

Postal tip: Get to mailbox early

The holidays will soon be here and the Postal Service says it wants to assure delivery of every package and card by Saturday, Dec. 24. "We ask your cooperation in mailing early so we can achieve that goal," said Farmington postmaster Kenneth Harris.

Reaching your destination with Christmas mail will be more likely if you:

- Prepare and mail your Christmas cards by Dec. 12. Envelopes must be a minimum of 3 1/2 inches high by 5 inches long. A surcharge is made if they exceed 6 1/2 inches high or 11 1/2 long.
- Write legibly. Include the ZIP Code in the outgoing and return address.
- Include your name and address on a slip on the inside of the parcels, as well as putting it on the outside. You do not need to wrap boxes in paper.

• Close all parcels securely with the following recommended tapes: pressure sensitive, reinforced paper tapes, reinforced pressure sensitive. Please do not use cellophane or masking tape, or tie packages with cord.

Christmas stamps are now on sale at the Farmington and Farmington Hills post offices.

Postal products make wonderful gifts. Ask the window clerk about inexpensive stamp collecting kits, Harris said.

For last-minute mailings, Priority Mail and Express Mail services are available. Call the Farmington Hills Post Office for details, 553-3910.

"Those of us who work in the Post Office in the last days of the Season of the year, wish each of you The Happiest of Holidays," Harris said.

Holiday service

"Consistent with local customer needs, post office window and collection service will continue during the Christmas period as usual or be increased," Farmington postmaster Kenneth Harris said. Harris said the Postal Service intends to clear from its office by Saturday, Dec. 24 all classes of mail available in time to meet year-round service standards.

On Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25, on Monday, Dec. 26 and on New Years Day, Jan. 1 and on Monday, Jan. 2, all offices will be closed so that as many postal employees as possible may spend the holidays with their families.

However, Special Delivery service will be provided on these days along with the deliveries of Express Mail and perishables.

police/fire calls

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

THEFTS REPORTED

A wallet and its contents valued at \$100 was reported stolen from a locker at Racquetball Courts of Farmington, 34200 Nine Mile, Nov. 29.

A VCR valued at \$350 was reported stolen from a house on Hugo in Farmington Hills Nov. 29.

A 1985 Oldsmobile valued at

\$4,000 was reported stolen from a garage on Eastlawn in Farmington Hills Nov. 29-30.

Computer equipment was reported stolen from Carpets of Farmington, 33001 Grand River, in downtown Farmington, Nov. 29-30. No dollar value was noted.

A portable whirlpool spa and a snowmobile trailer valued at \$3,800 were reported stolen from Miami Blue Water Pools, 37411 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, Nov. 29-30.

A 1985 Chevrolet IROC valued at

\$15,000 was reported stolen from Hunters Square, 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, Nov. 30.

Wire wheel covers valued at \$396 were reported stolen from a car parked at the K mart shopping center, Grand River and Halsted, Farmington, Nov. 30.

A generator valued at \$2,000 was reported stolen from a construction trailer at Green Valley Apartments in Farmington Hills between Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

TICKETS ISSUED

A 26-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for open burning, in violation of city ordinance, when leaves, branches and twigs were found burning in his back yard on 10 Mile, Nov. 26.

Three 17-year-old Farmington Hills men were ticketed for transporting open alcohol in a motor vehicle when beer was found in their car during a traffic stop on Brookwood Nov. 27.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington City Council
Council chamber
23600 Liberty
8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5

Awarding the city's only open Class C liquor license will be considered by the council for a location at the Village Commons Shopping Center, 32758 Grand River. The proponent is the owner of Rina's, an Italian restaurant, looking to relocate from Detroit to Farmington. A Class C license allows liquor to be sold by the glass.

Also on the agenda is:

- Discussion of House Bill 5581,

which addresses allowable tax mileage for solid waste disposal;

- Bids involving the regional auto theft prevention unit;
- A proposal for special city council meeting to discuss the remodeling of the municipal building;
- Sign and fence variances.

Downtown Development Authority

The regular DDA meeting scheduled on the first Tuesday of each month has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 8 a.m. at Farmington City Hall.

Farmington Board of Education
Schnitzer Administrative Center
32500 Shilwaukee
Tuesday, Dec. 6

6:30 p.m. — Building and Site Committee

7:30 p.m. — Regular board meeting

An award for the district's Career Development program will be presented Tuesday evening by a member of the state Board of Education. Also on the agenda is a resolution to hold a bond election on Tuesday, Jan. 31, for funds to build a new elementary school.

Also slated:

- Discussion of the city of Farmington Hills' "Year 2000 plan."
- Building and site committee recommendations on storm-water retention at Leverage and a holding tank at Dunckel Middle School.
- Policy committee recommendations.

Farmington Community Library
Hills branch conference room
32737 12 Mile
5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8

The building committee will recommend library board selection of an architectural firm with an initial charge of preparing a feasibility analysis with alternatives for expansion of the Farmington Hills branch. Also to be discussed is the need for a consultant to evaluate the building program statement.

A library representative will be appointed to the Farmington Hills Year 2000 plan task force. Trustees will consider a bid for carpeting at the Farmington branch. The legislative update will include results of action taken on the district library law.

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