

Mobile home zoning approved

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

COCAINE CHARGES

Two men were charged with possessing cocaine following discovery of a small amount of the drug during an investigation of a suspicious car parked near a closed business near Middlebelt and Shawwassee Sept. 18. Arraigned Saturday before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, the men — a 21-year-old from Northville and a 20-year-old from Madison Heights — stood mute to possession of less than 25 grams of cocaine, a felony punishable upon conviction by four years in prison.

The 21-year-old also was charged with carrying a concealed weapon when a survival knife with a 10-inch blade was found inside the car. He stood mute to that charge, punishable upon conviction by up to five years in prison.

Innocent pleas were entered in their behalf. Schaeffer set cash/surety bonds for each at \$5,000, pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court.

WEAPON SEIZED

A 20-year-old West Bloomfield man was charged with carrying a concealed weapon after a 4½-inch, double-edged dagger was found in his possession during an investigation of another incident near Northwestern Highway and Middlebelt Sept. 17. Arraigned Saturday before District Judge Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington, the defendant stood mute. An innocent plea was entered in his behalf. He faces up to five years in prison if convicted. The

judge set a \$5,000 cash/surety bond, pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court.

THEFTS REPORTED

A 1982 Ford valued at \$6,000 was reported stolen from a house on the 2700 block of Nine Mile Aug. 26-27.

A 1988 Pontiac Bonneville valued at \$24,000 was reported stolen from Bob Sellers Pontiac, 3800 Grand River, Sept. 14-15.

Two color TVs and a VCR valued at \$2,700 were reported stolen from Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Sept. 15-16.

A VCR and coins valued at \$500 were reported stolen from a house on Hamilton Sept. 16.

A bicycle valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a porch on Gill Sept. 16-17.

A circular saw valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a garage on Whittington Sept. 16-17.

Stereo equipment valued at \$500 was reported stolen from a house on Roosevelt Sept. 17.

A 1987 Chevrolet Astro valued at \$18,000 was reported stolen from Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, Sept. 16-17.

A bicycle valued at \$350 was reported stolen from a garage on Shady Lane Sept. 17.

A 1988 Chevrolet Camaro was reported stolen from Gateway Apartments Sept. 17-18. It was recovered in Detroit.

A 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass valued at \$8,500 was reported stolen from Woodhewer Apartments Sept. 18.

A 1988 Pontiac Trans-Am valued at \$19,000 was reported stolen from Hunters Ridge Apartments Sept. 15. A mower valued at \$325 was reported stolen from a garage on 12 Mile near Herndonwood Sept. 18.

By Joanne Maliszewski
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Farmington Hills city councilwoman Jean Fox doesn't want to legitimize mobile home parks by officially recognizing their existence in the city. The remaining members see it differently.

In a 6-1 vote Monday, the council upheld a planning commission's recommendation to remove two pieces of property on Tuck Road, north of Eight Mile, to the relatively new mobile home zone. The property was rezoned from RA-3, single-family residential, on one parcel, and LI, light industrial, on another.

The rezoning of the Clarenceville and Little Valley mobile home parks follows the council's failure to do the

same more than a week ago with the longstanding Flamingo Trailer Park on Middlebelt, just north of Nine Mile.

The planning commission requested the rezoning to reflect actual land use. "There's value in keeping the use as established," planning consultant Claude Coates said. He referred to a state Supreme Court ruling that mobile home parks "are a desirable form of land use." Coates added.

THOUGH the state does not require a certain percentage of mobile home parks within a city, Coates said the city should be able to document that it indeed does provide for such land uses.

Fox disagreed. "I cannot support this. I do not see any overwhelming

benefit to the city by this."

Other council members, however, were equally concerned about the light industrial zone on one of the pieces of property and the possibility of such use spreading.

"I definitely want to hold the line on the light industrial section. It makes a lot of sense to recognize mobile home (parks) since we may be required by the state..." councilman Terry Sever said.

Some council members questioned whether the rezoning could force mobile home park owners to improve their parks. But city attorney Paul Elbeau said that the two on Tuck Road are considered non-conforming because they existed before the mobile home ordinance was enacted.



Jean Fox

Local man honored at POW vigil

Thomas Riggs of Farmington is among the 74 Michigan servicemen, still missing and unaccounted for in southeast Asia, who were honored at a 24-hour vigil that was part of National POW-MIA Recognition Day Saturday.

Riggs was listed as missing June 11, 1967 in South Vietnam. The 20-year-old Army chieftain warrant officer was piloting a Huey helicopter. He was with Staff Sgt. James Nelson of Ludington when their chopper was lost in the night in an electrical

storm. Both are presumed dead. The Prisoner of War Committee of Michigan and the Vietnam Veterans of America/Mount Clemens Chapter 154 hosted the vigil Friday and Saturday at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

The ceremony began with the unveiling and dedication of an eternal flame at the Michigan Remembers POW-MIA Memorial, on the east wall of the chapel at Oakland Hills, 12 Mile and Novi Road.

A military flyover, wreath presentations, special music and a keynote address marked the ceremony. A Vietnam Veterans of America Color Guard read the names of the honored servicemen hourly.

The closing ceremony included a keynote address, a bagpipe salute, a riderless horse salute, military flyovers, a 21-gun salute and the playing of taps.

National POW-MIA Recognition Day provides a chance to pause and

remember all Americans who may be held captive by enemy nations from all wars.

"For the families of missing personnel, as well as for veterans and concerned citizens, every day is a day of remembrance," said Jonathan Tobias of Oakland Hills. "The Michigan Remembers Memorial here at Oakland Hills provides a very tangible symbol of the caring and concern that still exists for these 'forgotten Americans.'"

Group honors supporters

D'Arcy, Masius, Benton & Bowles, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan and Jimmy Schmidt will be honored for their commitment and dedication to the Holiday Meals-On-Wheels program at a gala fundraiser Oct. 1 at the Rattlesnake Club, Detroit.

Three Farmington Hills businesses support the program: American House Retirement Residences, Botsford General Hospital, and Michigan National Corp.

Holiday Meals-On-Wheels was initiated in 1986 by the Area Agency on Aging 1-B to supplement Monday through Friday, home-delivered, government-funded meals. A large number of southeastern Michigan older adults go hungry because funds are not available for weekend and

holiday meals.

Tickets for dinner and dancing to the music of Mel Ball & Colours are \$125 per person. Corporations buying 10 or more tickets will be identified as sponsors.

The Area Agency on Aging, Region 1-B which serves Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw older adults, is also seeking volunteers willing to give up part of their holiday so that these older persons can enjoy a festive meal and friendly greeting from someone who cares. For more information, call the volunteer coordinator at 569-0333. Contributions may be sent to: Holiday Meals-On-Wheels, Area Agency on Aging 1-B, 29508 Southfield Road, Southfield 48076.

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