contribution," said the former executive director of Common Cause in Michigan.

"I have always worked in and cared about politics, and that hasn't changed at all," he added.

"I ran because I believed I had something to contribute. I'll continue to do that as a private citizen, but in a different way."

Analyzing defeat is an exercise that



John Anderson

among the candidates has reaped disillusionment, reluctant acceptance and concern about Michigan's political future.

"I'm concerned about (governor-elect) Jim Blanchard. I think he will try hard to do his best for the people in this state, but on the other hand, no one can deny he owes a tremendous debt to unions, and to the UAW in particular," said Anderson. "It remains to be seen just how unencumbered he's going to be in terms of making difficult choices."

CONVERSELY, Feuer is "invariably optimistic about our future. Right now one has a reason for optimism, and that



Aldo Vagnozzi

reason has the name of Blanchard. We have a new administration after a very long time with an old one.

In a state this depressed, that has to have a very positive effect. Jim Blanchard is a very talented man," Feuer said.

That voters are so uninformed concerns Anderson.

"I've realized how many people go to the polls having no idea at all what the individual candidates represent and what their views are.

## oral quarrel

# What is your vow for the New Year?

As sure as the New Year comes, so do millions of Americans resolve to clean up their acts, reform and to start anew. Some stop smoking, others want to shed those extra pounds. Others seek loftier goals.

This week's Oral Quarrel question is: **WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? DO YOU THINK**

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To see what your neighbor's resolved, look in Monday's Farmington Observer.

## Hills man is killed in auto collision

A Farmington Hills man, 55, was killed in a three-car accident in Southfield early Tuesday morning.

Richard Falk was pronounced dead on the scene at 1:30 a.m. by a Providence Hospital physician in radio contact with members of the Southfield Fire Department's Life Support Unit.

Falk was traveling east bound on 13 Mile west of Fairview Crescent at 1:10 a.m. when his car was struck by a west-bound car, said Southfield police spokesman Steve Zultowski.

Robert Caldwell, 21, of Southfield, the driver of the westbound car, was taken to Providence with minor injuries and released after questioning.

Also involved in the collision was a car driven by Mi-Ok Howard, 35, of Farmington Hills. She was treated at Beaumont Hospital for minor injuries.

The accident, which brings to 11 the number of traffic fatalities in Southfield this year, remains under investigation.

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