

New column debuts

A new feature — Farmington Focus — debuts today. An assortment of local tidbits, special interest events and Farmington and Farmington Hills residents in the news, it expands on and replaces the Inside Angles column.

It will appear in the Monday edition on the left-hand column of the front page. Additional items will be featured on Page 3 of the Thursday edition. We hope you'll contribute by sending in items about you, your family or your friends.

In addition, the Community Calendar has been retitled Around Farmington. It will continue to present events of local interest. We hope you like our new look. We invite your comments and suggestions by calling 477-5450. And don't worry. If you forget either of our new names, your items will still be printed in the appropriate column.

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Editor

Thefts drive crime stats up

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and home break-ins and attempted break-ins, with 428 compared to last year's 504. Crime prevention efforts and effective deployment of police personnel account for the decrease, according to Dwyer.

Armed robberies in Farmington showed a substantial increase, six compared to only one last year. Farmington Hills reported 26, compared to 20 last year.

"The increase occurred in the first quarter (of 1985) from January to

March, although it has declined in the last three months," Dwyer said. "I would predict by the end of 1985, we'll see a decline in Farmington Hills in terms of robberies." A series of late winter break-ins at the Taco Bell on Grand River Avenue added to the figures, Dwyer said.

Farmington reported a decrease in burglaries of private residences, with 34 incidents this year compared to 38 last year. At the same time, attempted burglaries rose from 10 to 15.

Lauboff sees the Neighborhood Watch making inroads.

"THE NEIGHBORHOOD watch campaign is getting people to call us more frequently," Lauboff said. More Farmington citizens are actively taking preventative measures against crime.

Larceny from buildings also decreased in Farmington. This year's 21 is substantially lower than last year's 36.

Other hikes in major crimes in Farmington include: burglary with forcible entry, industrial burglary, and unclassified larcenies such as, pickpocketing and purse-snatching.

Farmington Hills showed a 163 decrease in aggravated assault, with 41 this year compared to last year's 49. Criminal sexual conduct (CSC) incidents remained at the same level in both communities. Seven incidents were reported compared to six last year in the Hills. Farmington reports one incident for each year.

"As high as 50 percent of all CSCs are among people who know each other or among family," Dwyer said. In two of the Farmington Hills CSC incidents, the victim was acquainted with the perpetrator, Dwyer said.

Farmington schools hike substitute pay

By Joanne Maliszewski
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Farmington School District substitute teachers will be getting bigger paychecks during the next two school years.

The Farmington school board unanimously approved a 6 percent increase for 1985-86 and a 4.7 percent increase

for 1986-87.

"We have taken a great deal of pride that our substitute teachers are among the highest paid in the county," said Superintendent Lewis Schulman.

In 1985-86, substitute teachers will receive \$52.05 a day. That's an increase from \$49 a day last year, said Robert Coleman, district personnel director.

In 1986-87, substitutes will receive

\$54.52 a day, he said.

The salary increases in 1985-86 will cost the district approximately \$19,000, based on an average 100 substitutes hired a year, Coleman said.

"THEY ARE IN the top 25 percent of Oakland County. If not the highest," Coleman said of substitutes' salaries. Substitute teachers who are in the district for a long assignment begin re-

ceiving a higher rate of pay on the 11th day of their assignment. The pay is retroactive to the first day of their assignment.

Now a long-term substitute will be paid \$70.03 a day starting the 11th day of the assignment, Coleman said.

Under state law, after 60 days on the job substitute teachers become con-

tract teachers protected by the teachers' union, according to Coleman. If teachers work more than 120 days out of 185-day school year they are also entitled to the first teaching vacancy available after all pink-slipped teachers have been rehired.

Despite the salary increases, the rate of pay has little to do with attracting substitutes to the district, he said.

"WE WOULD HAVE them anyway. But the board (of education) considers them important. Our board thinks very highly of these people. So pay is not an issue of supply and demand."

But some substitute teachers, all of whom must be certified by the state, are hard to come by.

"When we hit the high school level we have trouble finding some for math, science and industrial arts," Coleman said.

Substitute teachers are hard to find, Coleman said. Fewer college graduates are becoming teachers and many who are substitutes in Michigan are moving south where permanent teaching jobs are more plentiful, he said.

IN TERMS OF less serious crime, both Farmington and Farmington Hills reported increases in fraud. Farmington records showed 19 incidents compared to last year's 14. Farmington Hills reported 121 occurrences compared to last year's 83.

Driving under the influence of alcohol decreased slightly in both communities. Farmington statistics showed 132 incidents compared to last year's 142, and in Farmington Hills, 125 compared to last year's 139.

The statistics for driving under the influence concur with the June 10 Farmington Hills party ordinance, Dwyer said. Strong enforcement of liquor license and drunk driving laws constitute a tri-fold campaign against liquor abuse in Farmington Hills, he said.

Free school lunch available to needy

When school starts next week, Farmington School District students will be bringing home eligibility applications for free and reduced price hot meals.

Sponsored by the federal government, the National School Lunch Program is available to elementary, middle and high school students whose families can't afford weekly hot lunch

fees, said Michael Howard, district food service supervisor.

"It's a way of giving an adequate lunch," Howard said. "If you don't feed them adequately the rest of the day as far as education is a waste."

In the 1985-86 school year, lunches will cost elementary students \$1.15 a day; middle and high school students

will pay \$1.50 a day.

Eligibility for free meals is based on household size and income. The income scale ranges from \$9,165 for a family of two to \$23,205 for a family of eight.

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for a family of two to \$33,023 for a family of eight.

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Judge fines 2 under party law

George Sarcewicz, 18, and his brother Rod, 17, the first adults to be charged with breaking the Farmington Hills party ordinance, were sentenced by Judge William J. Hand Thursday in the 47th district court in Farmington.

Identical punishments of a 10-day suspended sentence, one year unsupervised probation, and a \$50 fine plus court costs were handed down.

The party ordinance holds adults responsible at a residence if "any al-

coholic beverage or drug is possessed or consumed at said residence by any minor." The ordinance was activated June 10. A person is considered an adult at age 17 under the ordinance.

on the agenda

FARMINGTON HILLS COUNCIL
City Hall
31555 11 Mile Road
7:30 p.m. Monday

The Farmington Hills City Council will consider approving a labor agreement with city police officers. A con-

tract providing for computer training for city employees is also on the agenda. Enactment of zoning amendments and approval of final plans for Hunter's Point subdivision at 13 and Drake are expected. Council will consider establishing special assessment districts for sanitary sewers on Robinson Street and road paving on Cass Avenue.

What's closed for Labor Day?

City, school and post offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day.

Farmington and Farmington Hills administrative offices will close at the end of the business day Friday and re-open again at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3.

The Farmington Public Schools offices will close at 4 p.m. Friday and

reopen at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3 — the opening day of school.

Garbage collection in Farmington Hills will be delayed one day. Farmington's collection schedule will not be disrupted by the holiday.

Lobby window service at the Farmington Hills and Farmington post offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2.

Residential and business mail will not be delivered on the holiday.

Special delivery and express mail service will be provided. Holiday collection schedule will be provided as late in the day as possible to meet first-class mail service standards. Regular postal service will resume Tuesday, Sept. 3.

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