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Taste of Farmington

The fourth annual Taste of Farmington, in which local restaurants serve up donated portions of their house specialties, drew more than 180 guests Sept. 14 at the Farmington Community Center. Eating on the center's front porch are (clockwise from bottom): Vicki Hicman of Farmington Hills, Barbara Hardy of Farmington Hills, Susan Bernhardt of Northville and Donna Thomas of Farmington Hills. The \$9 charge covered the cost of wine, paper plates, plastic utensils and advertising. The community center and the chamber split the remainder of the proceeds.

Teen may face burglary charges

Charges were pending against a 15-year-old Farmington Hills boy in connection with the burglary of four units at Greenhill Apartments early Saturday.

Money, a purse and a wallet were taken in the string of break-ins, which occurred between 2 and 3 a.m. Saturday, while the residents were asleep.

The suspect was to be formally advised of the charges Wednesday in Oakland County Probate Court Juvenile Division. Before then, he was to be placed in a parent's custody or held him in Children's Village in Pontiac also was to be decided, said Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

Entry to the Greenhill units was gained through unlocked doorways.

In one case, a screen was cut and the screen door unlocked, Nebus said.

MONDAY, POLICE filed petitions asking that the boy be charged with four counts of breaking and entering of an occupied dwelling with intent to commit larceny at Greenhill Apartments, Nine Mile and Halsted.

The boy had been released to his mother's custody after he was charged with burglary and car theft at Newport Creek Apartments, Eight Mile and Gill, Sept. 13. The car was later found abandoned, Nebus said.

Most of the property stolen Saturday was recovered near the boy's residence, Nebus said.

THE SUSPECT was arrested Sat-

urday afternoon, hours after one of the four break-ins at Greenhill. In that theft, money was taken from a purse laying on a bed as a woman was asleep on a couch.

According to a Farmington Hills police report, the woman, asleep in the living room, was awakened at 1:55 a.m. by voices near the kitchen. She then saw a teenager standing just outside the kitchen, talking to another person. When she asked what they were doing, they ran out the front door. From her second floor patio, she saw the teenager jump on a moped and drive off.

A moped was found at the suspect's residence, Nebus said.

Also at Greenhill Saturday, a wallet was taken from a table next to the balcony door in one unit and a

purse was taken from a living room table in another unit. A window screen was removed at a fourth unit; nothing was reported missing.

THE BOY became a suspect in the string of burglaries Saturday because he also is a suspect in thefts Aug. 17 at Greenhill. In that incident, an unlocked doorway was opened and a wallet was taken while a woman slept on the couch.

Later that day, a patrol officer arrested the boy at Indian Creek Apartments, Nine Mile and Drake, when a wallet was found in his possession inside an unoccupied unit. He faces burglary and receiving and concealing stolen property charges in connection with that incident, Nebus said.

Councils pump up waste consortium

By Joanne Maliszewski and Casey Haines staff writers

Farmington Hills and Farmington city councils did their part this week in extending the life of the year-old Southwest Oakland County Solid Waste Consortium.

Without discussion or fanfare, the Hills council unanimously adopted a three-page resolution that pumps new life and cash into the consortium's long-term study of what's becoming an expensive and growing solid waste problem in the communities and Oakland County.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us. It's an important issue and it's a challenge," Farmington Hills city manager and consortium member William Costick said, adding he wasn't surprised at the council's lack of discussion. "I think they've had a lot of information given to them."

The Farmington City Council also adopted the resolution Monday, with one city official saying citizens would be asked to help in the effort by recycling some of their trash at curbside.

"HOW'S THIS program going to work? Nobody knows that yet," public services director Earl Billing told the council. "We'll have to ask for some help by our citizens. We've had very mixed feelings on that, as to how we could handle that."

The two cities joined Southfield, Novi, Walled Lake and South Lyon last summer in forming the solid waste consortium to study and develop alternatives to saving solid waste disposal costs. When asked to join the Oakland County solid waste project, which currently includes 30 communities, the southwest communities declined.

But the consortium, as documented in a three-page resolution, is committed to working with a new group, headed by Oakland County Board of Commissioners chairman Roy Rowell. This group is attempting to bring all solid waste groups in the county under one understanding and one project.

"We will work with the county group," Costick said. "We will cooperate with them in the hope that a cooperative effort will result in a cost-effective plan for everyone."

The resolution's adoption by both city councils pumps new life and cash into the consortium. The consortium will receive an additional \$34,010 from Farmington Hills, which works out to about 50 cents for each of the city's 68,920 residents.

Farmington agreed to give the consortium an additional \$5,534, also 50 cents for each of the city's 11,068 residents.

THE RESOLUTION also calls for the city councils to:

- Adopt the consortium's position paper, unveiled in August, that documents the consortium's specific solid waste needs and future expectations.
- Approve the consortium's continued existence because more study is required.

• Authorize the consortium to advocate revisions to the county's state-required Act 641 plan, which is being updated. The consortium wants to ensure that the communities are equitably treated in any county project. Provisions the consortium would like address governance of a project and facilities,

standardized fees and control over residential and commercial waste.

• Authorize the consortium to provide detailed review and analysis for recycling, composting and other ways of reducing the volume of waste. Recent state guidelines call for recycling 50 percent of all solid waste by the year 2005.

"Additional study is necessary to ensure that the program which we endorse represents the best possible solution for Farmington Hills," according to Farmington Hills public services director Tom Biasell.

• Authorize the consortium to study the benefits of creating a special authority under Public Act 233, which allows the creation of intergovernmental authorities.

"The solid waste issue may be best handled by an Act 233 authority that standardizes collection and disposal and helps create an economy of scale that may be necessary to facilitate many of the programs that are necessary in the future," according to Biasell.

College night scheduled

A College Night program has been scheduled for all college-bound high school students in the Farmington area.

The program is 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Harrison High School, 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt.

The event is being hosted by counselors at Harrison.

Representatives from Michigan colleges and universities, and a few out of state colleges, will be on hand with information about their schools and to answer any questions.

All students considering college, and their parents, may attend.

News and notes from the Election '88 campaign trail. The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

• **VICTORY '88** Farmington-area Democrats are gearing up for the November election by hosting Victory '88 debate parties.

Mike Breshgold and Paul Kadish

will host parties on Sunday, Sept. 25, the night of the first presidential debate between Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis and Republican candidate George Bush.

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