

Help keep tabs on your neighborhood

Making surveillance of property a cooperative neighborhood activity can be one of the most beneficial security measures residents in a community can take.

More and more law-abiding citizens throughout the nation are joining together in this endeavor by actively participating in area Neighborhood Watch groups. Due to their efforts, these individuals have proven over and over again their effectiveness in helping local police fight crime within their communities.

Just as important, by encouraging residents to meet their neighbors, Neighborhood Watch has helped promote a community closeness that has transformed many neighbors into first-name acquaintances or friends.

A Neighborhood Watch program may be started by any subdivision, apartment complex, condominium association or even a smaller group of citizens concerned about conditions on their street.

The essential elements for Neighborhood Watch participation are concern for the common safety of the group and a willingness to do something constructive about it.

Each watch member's objective is to maintain a cooperative system of surveillance over one another's property. Members are encouraged to call the police and are given an identification number that allows for the reporting person to remain anonymous should they so desire. In this way, any suspicious circumstances, or crime in progress, can then be reported immediately and without hesitation.

ONCE A Neighborhood Watch program goes into operation, it announces itself to a segment of the population least likely to be pleased with the news — would-be thieves.

With the help of conspicuous Neighborhood Watch street signs, these watch areas boldly advertise themselves as residential communities that care about what happens on their block. Since cases on record support the theory that thieves avoid homes in protected areas, this type of publicity really works to discourage intruders and reduce crime.

After six years of operation in Farmington Hills, Neighborhood

crime watch

Watch has generated numerous success stories. Some recent occurrences include the arrest of five thieves and the recovery of stolen property, including an auto, as a direct result of a timely report made by two Neighborhood Watch members.

Other recent accomplishments include the apprehension of police of a burglar while he was still inside the home and the arrest of two other thieves in the process of stealing radar detectors from parked cars. In both incidents, alert Neighborhood Watch members were instrumental in detecting those crimes.

Because no one has devised a way of recording crimes that have never been attempted, it is not unusual for police statistics to show an increase in reported crimes when new Neighborhood Watch groups are instituted.

For this reason, the Farmington Hills Police Department's Crime Prevention Section provides a monthly informational bulletin to Neighborhood Watch groups that gives an accurate accounting of crime occurrences in their specific area.

This not only helps members to keep informed but also, through comparisons of incidents within a given month to those that occurred during the same period of the previous year, allows residents to chart their progress toward a safer community.

NATIONWIDE STUDIES have shown that communities with active watch programs have experienced either declines in crime totals or slower rates of increase than in surrounding areas without watch programs.

This has meant that individuals in the community have gone beyond just being a good neighbor by forming car pools, helping with household repairs, exchanging recipes or sharing baby-sitting time.

In Neighborhood Watch, deterrence is the name of the game and what better way to promote commu-

nity cohesion than to join an existing Neighborhood Watch group or begin a new one? The Farmington Hills Police Department has found that in the majority of instances, Neighborhood Watch has greatly benefited the community. It helps individuals feel better about their neighborhoods and those involved agree that this alone makes Neighborhood Watch well worth the effort.

The Farmington Hills Police Department offers guidance and assistance to those residents who would like to join an existing Neighborhood Watch group. Periodic Neighborhood Watch training sessions are offered where residents are taught Neighborhood Watch guidelines, home security techniques and crime reporting instructions.

Those interested in joining an active Neighborhood Watch group in their area should plan to attend the upcoming training sessions scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, in the Farmington Hills City Hall Council Chambers.

Any Farmington Hills resident who would like to start a new Neighborhood Watch group should contact the Crime Prevention Section at 474-6161, Ext. 348, to arrange for a Neighborhood Watch introductory meeting.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF GLADWIN, ss: JUDITH C. GILBERT, Clerk

FIRST OF AMERICA BANK, Plaintiff, vs. PHILIP L. HARRINGTON, Defendant.

Jeffrey R. Jones, Plaintiff's Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF ACTION ORDER TO ANSWER. At a session of the above-named Court, held in the Courtroom, in the City and County of Gladwin, State of Michigan, on the 19th day of August, 1986, the Plaintiff, FIRST OF AMERICA BANK, by its Attorney, JEFFREY R. JONES, has filed a Complaint for Collection of a certain promissory note, which said note is in the sum of \$1,000.00, due to the Plaintiff, FIRST OF AMERICA BANK, by the Defendant, PHILIP L. HARRINGTON, who last known address is 2147 7th St., Farmington Hills, MI 48031, praying that a Judgment be granted in this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, PHILIP L. HARRINGTON, is directed to answer or take such other action permitted by law or the rules of the District Court for the County of Gladwin on or before October 16, 1986. The effect of failure to answer or take other action, as permitted by law, by the Defendant, shall result in a default being entered by this Court granting a Judgment by default to the Plaintiff for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court in the above entitled case.

