

Wheelchair-bound seek mobile lift

Lift company's closing has left void in service

A transportation company that went out of business in October has left the wheelchair-bound who need mechanical lifts out in the cold.

Community officials who are concerned about the lack of public transportation for the wheelchair-bound are trying to find a business that does have mechanical lifts to help those who can't get out of wheelchairs.

"We are looking at better ways to serve our constituency," said Livonia director of community resources, Suzanne Wisler, speaking on behalf of a consortium of six communities, which provides public transportation for senior citizens and the disabled.

Livonia, Plymouth, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi and Novi Township formed the transportation consortium in 1981. Each community helps pay for the service.

Users of the consortium's service who depend upon mechanical lifts to get in and out of cars have had to fend for themselves since October,

bought four vans with lift capability several years ago but "we never got the service out of the ground, because nobody used them," Peterson said.

To Peterson's knowledge, Northwest is the only transportation company now operating in the immediate area. Failure of such businesses, which carry passengers in cabs, vans and other vehicles, is high, he said.

He pointed to ACT, which contracted with the consortium last May, and a second company, Oakland Transport, which was leased for business in April and has already ceased operations.

"IT TAKES special know-how to make it in this business and a special breed of driver to handle this type of passenger (elderly and disabled)," he said.

Wisler said it was obvious by mid-August ATC was experiencing difficulty after the firm tried to expand service to the disabled in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

"They simply were not able to be responsive," she said.

In a letter to the Livonia City Council last month, Wisler asked the ACT contract be terminated and the Northwest contract be extended through June 1988. The letter also said consortium communities are ex-

Beyer's reappointed as chair of nursing society committee

Marjorie Beyers, associate vice president for nursing and allied health services at Sisters of Mercy Health Corp. in Farmington Hills, was reappointed to a two-year term as chairwoman of the Resource Development Committee of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

The Resource Development Committee is responsible for determining long-range needs for facilities and programs, seeking sources of funding and establishing means of furthering the organization's goals.

Beyers has held teaching positions in major universities, most recently serving at the University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing as the James R. Dougherty Jr. Centennial Professor in Nursing Service Administration.

A nationally recognized nursing expert, Beyers' publications include books and articles on nursing service administration and quality assurance.

She served as executive director of the National Commission on Nursing and is active in national, state and local organizations.

With a membership of 120,000, Sigma Theta Tau International is the second largest professional nursing organization in the United States and one of the five largest in the world.

Founded in 1922 at Indiana University, the organization promotes the advancement of nursing, scholarship and excellence and the improvement of health care worldwide.

During Beyers' term, Sigma Theta Tau International will open the International Center for Nursing Scholarship and International Library. The \$4 million complex and electronic resource center will be located in Indianapolis and is set for completion in November 1989.

12 selected to serve on Hills crime panel

Twelve community representatives have been named to the Hills Crime Prevention Advisory Committee of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

The committee, formed in November, is intended to help police ideas for combating break-ins, thefts, stickups, car thefts, drug-related incidents and other common crimes.

"We're not reacting to a particular situation. We're trying to improve our lines of communication in reducing crime," Chief William Dwyer said at the time of the committee's first meeting in December.

"The members will be on our eyes and ears and be liaisons between us and the groups they represent."

Committee members and the sector of the city they represent follow:

- Angel Bakos, Botsford Inn — commercial/service.
- Kay Clark, homeowner — residential.
- Jim Dorrell, Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America — commercial/service.
- Bob Gardner, Consumers Power — commercial/service and residential.
- Kimberly Kain, Tally Hall/Hunters Square — commercial/retail.
- Timothy Kenny, attorney.
- Massie Kurzeja, homeowner — residential.
- Mike McCanham, Little Caesar Enterprises — commercial/service and residential.
- William Miller, Farmington Public Schools — educational.
- Betty Nicolay, Farmington Families in Action — civic/service and residential.
- Ed Smith, homeowner — residential.
- Bob VanEvery, H.A. Smith Lumber — commercial/retail.

