

Community Corner

This week's question:
Do you plan to observe the 20th anniversary of Earth Day? How have you become more environmentally conscious?

We asked these questions at the Crossroads Shopping Center, Nine Mile and Farmington roads.



"I don't know much about it. I think it is interesting, though. I haven't heard it talked about much at work. I keep it simple and don't litter. I throw papers in the garbage."
— Al Podschine
Farmington Hills



"What's Earth Day? We make sure we have a special kind of biodegradable garbage bags."
— Danielle Smigolowski
Farmington



"It's a great idea. I return bottles and always take paper bags from the supermarket. But I just cannot give up the disposable diapers. It's too easy."
— Pat Mulyart
Farmington



"I'm in a fun run at Madonna College with the proceeds going to clean up the Rouge River. My brother has an environmental science class at U of M-Dearborn and separates his garbage."
— Lyle Catiouette
Farmington Hills



"I haven't thought about it. I just throw everything away and don't recycle. But I don't smoke and pollute the air."
— Iris Galinos
Farmington Hills



"I don't plan to observe it, although I have become more environmentally conscious. I've been watching a lot of the Earth Day programs on TV. Some cities are initiating programs."
— Louis Terrian
Farmington Hills

Farmington police warn of phony fund-raisers

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 business people with questions, concerns or additional information should call the department at 473-7282.

• Beware of false claims — The Farmington Department of Public Safety warns residents to beware of calls that solicit money on behalf of the city or police department.

One Farmington business reported receiving a call from a man with a company called CPM, of Detroit, who linked himself to a police crime prevention program and asking for a \$7.50 donation. A man later came into the business to pick up the money. When he was questioned by an



employee, he fled the area. "Beware of this type of scam," said Commander Chuck Lee. "If you receive a call or a visit from anyone saying they represent the Farmington Police Department," be very suspicious and be certain they are not representing us.

"We do not solicit funds from people in the community, nor do we support those who do."

Although there are legitimate companies, Lee said, he suggested businesses and residents confirm their claims of support to any local police agency before giving money.

• Use 911 — The public safety department encourages residents and businesses to use the department's five emergency 911 lines for any crime, fire or other emergency in progress in the city. Due to the enhanced feature in the Oakland County system, anyone dialing from a Farmington phone will automatically be linked with the public safety department.

Lee asks that you not call for non-emergency incidents, however. These would include being locked out of a car, or for a minor accident in which there are no injuries.

police/fire calls

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

House fire

A house in the 34000 block of Cortland Street in Farmington sustained \$35,000 in damage Monday morning following a kitchen fire. No one was injured.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, a resident of the house was sitting in the kitchen when she heard two popping sounds before the fire started shortly after 10:30 a.m. Although an investigation continues, Fire Marshall Joe Schornack said he believes the fire was electrical in origin.

There was smoke damage throughout the house, and the kitchen was totally ruined, he added. The fire represents the largest dollar loss due to fire in the city so far this year.

Station conned

An employee of the Mobil gas station at 27730 Orchard Lake Road was conned out of \$20 early Monday morning when an unidentified man, impersonating a nearby restaurant manager, claimed he needed the

money because his cash register couldn't open and he had customers waiting to pay, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The unidentified man signed an IOU and gave the gas station employee a phone number to verify his identity. The employee called the number and the man's identity was confirmed. Still suspicious, the employee called information, got the restaurant's number and found that no one by the name given was the restaurant manager.

When police investigated, the restaurant manager said a man fitting a similar description borrowed 20 cents for a phone call. The man left the restaurant after making a call, the manager said. No one saw the man in a car.

Walled Lake police reported a similar incident with a man matching the same description, police said.

Pol found

A 21-year-old Big Rapids man, formerly a resident of this area, was ticketed for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia April 13 during a routine traffic stop in the city of Farmington.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, the man was driving in the area of

Grand River and Farmington when he was stopped. He was released on \$100 cash bond.

Cars targeted

Cars parked in the parking lots of Fairmont Park Apartments and Indian Creek Apartments, both off Nine Mile Road, west of Farmington Road, were the target of a series of break-ins April 15 and 16, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Six cars were broken into at Fairmont Park, though a flashlight, which was later found in the complex, and a gym bag were the only items reported stolen. Two cars at Indian Creek were targeted. From one, radio equipment, a CD player and a radar detector valued at \$1,400 were reported stolen. Nothing was reported stolen from the other, police said.

Thefts reported

Computer equipment valued at \$4,000 was reported stolen from Frodo Tool Co., 29609 9 Mile, Farmington Hills, sometime between April 1 and April 14.

Computer equipment valued at \$4,000 was reported stolen from the Michigan National Bank office building, 27777 Inkster, Farmington Hills, sometime between March 26 and 28.

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