JUDITH C. GILBERT, District Judge JEFFREY R. JONES, Plaintiff's Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 473 313 W. Cedar Ave. Gladwin, MI 49835 PH 817/4311

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NOTICE
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
A Special City Council meeting has been set for September 22, 1986, at 7:30 P.M., at 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan. The regular City Council meeting of the City of Farmington Hills scheduled for Monday, October 13, 1986, has been changed to Tuesday, October 14, 1986, at 7:30 P.M.
JOAN REYNOLDS, City Clerk

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REGISTRATION NOTICE for GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1986

To the Qualified Electors of Farmington Hills Precincts No. 1-27
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law," 1, the undersigned Clerk, will upon any date, except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election or primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said City not already registered who may APPLY TO ME PERSONALLY for such registration.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1986 - LAST DAY 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THE 30TH DAY PRECEDING SAID ELECTION

As provided by Section 498, Act No. 116, Public Acts of 1954 as Amended, For the purposes of REVIEWING the REGISTRATION and REGISTERING the qualified electors in said CITY as SHALL PROPERLY apply therefor.

The name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the precinct at the time of registration and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election, shall be entered in the registration book.

JOAN R. REYNOLDS, City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 22, 1986

Mayor Alkateeb opened the regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council on September 22, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Alkateeb, Dolan, Dudley, Mark, Sever, Soronen, and Wolf. Others present: City Manager Costick, City Clerk Reynolds, Assistant City Manager Call, and City Attorney Bibacu. Minutes of September 8, 1986 and September 15, 1986 were approved as amended.

Mayor Alkateeb proclaimed week of November 23-30, 1986 as National Bible Week in Farmington Hills.

Enactment of Ordinance No. C-41-86, Zoning Request 22-5-86, to rezone property on west side of Orchard Lake, between Firwood and Ravine, from RA-1 to OS-3, was adjourned at request of proponent.

Council Enacted the following:

Ordinance No. C-42-86, Zoning Request 22-5-86, Zoning Request 22-5-86, to rezone approximately 10 acres and on south side of Nine Mile Road, east and west of Drake Road from RA-1 and RA-3 to RP-2.

Ordinance No. C-43-86, Zoning Request PC 22-5-86, to rezone approximately 2.81 acres of land on south side of Nine Mile Road, east of Green Hill Road from RA-1 to RP-2.

Ordinance No. C-44-86, Zoning Request 22-5-86, to rezone property on north side of Ludden, east of Orchard Lake from RA-4 to OS-1.

Council adopted resolution approving establishment of Industrial Development District for 16.749 acres on east side of Haggerty Road west and south of I-275 in Section 19.

EDC Resolution No. 1 was adopted, approving the Project Area and Project EDC Resolution No. 2 was adopted, confirming appointment of Thomas Shurtleff and Donald R. Layland as additional EDC members for Botsford P.O.B. Associates, Limited Partnership.

Resolution was adopted authorizing City Manager to make applications to State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, Land Division, for conveyance of Lot 5, Diamond Subdivision in Section 11 to City of Farmington Hills.

Council appointed Mayor Pro Tem Marks as Voting Delegate for Annual Congress of Cities, November 20 - December 3, 1985 in San Antonio, Texas and Councilmember Dudley as Alternate.

Report on Senior Citizens/Handicapped Transportation Program was presented by Director of Special Services Potter.

Council approved purchase of approximately 1,500 tons of 21 AA Limestone and authorized issuance of purchase order to Stankevich Grading and Company, Inc. for construction of parking lot in Heritage Park.

Council awarded bid for traffic signal installation at Bunker Hill and Twelve Mile Road to Motor City Electric Utilities Company, in amount of \$12,697.00 and authorized issuance of purchase order to Oakland County Road Commission for inspection of signal installation, in amount of \$2,000.00.

Council awarded bid for DPW facilities improvements to State Wide Energy Systems, Inc. in amount of \$4,650.00 (for purchase and installation of gas fired hot water heater and boiler unit) and to Ciesler Lumber company in amount of \$19,782.00 (for purchase and construction of pole framed, metal storage building).

Council established water and sewer payback agreement on behalf of Solomon Construction Company for property at Northwestern and Thirteenth Miles Road. Revised Open Space Plan for Hunt Club Subdivision was approved with conditions.

Council awarded following bids for furniture for police facility:

- JR and Company of Farmington Hills, total amount of \$2,699.00.
- Sable Office Furniture of Detroit, total amount of \$14,284.00.
- Redford Office Products of Livonia, total amount of \$5,029.36.

Council adopted Traffic Control Order SL-9-1986 - establishing speed limit of 30 MPH for east and westbound traffic on Thirteenth Mile, between Drake and Halsted; rescinded Traffic Control Order SL-66-1984 for 25 MPH speed limit; and adopted Traffic Control Order SL-9-1986, to reinstate 25 MPH speed limit on Thirteenth Mile between Halsted and Haggerty.

Council accepted report from City Manager on blight at 14300 Fourteen Mile, Commerce Township.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

J.I. ALKATEEB, Mayor
JOAN REYNOLDS, City Clerk

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The 30th day preceding said Election

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For the nomination and election of candidates for various offices.

JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, City Clerk