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## Finally

### Council makes move on liquor license

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In a repeat performance, the Farmington Hills council awarded the city's last Class C liquor license to Etikin Equities developers.

Awarding the license to the developers was the latest in a series of events associated with the remaining license.

Etikin Equities plan to build a four-building office complex featuring a restaurant near Middlebelt and Northwestern.

Council voted 6-0 Monday to reserve the license for Etikin. Councilman Joe Alkateeb abstained from voting because of the possibility of doing some work for Etikin Equities.

The monthlong issue has been

fraught with council's uncertainty and indecision over members' abstentions. Recent abstentions have helped erode council's ability to garner the five required votes needed to award the license to a top-choice applicant.

While council rehearsed the license for the third time, some in the audience of about 50 people responded as though they were watching prime-time reruns.

Disgusted by council's behavior in settling the issue, some residents could be heard calling the matter a "circus," and an "embarrassment."

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## Downtown area is created

By Joanne Maliszewski  
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Farmington Hills officials took the first step last week in establishing a financing scheme to make capital improvements along the 12 Mile corridor.

In a unanimous 7-0 vote last Monday, council adopted a resolution of intent to create a tax increment financing authority and district.

Governed by state Public Act 450, tax increment financing allows the city to make public improvements and to repay the costs through future property taxes captured from current private development.

Before council takes a final vote on the establishment of an authority, development district and the type of improvements that would be made, a public hearing will be held to receive residents' opinions.

Council scheduled a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17 in council chambers.

"Tax increment financing was designed to resolve the strategic economic development problem that faces a city where private development cannot occur unless a public facility is installed," City Manager William Costick indicated in a report to council.

Although the 12 Mile corridor is attracting office development, Costick said, some property might be difficult

to develop. The remaining license had been awarded by council to Capraro's, a proposed restaurant near Haggerty and Grand River, but council rescinded its action a week later.

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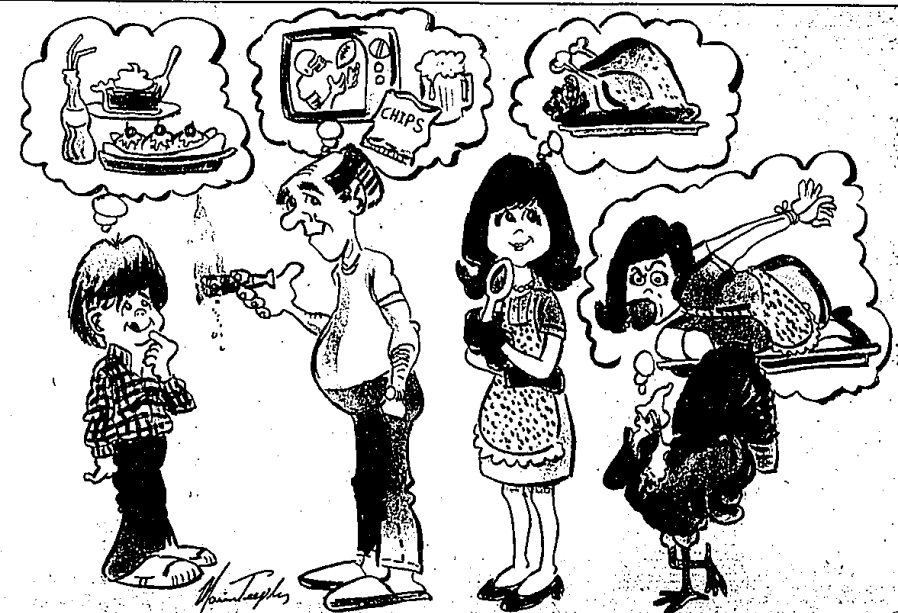
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Different strokes for different folks — everyone has their own idea of what to be thankful for during this holiday season. But one thing is for certain, most families in the Farmington area will be sitting down to a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner. Please see related story below.

