

# Better watch out, Santa is coming

For the third year, a U.S. Post Office Substation will be located in the north corridor of Orchard Mall, West Maple at Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, for holiday mailing needs.

The substation will be open at noon Monday, Dec. 6, and will remain open from noon to 6 p.m. daily except Sunday through Monday, Dec. 20.

The substation will limit its business to selling stamps and to parcel post according to mail manager Sue Roberts.

Last year, the substation served almost 600 customers and handled almost \$10,000 in postal business.

IN ADDITION to the postal substation, the mall will also host the arrival of Santa Claus at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26, during tree-lighting ceremonies to kick off the holiday season. Santa will set up residence in the north corridor.

West Bloomfield Township Clerk Betty Sue Dupree is scheduled to flick the switch to light the decorations. Also scheduled is a short music program by the West Bloomfield Community Chorus.

Opening day ceremonies will also feature members of the Michigan Ballet Association performing excerpts from the "Nutcracker Suite" at noon, 3 and 6 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25-27 in the center court. The association includes ballet students from West Bloomfield, Farmington and neighboring areas.

During the holiday season, Santa's hours will be from 6 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Each boy and girl visiting him will get a free holiday cookie.

In addition, a talking Christmas tree will be in the center court Friday through Sunday during the season.

Each Saturday, free cartoons and antics of Wilfred T. Olson will also be offered in the community room. The cartoons, Mr. Magoo cartoons, are sponsored by the West Bloomfield Public Library.

Arlene Lane, children's librarian, says the cartoons are scheduled from 22:45 p.m.

The cartoon schedule is:

- Dec. 4—Mr. Magoo as King Arthur.
- Dec. 11—Mr. Magoo as Rip Van Winkle.
- Dec. 18—Mr. Magoo as Dick Tracy.

Other mall holiday activities, open to the public free of charge, include:

- Dec. 3, 10 p.m.: Covenant Baptist Church will present a belated concert.
- Dec. 8: Lavonne Knight of West Bloomfield School's Community Education Department, presenting "Holiday Wardrobe—How to Get It Together" from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the community room.
- Dec. 10: The Farmington High School Chorus is staging a choral festival at 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 18: Chanukah candlelight service at 7 p.m. in the community room.

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## Restaurateur tells why Farmington Hills

Disillusioned with the downtown Detroit business climate and impressed by Oakland County's growth, Carter Zakem has jumped from owning an elegant chop house to starting afresh with a Farmington Hills fast food restaurant.

Unlike residents who move to the suburbs from fear, Zakem switched cities because he believed that Detroit's business climate was stagnating.

"I know Detroit like the back of my hand. I like Detroit. When I'm at home on the east side and I want a drink, I drive downtown rather than going somewhere in the neighborhood," he said.

But there is no room for businesses to grow downtown. It's all built up.

While he is in the process of selling his Detroit business, the Pike's Chop House, he is looking for a new home in the Hills. He is near to his new venture, a Big Boy restaurant on Ten Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

ONE OF THE REASONS for his move is the change he can see in attitudes towards the downtown area.

It's not bad on Shelby and Congress, where my restaurant is," he said. "But people hear about crime, and they don't go downtown. It's more of a name than fact."

He chose Oakland County as a new home on the advice of friends and acquaintances.

"In two years, Oakland County has increased to two million people."

"They have to eat somewhere," he reasoned.

He came to Farmington because he heard it was a nice, growing community. The move isn't the first that Zakem has made in his lifetime.

He came to the United States in 1934, after he married his American born wife in his native Lebanon.

She helped him to get a job at the London Chop House, where she was employed as a bookkeeper.

"I started out washing dishes behind the bar," he recalled.

Eventually, he worked his way up to manager of the chop house, before buying his own place.

The chop house helped me a lot. It helped me meet people. I know politicians, lawyers, judges, actors.

It helped me with my knowledge of business. If, when I came to Detroit, I went to the factory, all I'd know would be the assembly lines. In a restaurant, I meet people.

**Teacher helps**  
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Sue added, "A game like this makes you look forward to class. It becomes interesting. Mr. Wesolowski really wants us to learn and enjoy it, rather than cramming it down our throats. If you get bored in a class, you start thinking of something else."

Wesolowski claimed that if students actually do something in class, they remember it a lot longer. "In education, retention of information is one of the things teachers strive for," said Wesolowski, who has also used games to teach special skills such as punctuation and spelling.

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Can you guess how Santa is coming to Northville this year? Watch for Santa and his helper, Kristina Karol, on November 27. Santa & Kristina will be around town & in the Plaza.

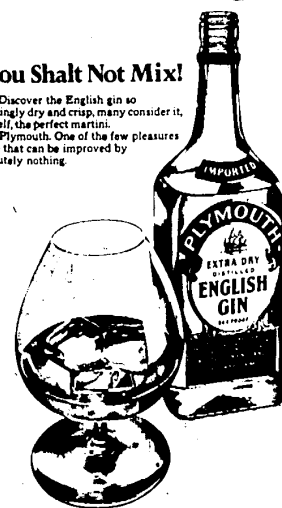
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