

# Goodfellows help the needy

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Don't think just because the economy is good, needy families are a thing of the past in the Farmington area.

"It's not true that a good economy translates into a major reduction in the number of families who need help," says Richard Tupper of the Farmington Area Goodfellows.

"A lot of the families we serve are on Social Security or have a family member with a serious injury or who have no one working."

Although the number in need

doesn't drop in relation to the economy, it sometimes rises if the economy worsens. "I'm sure we'll have our usual number of families to help," Tupper said.

The Goodfellows raise money through community solicitations and newspaper sales to brighten the holiday season for families with documented need.

This year's fund-raising goal is \$30,000 — \$15,000 from contributions and \$15,000 from the newspaper sale Friday, Nov. 28. Police officers, firefighters, Goodfellows and service group members will be among those hawking newspapers at major intersections.

"WE ALWAYS look forward to making our financial goal when the economy is good," Tupper said.

Proceeds are used to provide holiday baskets to families identified as needy and whose need is then documented.

Holiday baskets include canned goods, some clothing and toys. They

also include gift certificates redeemable for fresh food and winter clothing.

Baskets for seniors are specially packed — "according to if they're on a special diet or in need of something special," Tupper said.

The Goodfellows anticipate serving 200 families with children and 120 seniors this year, about the same as last year.

The Farmington Area Goodfellows has served needy families for more than 40 years.

## Ma Bell designs new dialing rules

Michigan Bell customers in the Farmington area will be using new dialing procedures to make local or long distance calls using an operator.

The change is being phased in across the state as Michigan Bell begins providing its own local and long distance operator service, third Michigan Bell said.

Jo Filarek, local corporate affairs manager,

These operator services were provided under contract by AT&T for Michigan Bell since the breakup of the Bell System in 1984.

About 700 long distance operators who transferred from Michigan Bell to AT&T will return to operator offices throughout the state.

The Michigan Bell operators will handle calls such as collect, bill to

third number, person to person and requests for assistance within local calling areas similar to area codes.

"Customers won't notice any difference when placing direct-dialed calls," Filarek said. "But callers dialing '0' will reach a Michigan Bell operator who will only be able to provide assistance on calls within the customer's local calling area."

Customers who need operator assistance from a long distance company must dial "00" or contact the long distance company for instructions on how to place operator-assisted calls, she said.

Farmington-area customers in the following exchanges are affected: '71, 473, 474, 476 and 478.

## Advisory council gains spotlight

More people will know about Farmington Area Advisory Council programs, thanks to help from a local utility.

The Farmington Hills-based group

received 12,000 new program brochures recently, courtesy of Detroit Edison's Community Involvement Task Force. The utility worked with the local nonprofit organization dur-

ing the past several months to facilitate design and printing of the brochures, according to organizers.

The brochures give information about the FAAC's Youth and Family Services, which focus on substance abuse prevention, early intervention and treatment.

The contribution was presented to FAAC board President John Hooper by task force Chairman Glen Hall during an Oct. 30 meeting, which

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was attended by representatives both the FAAC and Detroit Edison.

In addition, Hall and his task force assisted FAAC in developing an energy conservation plan for the group's facility on Middlebelt Road.

The Detroit Edison Task Force was formed by the company as a means of sharing some of the company's resources with the communities it serves, organizers from the FAAC added.

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