

# 1st key to city given to Dolan

Her colleagues on the Farmington Hills City Council honored newly elected state representative Jan C. Dolan by designating Dec. 20 as Jan C. Dolan Day in Farmington Hills. They also gave her the first "key to the city," as a token of our thanks," Mayor Jody Soronen said.

The metal key was painted gold. It was presented in a wooden box with an inlaid wood design on the lid. The lid's underside contained a plate expressing the council's sentiments about Dolan's years of public service.

Dolan, 61, will step down Dec. 31 as she replaces Wilbur Brotherton, retiring as state representative for the 69th state House District.

"Jan C. Dolan has served the Farmington Hills community with dedication, enthusiasm and a commitment to those high ideals and standards which are an integral part



of her character," said Soronen, reading from a city council proclamation Monday night.

Dolan was elected to the city council in 1985 and has served two one-year terms as mayor. The former teacher's background includes work with the elderly and in civic beautification.

She made an "indelible mark as a leader with insight, imagination, integrity and a deep sense of fairness to those she served," Soronen said.

"Speaking for all those whose lives have been touched by Jan C. Dolan," Soronen said, "I proclaim our deepest thanks for the years of outstanding public service and extend our heartfelt wishes for your continued success in Lansing."

"You haven't gotten rid of me," Dolan said. "I plan on being back here very, very regularly because this is my city."

## police/fire calls

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

**ARMED ROBBERY**  
The attendant was roughed up when two armed men took an undisclosed amount of money from Clark Oil, 24205 Orchard Lake, during a robbery Saturday night.

According to a Farmington Hills police report:

Two men, thought to be in their late teens or early to mid 20s, drove up at 6:15 p.m. and approached the counter.

One man demanded money, then brandished a long black knife. The other man held his foot against the door and threatened to shoot the attendant. No gun was seen but a black object was seen protruding from the man's coat pocket.

When the attendant hesitated in complying with all of the robbers' demands, one of the robbers struck him on the forehead with an empty pop bottle.

The attendant then met all of their demands.

As the robbers left, one of them threw the pop bottle at the attendant but missed him. It shattered on the floor.

**WOMAN CHARGED**  
A 17-year-old Westland woman faces two felony counts in connection with the discovery of a brass knuckle knife found in a purse on the seat of a car parked on Rockwell and Shilawasee at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Arraigned Saturday, District Judge Michael Hand of Farmington took under advisement the woman's guilty plea to one count of possessing a forbidden weapon and carrying a concealed weapon. Innocent pleas were entered.

Personal recognizance bond was set at \$5,000 pending a preliminary exam in 47th District Court.

Officers found the 8-inch-long knife after responding to the area on a report of shots fired. The woman was walking nearby with three others, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

camera valued at \$1,098 were reported stolen from a house on the 26300 block of Middlebelt Dec. 15.

Camera equipment valued at more than \$300 was reported stolen from Fairmont Park Apartments Dec. 16.

A raccoon jacket and Christmas presents valued at \$1,220 were reported stolen from a house on the 24200 block of Farmington Road Dec. 16.

A VCR and Christmas presents valued at more than \$400 were reported stolen from a house on Walden Dec. 17.

About \$500 was reported stolen from Cordoba Apartments Dec. 17-19.

A 1986 Dodge van valued at \$18,000 was reported stolen from outside TJ Maxx, 30955 Orchard Lake, Dec. 18.

**TICKETS ISSUED**  
A 25-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for indecent exposure after driving up to women and exposing himself in the parking lots of K Mart, 30800 Orchard Lake Road, and the Bone Yard.

## Tips on handling an accident

The following information is provided by the Farmington Department of Public Safety, which incorporates both fire and police protection for residents of the city of Farmington. Residents or businesspeople with questions, concerns or additional information should contact the department at 473-7262.



**ACCIDENT TIPS**  
What if I'm involved in an accident? This question is asked by a lot of drivers. Many are unsure whether to call police to the scene, go to the police station, or call their insurance companies. Many insurance companies require a police report be made as part of the claim.

Police policies differ when dealing with accidents. Some departments will not respond to the scene unless there are injuries, while others like the Farmington Department of Public Safety, will respond to any type of accident.

According to Commander Chuck Lee, his department prefers to investigate all accidents at the scene, where a more thorough job can be done.

Lee said Michigan law requires residents to report accidents that:

- involve an injury,
- involve vehicles that are undamaged,

- result in damage of \$200 or more,
  - result in damage to fixtures on or adjacent to the highway.
- Motorists are required to stop at the scene of all accidents to exchange names, addresses and registration information with the other driver, Lee added. "When in doubt, it's always best to call the police to the scene. This may help protect you against false claims at a later time."
- VEHICLE SCAM**  
Commander Lee cautions motorists to be aware of a common car theft scam.
- This is how it works:  
The driver, usually a female, is driving alone and is struck in the

rear by another vehicle. She gets out of the car to check for damage, and the "bad guys" jump out of the other car, leap into the victim's car and drive away. The victim "is lucky if she isn't robbed of her purse or assaulted," Lee added.

To help avoid this type of situation, Lee gives the following tips:

- Look back at the vehicle striking you before getting out of your car. If you fear for your safety, don't get out.
- Motion to the other driver and, if possible, drive to a nearby business in a well-lit area.
- When reaching the business, get out and call police, then check damage and exchange pertinent information.

**HOLIDAY HINTS**  
Think about friends, family and loved ones this holiday season before drinking and driving home from a party. Commander Lee suggests if at a party where alcoholic beverages will be served, "have a pre-designated driver to get everyone back home safely."

"Party hosts should consider that it is at least, in part, their responsibility to get their guests home safely," he added. "In the event a guest leaves a party intoxicated and gets involved in an accident, the host may be held liable."

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10. CHECK THE FLUE PIPE  
11. CHECK THE DRAFT DIVERTER  
12. CHECK A COMPLETE CYCLE OF THE FURNACE  
13. LUBRICATE THE MOTOR & ALL MOVING PARTS  
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