THE COMMITTEE, identified as a 1987 goal in the police department's five-year plan, will help investigators assure they're meeting the community's crime prevention needs. It also will help target areas in need of more attention.

The committee will recommend crime prevention programs and potential target groups. It will buttress existing Business Watch and Neighborhood Watch programs.

Membership will grow to about 20 members, representing all facets of the city — businesses, subdivisions, industrial parks, school districts, civic groups, community groups. Meetings will be held monthly.

In addition, the committee may host periodic citywide workshops, including educational workshops on crime prevention.

The committee welcomes feedback.

Write: Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, c/o Chief William Dwyer, Farmington Hills Police Department, 31644 11 Mile, Farmington Hills 48018.

Hills raises fees at San Marino course

Residents and non-residents will pay more to play golf this year at Farmington Hills-owned San Marino Golf Course, on Halsted, south of I-696.

"We're just keeping pace with what's going on in the area (other municipal and private golf courses)," said Dan Potter, Farmington Hills special services director.

The city council-approved greens fees will help keep pace with increasing costs and, if possible, will be used for capital improvements at the nine-hole course, Potter confirmed.

For the 1988 golf season, the new fees and increases over last year's are:

- **RESIDENT FEES**
 - Nine holes: weekday, \$6; weekend, \$5.50. Both are a 25-cent increase.
- **NON-RESIDENT**
 - 18 holes: weekday, \$10; weekend, \$11. Both are a 50-cent increase.
 - Senior adults: nine holes, \$3.50 (25-cent increase); 18 holes, \$5.75 (50-cent increase).
 - Juniors, up to 17 years of age: nine holes, \$3.50 (25-cent increase); 18 holes, \$5.75 (50-cent increase).
- **NINE HOLES: WEEKDAY, \$7.50; WEEKENDS, \$8.** Both are a 50-cent increase.
- **18 HOLES: WEEKDAY, \$12; WEEKENDS, \$13.** Both are a \$1 increase.
- **Senior adults: nine holes, \$4.50 (50-cent increase); 18 holes, \$7 (\$1 increase).**
- **Junior: Nine holes, \$4.50 (50-cent increase); 18 holes, \$7 (\$1 increase).**

Police, radio station join in aid game

Farmington Department of Public Safety officers will challenge WCZY-FM staff members in a benefit basketball game Friday, Feb. 18.

All proceeds will go to fight cerebral palsy.

Tipoff is at 7:30 p.m. in the Farmington High School gym, 32000 Shioassee at Orchard Lake Road, Farmington.

Tickets are \$1. They are available at the Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty, at the high school or at the door.

Student wildlife art competition slated

The Arts Awards Program, conducted by the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills, is open to all Michigan high school students.

The purpose of the awards is to encourage increased awareness of priceless wildlife and wilderness heritage.

This competition and exhibit tour is the 8th edition mounted by Cranbrook Institute of Science, a natural history and science museum serving Michigan and the Great Lakes region.

The 1988-89 Michigan Wildlife Art Awards competition and tour is underwritten by a grant from Consumers Power Co., which also contributed technical services in support of the competition.


"There are many people in the state whose extraordinary artistic talents are sensitive to nature," says Dr. Robert M. West, director of the institute. "This competition offers a motivational experience and an opportunity for them to be recognized by the professional art community. No one loses with this event."

Information about the Michigan Wildlife Art Awards, including entry forms, have been mailed to high school principals and art department entries from a single high school will be accepted. The deadline for entries is April 30, 1988.

Fifty finalists will be announced in May. Cranbrook will notify the 33 winners in June. A public exhibition of the finalists' works will open at Cranbrook on July 30, 1988. Beginning in September, the 1988 Michigan Wildlife Art Awards Exhibition will tour the Upper and Lower Peninsulas of the state through August 1989.

The 1988 winners of the Michigan Wildlife Awards included local finalist Michelle Goyette of Farmington Hills.

Cranbrook Institute of Science is a division of Cranbrook Educational Community, which also includes Cranbrook Academy of Art and Museum and Cranbrook Schools in Bloomfield Hills.



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