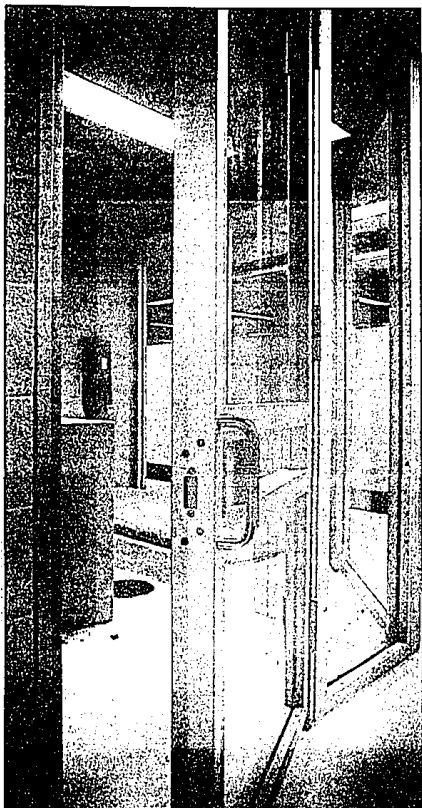


Hills police to show new headquarters



Security glass encloses the nine cells in the holding cell area.

By Joanne Mallazewski
staff writer

FARMINGTON HILLS residents will soon get a peek into the new \$3.7 million police building.

"This will provide them (residents) with an opportunity to observe what we consider to be a very professional department. Citizens that visited the old building will be able to compare," Chief William Dwyer said.

The official opening of the 32,000-square-foot facility will be celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and three-day open house. The ceremony and reception is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, May 29, followed by guided building tours from 4:30-8 p.m. On Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31, tours will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tours will start on the half hour.

"We're going to have guided tours and point out things of interest, such as the communications area, indoor firing range and detention area," Dwyer said.

Police employees moved into the facility in early March even though some minor items were still incomplete. Some 97 percent of the interior work has been completed, Dwyer said.

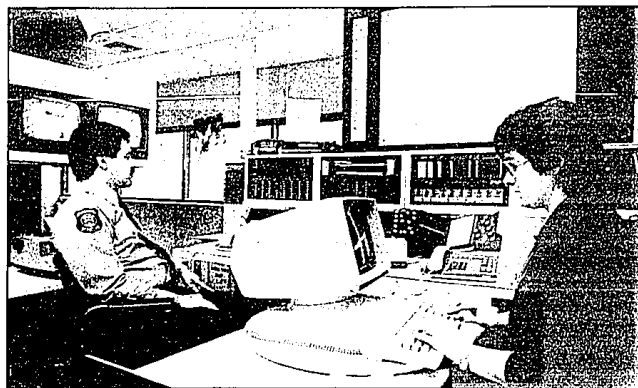
THE NEW building is a far cry from the police department's former cramped quarters space in some 6,500 square feet of space attached to the city hall. The old building is being remodeled for expansion of city administrative offices.

Because of problems encountered during construction, the police building's completion was eight months behind schedule.

Residents who take the guided tours will receive an explanation about some of the building's features. Residents will be taken to the nine holding cells in the detention area and to the communications area, where dispatchers receive emergency calls from residents and dispatch officers. The dispatch center was built to accommodate the new computerized E-911 emergency system.

Though officers probably won't give demonstrations of firearm use, residents will be allowed into the indoor firing range in the facility's basement.

THE TOURS will include the



Rob Medwed, dispatcher, and Marylou Alex, dispatch coordinator, in the Communications Center.

crime prevention area (formerly in city hall), expanded records department, library and conference areas and the detective and juvenile divisions that feature individual interview rooms, Dwyer said.

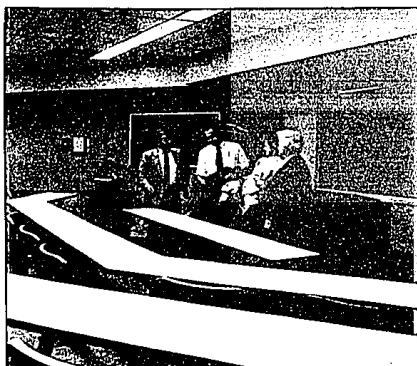
Residents also will see the department's physical fitness room, which was donated by the police officers and command officers unions.