## Despite all the innovations, turkey still most popular

By Jean Adamczak  
staff writer

Most families in the Farmington area will be sitting down to a traditional Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, complete with turkey, cranberries and stuffing.

The most popular selling item in area grocery and meat stores is, by far, turkey.

"Most of our customers are buying fresh turkeys right now," says Don Feldpausch, part-owner of Dan Dee Finer Meats in Farmington Hills.

"Our turkeys run \$1.29 per pound, fresh, and we get them from the world's largest turkey farm in Ohio," he adds.

For the health-oriented eater, the

lifeline health food store in Farmington offers organically fed turkeys from California. Non-alcoholic sparkling cider is another big seller at the store this time of year, according to a Lifeline employee.

Yet there are those who will deviate from the norm by eating standing prime rib, roast beef, ham and capons.

"Standing the and hams are our most second-popular selling item," says Farmington's A&P store manager Tom Alfano, adding that most people do their "hard shopping" the week and weekend before Thanksgiving.

FARMER JACK store manager Dave Strong agrees.

"It's been busy all this week. I think we are going to have an extremely

good season this year," Strong says.

"A lot of senior citizens and small families shop our store, so the average-size turkey being sold is around 12 pounds," he adds.

Not so at Bernard & Son Kosher Meat Market in Farmington Hills.

"We've been selling and taking orders for fresh turkeys, big turkeys, from 20 to 24 pounds," says store owner Bernard Rayber.

The Butcher Block in Farmington has also been selling a lot of turkeys and "quite a few" capons, says assistant store manager Diane Dristy.

"More people have been buying capons and also turkey breast with wings for a strictly white meat dinner," says Dristy.

Area fish markets have been doing a

good business too, selling shucked oysters for oyster stuffing and cocktail shrimp.

"OUR BUSINESS has increased 10 percent this year compared to the same time last year," says Mike Steele, manager of Roy's Seafood Market in Farmington Hills.

The most popular selling item at The Whole Inc. in Farmington has been shrimp, shrimp trays and oysters for stuffing, says manager Jan Finkel.

"Business usually picks up more around Christmas when people do more extensive entertaining. Thanksgiving is a more family-oriented holiday," Finkel says.

Overall, area store managers agree that business has been at about the same volume this Thanksgiving.

## Goodfellows gearing up for a holiday of good cheer



This will be a familiar scene on Nov. 30 as Farmington-area Goodfellows peddle their papers in order to raise money for needy families and senior citizens. Hawking the papers last year were volunteers Bill Prisk, left, and Dr. John Richardson.

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The holiday season is just around the corner, and the group which is more aware of this than anyone else is the Farmington Goodfellows.

"No child or senior without a Christmas" is the motto of the Farmington organization which is gearing up for its 46th annual Christmas drive.

Last year an estimated 300 Farmington-area families and 400 senior citizens were helped by the organization, says Goodfellow boardmember Richard Tupper.

Tupper says this year's list of needy families and seniors seems to be "a little less" than last year's.

"It looks to me like a lot of people are back on their feet this year," he adds.

The non-profit organization hopes to raise \$15,000 to \$18,000 this year through its Goodfellows Paper Drive and from money donated by private and business donors, Tupper says.

The Goodfellows will hit the streets on Nov. 30, peddling their papers for donations in the Farmington area.

"Paper-sale returns depend a lot on what kind of a day it is outside," says Tupper, adding that the group hopes to gross \$1,300 to \$1,400 from the sale.

AN INTEGRAL force in the paper

sale is Goodfellow member Bruce Herberich, chairman of the project who has been a volunteer with the group for about 16 years.

"Bruce gets everyone pumped up for the paper sale," says Tupper. "He's a real scrapper, without him the paper sale wouldn't do as well."

Preceding the paper sale, a canned-food drive will be held in Farmington

public schools Nov. 26-30. Students are asked to bring in non-perishable canned goods to be used in filling food baskets for the needy.

Special care is taken to insure the privacy and dignity of food-basket recipients, Tupper says, adding that all families are asked beforehand if they

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