

## recreation news

Each week, the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Recreation Division presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For more information about programs, call the recreation office: 473-9370. For matters regarding city council agenda items, call the city newsline: 476-3838.

### ● DISCOUNT TICKETS

A variety of admission tickets are available at a discount to area residents. Tickets to such attractions as Boblo Island, Cedar Point, Detroit Zoo, Sea World and many more are available. Tickets can be bought at the Recreation Division office.

### ● PICNIC-PAC

All you have to do is bring the food. The Picnic-Pac has all the other equipment for a fun-filled day in the park, including a volleyball net, complete badminton set, softball and bat, scoops and whiffle balls, horseshoe set and Frisbee disc. Reserve your Picnic-Pac one week in advance. Fee is \$5.

### ● NATURE SERIES

Explore the sights and sounds of a late summer evening at Heritage Park. You will listen to insect calls, observe animal behavior and watch the ever-changing sky. The class will be from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20. Preregistration is required. Fee is \$3.

## Final payment approved for Chatham Hills paving

Paving in the Chatham Hills subdivision has finally been completed. The Farmington City Council this

## Seniors get discounts

Oakland County seniors at least 60 years old are eligible for discounts offered through the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency senior discount program.

Pictures to be laminated into plastic identification cards will be taken from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, at the Farmington Senior Center, 28500 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills.

Discounts are offered on such items as auto parts, hair care, rust-proofing, prescription drugs and eyeglasses. Merchants across the country honor the cards.

per person or \$10 per family.

### ● CAMP COM-ON-A-WONNA

Openings for children ages 9 to 12 are available for the week-long session at Heritage Park. The last week session will be Aug. 15-19. Children will enjoy archery, studying animal, insect and plant life and exciting field trips. Camp runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. except for Thursday evening, when campers attend an evening program with their families. Fee is \$40 per person and preregistration is required at the recreation office.

### ● SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Adult softball teams interested in playing a 10-game schedule with playoffs beginning in September can register at the recreation office beginning Aug. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Team entry fee is \$285 per team. League divisions are men, women and coed.

### ● PUT-IN-BAY DAY TRIP

This is the perfect season for a memorable day at Put-In-Bay, Ohio. The trip includes bus transportation, tour around the island, a tour of Heinemann winery, a journey deep into the Crystal Cave, and a BBQ lunch at the Park Hotel. Date is Thursday, Aug. 18. Departure is at 8 a.m., returning at 6:30 p.m. Fee is \$44.

## Retirement housing being developed

A new retirement housing development is being built in Farmington Hills.

The development, Cardinal Retirement Village, consists of 143 apartments with many common areas designed for active older people. It is at 35550 Grand River. The apartments are made of factory-built modular housing units. The five-ton, 12-by-24-foot modules are set onto prepared foundations for a crane.

Cardinal Industries of Columbus, Ohio broke ground for the village in May and began setting modules in mid-July. Settling is expected to be completed in mid-August, and the

village is scheduled to open in December. A sales center, consisting of model apartments, is open and is staffed by the village administrator, David Miller.

When finished, the community will consist of 115 one-bedroom apartments, seven one-bedroom apartments with a great room and 21 two-bedroom apartments.

All units are single-story and are joined by hallways to the Village Square, a common activities area. The Village Square includes a dining room where evening meals, which are included in the rental package, are served. There is also a private dining room, game room, arts and

crafts room and exercise facility. Cardinal plans to do landscaping outside the village and there will be a park with a fitness trail and lighted shuffleboard courts.

Cardinal Retirement Village is designed for active seniors. There will be a full-time activities director on staff. For the minority of residents who need some help with daily chores, there is a private wing of the village called Cardinal Cared Life, which has barrier-free apartments.

Unlike most retirement communities, Cardinal Retirement Village has no endowment or entrance fee. Residents are also permitted to have small pets.

Other features are the security

system and emergency communication system. Every exterior door is locked electronically and is observed by camera. The cameras are linked to every apartment so residents may see visitors at the door by way of their own television sets.

There is also an emergency call system in each apartment linked to a switchboard manned 24 hours a day. Apartments also have a system called UP & ABOUT whereby residents may notify the switchboard every morning when they have risen.

The Farmington Hills development is one of 14 Cardinal Retirement Villages open or under construction in the Midwest and South-

## Bill protecting bank card owners

By Jackie Klein  
staff writer

In at least one case, new technology has updated the quality of a crime.

That's the word from state Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, whose district covers Southfield.

Recently passed legislation, introduced by Faxon, makes stealing an electronic transfer money card a felony even in an attempted theft or before any money is withdrawn from the bank.

"In the past, a person illegally using a credit card could be prosecuted for stealing money or property," Faxon said. "But there were no laws protecting owners of electronic bank cards."

"Cases have been thrown out because a piece of plastic was no big deal. And the presumption of taking money wasn't consistent with the law. The law had to be updated."

BANK CARDS, which people use at automatic teller machines to

withdraw money, are coded, Faxon said. But many bank patrons are afraid they'll forget the number so they write it down and keep it in their possession.

"People sometimes keep the code numbers with their private papers," Faxon said. They may carry the number in their wallet right next to the bank card. It's not difficult for a robber to figure it out.

The new legislation provides for people illegally using bank cards to be charged with the same offense as counterfeiters or bad check writers, Faxon said. Under the old law, a person could steal money and if he didn't sign his name to a document, it would be hard to prove, according to the senator.

State statistics show that more than \$100 million has been fraudulently deducted from bank accounts through illegal use of electronic fund transfer cards, Faxon said.

Faxon said he introduced the new legislation to update state statutes to pose stricter state penalties for crime.

"THOUSANDS OF MICHIGAN citizens have taken advantage of banking technology by using conventional money cards for financial transactions at banks or credit unions," he said.

"Besides increased popularity, some people feel bank customers and financial institutions weren't getting satisfactory protection when cards were stolen to get money and

property fraudulently. Existing law was inadequate to deal with the potential harm of theft or illegal use of cards."

Prosecutors found the laws inappropriate or insufficient to bring offenders to justice, Faxon said. The new law amends the penal code to reflect recent changes in consumer financial transaction practices and to offer protection for abuse of these practices.

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