

Party law under review

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THE POLICE chief, however, opposes decriminalization of the ordinance's penalties for subsequent violations. Those penalties should remain as criminal offenses, punishable by a substantial fine and imprisonment, he said.

"If they are going to continue to allow drinking and drug use by minors, it should be a criminal offense," Dwyer said.

Five people have been ticketed under the ordinance. Only two Farmington Hills 17- and 18-year-old brothers have been convicted. Both received suspended sentences. Trials for two others are pending and a bench warrant is outstanding for a third person who failed to appear at a scheduled court hearing, Dwyer said.

Decriminalizing the penalties does not detract from the purpose of the ordinance, Dudley said. Passage of the ordinance last year was advocated by Farmington Hills Police and FFA members as a method of deterring the serving of liquor to minors, particularly at parties on private property.

Although state law makes it illegal to serve liquor to those under 21 years of age, it is not specific enough to allow police to take action when it is served at parties and gatherings on private property.

MICHIGAN HAS adopted a protective attitude toward minors



Councilwoman Joan Dudley requested decriminalization of the penalties levied under the house party ordinance because, 'I just don't think it is worthy of pinning a criminal record on a kid. A criminal record is a serious thing.'

and their involvement with alcoholic beverages, Dudley said. Providing alcohol to minors is a criminal offense for adults. But the only criminal offense for minors is conviction of the use of false identification to buy alcohol and the transporting of alcohol. All other offenses are civil infractions, she said.

Dudley told council she is concerned that those convicted under the ordinance, including 17-year-olds, receive a criminal record. "I call a 17-year-old a child," she said.

A criminal record can cause difficulties for a young person seeking acceptance into a university, medical school, law school or other

type of professional school, Dudley said.

Although it's possible for minors to have their criminal records expunged when they reach legal age, it is not automatic, Dudley said.

In researching the issue, Dudley also talked with Oakland County Probate Judges Eugene Moore and John J. O'Brien. "The expunging process is somewhat difficult," Dudley said. "I know expunging a record is not automatic and (Oakland County Probate) Judge John J. O'Brien confirmed that."

Expunging a minor's criminal record depends on "good judgment and that depends on the judge," Dudley said.

Focus is school busing

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Students living within the 1½ mile area "are not going to be ineligible" as they were before, he added. "I doubt it will change Farmington's or anyone else's rule."

"The school district itself will decide whether to transport students living less than one and a half miles from the school," State Superintendent Phillip Runkel explained, following the change. "This is going to get rid of a great deal of paperwork used to determine eligibility."

WHEN DISTRICTS made exceptions and transported the students within the 1½ miles in the past, they were penalized, Bacon said. "The penalty will be removed," he said, with changes phased in over a several-year period.

"It maybe makes it a little easier to disregard the 1½ mile restriction," Bacon said, adding that more students will cost the district higher transportation costs.

The state has also changed the way in which it pays for local transportation, shifting it from a reimbursement formula to a funding formula, simplifying the accounting and reporting activities of many districts. Under the old plan, "the more you spent, the more you got back — there wasn't a real incentive to be as efficient as possible," Bacon said.

Unlike formula-funded districts, Farmington is an out-of-formula district and receives its revenue mostly from local taxes and has to run an efficient transportation system, Bacon added.

Also because of the out-of-formula funding, state penalties for busing are not as harsh, Bacon said. "Our penalty for transporting students

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state superintendent

living under 1½ miles) was not that severe. We've had to be efficient anyway because we don't get that much back."

Bacon estimated that for \$100 spent, the Farmington district received about 10 cents.

ALTHOUGH THE Farmington district has not considered changing the 1½ mile busing restriction, the school board is considering other changes in bus budgeting and possible routing. Approximately 9,500 students are bused twice each day, according to Bacon.

A proposed budget increase for the busing operation is being considered for several reasons. "No one thing is going to take money," Bacon explained. "It's a combination of things."

A few geographic areas are being reviewed for possible routing changes, which may cost the district more money.

• the possible busing of developmental kindergarten children which would cost the district more money.

• and the recently approved school boundary changes which will change the bus routes.

With budget approval slated for June 3, bus scheduling will move into full swing this summer in preparation for the new school year. Each school gives the administration team a list of students and addresses, and they make changes starting with last year's routes.

THE FARMINGTON school district covers 36 square miles, including Farmington, Farmington Hills and a portion of West Bloomfield Township.

"There's some shakeout time at the beginning of the year, when you give tentative bus route times," Bacon said.

"It's an expected part of running the school, but a lot of people don't understand the planning involved."



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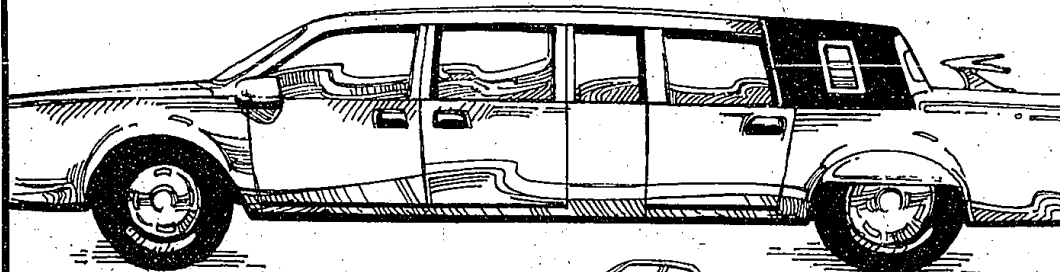
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SATURDAY
May 17 - Northville Schools Present: A Music and Physical Education "Review"
Various groups representing Northville Schools' Instrumental Music, Vocal Music, and Physical Education Departments will perform throughout the day at Town Square in downtown Northville during the City Garage Sale.

12:00 p.m. - Winchester Chorus
Instructor: Sandy Craig
12:30 p.m. - Feeding Ground
American & Silver Springs One Club 4th Grade, Instructor: Ann Jantz
1:00 p.m. - Manda Kite Players
Instructor: Sandy Craig
1:30 p.m. - "Finger Fractals"
Moraine Pre-School Students, Moraine Staff

1:30 p.m. - Peachula Post
Winchester School 2nd Grade, Instructor: Lawrence Taylor
1:30 Noon - Movement with Ropes
Silver Springs School, Instructor: Fran Waldecker
1:30 p.m. - Square Dancing
American School, Instructor: Tom Putas
1:30 p.m. - Volleyball Handing Demonstration
Northville High School Phys Ed Students, Instructor: Ann Grew
1:30 p.m. - Cornet Band
Meads Mill Middle School, Conductor: Gary Gendotti
2:00 p.m. - Symphonic Band
Northville High School, Conductor: Michael Pumball
2:30 p.m. - Jazz Ensemble
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