The department's semi-circular training room — which the former building did not include — also will be open to the public.

"It's modeled after the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va.," Dwyer said.

The department plans to host training sessions for other suburban departments.

Gifts, such as refrigerator magnets bearing the department's emergency number, will be given to residents at the open house, Dwyer said.



In the Training Room are (from left) Mirl Spencer, deputy chief; Bill Duffy, crime prevention officer; Rita Hoenan, administrative secretary; and Joyce Sherman, juvenile services assistant.

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short takes

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improvements in reducing inventory levels.

With regard to automotive parts sales, the company is hopeful scheduled production will coincide with favorable consumer choices in the automobile and light truck markets. Increases in sales of beverage bottles and material handling equipment were also reported.

JOINS NETWORK

Some of the nation's independently owned real estate firms, including Farmington Hills-based Real Estate One, have joined to form a new relocation referral network.

The American Relocation Network (Amerinet), headquartered in Orlando, will provide relocation assistance to families and businesses moving from one geographic location to another at no additional charge.

Amerinet will have 17 charter members, with 525 offices nationwide and 16,000 sales associates. All charter members are full-service real estate brokers with commercial/industrial departments. Together, these companies sold \$18 billion worth of real estate in 1986.

Each of these companies has relocation experience as a member of one of four major relocation networks. Real Estate One, for example, was instrumental in forming the RELO network.

Real Estate One will hold a seat on Amerinet's Board of Directors. It will be the exclusive broker for Amerinet in Detroit, Orlando, Kansas City, St. Louis and Charlotte, N.C.

More than 320 of the Fortune 500 companies are in cities that will be represented by an Amerinet broker. Real Estate One will begin sending referrals through Amerinet June 1.

SALES UP

Century 21 of Michigan sales for the first quarter of 1987 were up \$16 million, or 3 percent over sales for the first quarter of 1986. That represents sales of \$587 million worth of real estate between January and March 31.

"The first quarter of 1987 was the best first quarter we've ever had in our history," said Paul deBrow, Century 21 of Michigan regional director.

"It's both a buyers and sellers market. Despite recent slight in-

creases in interest rates, buyers are still benefitting from low interest rates and sellers continue to benefit from increasing demand and the steadily rising price of housing."

Century 21 of Michigan, based in

Farmington Hills, has 254 offices served by 4,600 sales associates.

ASSISTANT VP

Donald Hoffman was appointed assistant vice president at the Weyerhaeuser office of Comerica Bank-Detroit.

The Farmington Hills resident joined the bank in 1961 as an administrative trainee. He has held positions of increasing responsibility since then.

Hoffman is a member of the Westland Chamber of Commerce and the Westland Economic Advisory Commission.

NEW IN TOWN

While shopping for a baby gift for a friend, cousins Loretta Globerson of Franklin and Rita Neff of Southfield discovered a fashion void for expectant mothers and infants.

Quality infant merchandise and fashionable maternity outfits were difficult to find together under one roof.

In 1978, the women combined their professional talents, became business partners and opened Baby and Me, a shop that combines infant, toddler and maternity merchandise.

One year later, the cousins added toddlers clothing to their inventory. After nine years, the 15-employee company has outgrown its Southfield site. On May 27, it will open a new, larger shop in Farmington Hills, nearly doubling its floor space. Baby and Me will be at a 3,100-square-foot shop at 31045 Orchard Lake in Loehman's Hunters Square.

While continuing to specialize in layettes, gifts, infant, toddler and maternity merchandise, the new Baby and Me shop will carry children's clothing up to size 6X for girls and size 7 for boys. Hours at the new Baby and Me location will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and until 8 p.m. Thursdays. There's a 20 percent discount on all purchases of \$5 or more.

Globerson and Neff grew up in the Detroit area. Both started their working careers by the time they were 13.

Globerson started in retail sales at 12 when she worked in her mother's millinery shop in Hamtramck. Later, she sold women's accessories and worked as a bookkeeper.

While still attending school, Neff worked in retail sales at a children's clothing store. She later taught elementary school for five years in Oak Park schools.

They visit New York six times a year on buying trips.

Books for the Young individualists



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