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Bus stop safety to be examined



By CAREY HANS
STAFF WRITER

Farmington's school board president directed a safety committee to review main road bus stops after dozens of parents came out to complain about them Tuesday night.

Jack Inch called the review a "path of

attack on a very serious problem" and told parents the board "accepts responsibility" to act on the residents' concerns.

"The buck stops here," he added. Many parental complaints revolved around bus stops along 33 Mile and Hogarty roads, which parents say are

dangerous, especially in light of a fatal traffic accident which occurred Aug. 22 at the 13 Mile bus stop while students were waiting to be picked up.

That stop has temporarily been moved inside the Strathmore subdivision because of the trauma to students who witnessed the accident. School officials stressed that they did not move the stop because they feel the bus stop is at a dangerous location.

Strathmore parents have petitioned the board to remove their bus stops permanently from the main roads. Parents from other subdivisions also

spoke about their concerns over secondary bus stops on main roads throughout the district. That policy was instituted during the 1991-92 school year to cut \$1 million from the transportation budget. Transportation cuts, school program cuts and employee layoffs occurred after state aid recaptured several million dollars from the district, and an operating millage election in early 1991 failed to replace the money.

Inch called for the board's safety committee to meet prior to the regular 8

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A place where stains are replaced by smiles



By JOANNE MALINZEWKI
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"Hi Jack."
"How ya been pal?"
"Hello Jack."

No one walks in without acknowledging the mover and shaker — Jack Kavlakian — behind the almost 33-year-old Westbrooke Cleaners on 13 Mile Road west of Orchard Lake Road.

"I have a good relationship with my customers. I'm fortunate. I have always liked people," said Kavlakian, who opened his store in 1959 in the Westbrooke Center. It was the first shopping center in Farmington Township.

But if you've given Kavlakian a reason not to like you — like dishonesty — "if you're a pain in the butt, I get rid of you."

And business is just that simple. In an age of chain stores, big sales and gimmicks, Kavlakian's motto is from a time long ago: quality at a fair price. That's how he started and that's how he still does business.

But Kavlakian's place is more than a place to take your clothes for a good cleaning. It's a place where you are known. Where you count.

SHARON LEMMON/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Coming clean: Jack Kavlakian is surrounded by cleaning in his Farmington Hills store. He's been a fixture in the community for 33 years.

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They've taken a team approach to saving lives

By CAREY HANS
STAFF WRITER

There's a new link in the Farmington-area emergency medical service chain.

And you may become part of it.

Officers from the Farmington Department of Public Safety have completed training and are ready to kick off a new program using two new semi-automatic defibrillators — lifesaving devices operated by Botsford General Hospital to administer electric shocks to patients with irregular heartbeats. Training for the program was done by Community Emergency Medical Service, the life support and ambulance arm of Botsford.

The city also will sponsor free classes in CPR — cardiopulmonary resuscitation — for residents this fall so they can become initiators in the lifesaving link. The three- to four-hour classes will be scheduled at convenient times, including evenings.

Farmington joins several other communities, including neighboring Farmington Hills, in using the defibrillator units and tying into a program with Botsford and CEMS. Public safety Director Frank Lushoff said because of Farmington's small size, quick medical response time and the large number of older residents, such a program is key. "We run an average of 500 medicals a year here," Lushoff said. "We believe

the use of defibrillators here will save a lot of lives."

He said the defibrillator units will offer an expanded "window of time" on medical runs, allowing effective treatment by the first people arriving on the scene.

Dr. Mark Cynar of Botsford's emergency department, who monitors the hospital's external defibrillator program, said he expects lives to be saved in Farmington this year because of the equipment.

"They really have the number one tool," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised to save two lives in the coming year."

CEMS president Greg Beauchemin called the program "a model system" and explained that it's a new way of looking at medical services: from initial CPR and defibrillating a patient at the scene until advance medical help arrives and transports a patient to the hospital.

"It's a matrix — it brings everybody together," Beauchemin said. "Everyone's part of the team now."

Cynar said in years to come, the automatic defibrillator units could be found in airports and malls, and likely in individual doctor's offices. The change has "pushed everything closer and closer to the patient" to offer better care in a crisis, he said.

The semi-automatic units are computerized machines with electrode pads



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Emergency help: Kevin Bersche, an inspector with the Farmington Hills Fire Department, shows Farmington public safety officers how to use the semi-automatic defibrillator.

which adhere to the patient's chest. The machine analyzes the patient's heart rhythm and tells the person on the scene whether to administer voltage to the patient to regulate the heartbeat.

Unlike the defibrillator "paddles" used in hospital emergency rooms which require 20 hours of training for

use, the semi-automatic units require only eight hours of training.

It is used primarily in heart attacks and other heart problems, electrical shock emergencies and other incidents which cause a heart to stop or fall into

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Office hours resume

State Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, will resume office hours in her district beginning Friday, Sept. 11.

She will be available on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at the Farmington City Hall from 1-2 p.m. and the Farmington Hills City Hall from 2:30-4 p.m. Constituents who have problems involving state government and would like to meet with Dolan can stop by during those hours.

Dolan can be contacted at her Lansing office by calling 1-517-373-1793, or writing her c/o State Capitol Building, Lansing 48913.

Chamber golf outing

Attention business-minded golfers: The annual Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Com-

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merce Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, Sept. 17, at Glen Oaks Golf Course on 13 Mile Road between Orchard Lakes and Middlebelt.

The times are 8:30 and 11 a.m. A \$70 package includes golf, lunch in the grill room, on-course events, awards and prizes and a dinner buffet. Golf is limited to the first 160 people who return the registration form with the fee.

For more information, call the chamber at 474-3440.

Picking up pieces

"Picking Up the Pieces: Practical Home Repair & Auto Care for the Widowed & Divorced," a symposium sponsored by McCabe Funeral Home, will be

held Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmington Community Library, Farmington Hills branch, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road.

Elaine S. Burton, a grief counselor at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills, will moderate the free program designed to help widowed and divorced people make the transitions to independent living.

Glen Haeg, host of radio station WXYT's "Ask The Handy Man," will share tips on simple household repairs.

Rod Alberta, associate vice president of the Detroit Auto Dealer's Association, will explain on-going auto maintenance and how to prepare a car for winter.

For more information, call Tracy White at 831-3993.
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