

Liquor-law crackdown ends in tickets for 7

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Dwyer believes that prior notification with a registered letter to each of the 41 bar and restaurant licensees almost two weeks before the crackdown helped decrease the number of violators.

"Some of the licensees posted the letter (in their establishments) and attached it to employees' pay stubs," Dwyer said.

IN FRIDAY's crackdown, the seven people who were ticketed were employees. They are ticketed under the city ordinance that prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors.

Each of the licensees of the seven establishments, however, will be reported to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, which can levy fines and suspend or revoke licenses.

The establishments that will be reported to the LCC and employees ticketed are:

- The Bone Yard, 31006 Orchard Lake Road, seller Holle Lisc, 19, of Kego Harbor.
- Clamdiggers, 30555 Grand River, seller Rosemarie Ann Kay, 32, of Farmington Hills.

Most licensees avoid being ticketed

The following restaurants and bars were not cited and did not serve the undercover 19-year-old cadet during the Farmington Hills police crackdown on sales to minors Friday:

- Alfocino's Restaurant, 39205-09-13 Grand River.
- Armando's Shallmar, 29200 Orchard Lake Road.
- Blakeney's Ranch House, 26333 Grand River.

- Botsford Inn, 26009 Grand River.
- Brass Pointe, 24234 Orchard Lake Road.
- Buddy's Pizzeria, 31646 Northwestern Highway.

- C.J.'s Fine Food & Spirits, 29505 Nine Mile.
- Cafe Cortina, 30715 10 Mile.
- Clancy's Bar & Grill, 32350 Eight Mile.

- Clarion Hotel, 31525 12 Mile; seller Thomas Mehes, 68, of Farmington Hills.
- Plaza Hut, 33300 10 Mile; seller Lisa Ann Gorzanski, 32, of Fenton.
- Shot's Tavern, 30859 10 Mile, seller John Mark Musto, 44, of Farmington Hills.
- Sitar Cuisine of India, 29550

- Country Lanes, 30250 Nine Mile.
- D.Demmon's Scaffold Tavern, 27909 Orchard Lake Road.
- Drake's Lanes, 35000 Grand River.
- Ginopolis Bar, 27851 Middlebelt.
- Glen Oaks Golf & Country Club, 30500 13 Mile.

- Ground Round Restaurant, 30005 Orchard Lake Road.
- Holiday Inn, 38123 10 Mile.
- Human Palace, 38259 10 Mile.
- J.W.'s Saloon, 31425 12 Mile.
- Kyoto Japanese Steak House, 21150 Haggerty.

- Marmaduke's Tavern, 31195 Haggerty.
- Max & Erma's, 31205 Orchard Lake Road.
- Mike & Tom's Pub, 31650 Eight Mile.

- Mr. Sports One-of-A-Kind, 30860 Orchard Lake Road.
- Mountain Jacks, 24275 Sinclair Ct.
- New Mandarin Gardens, 31539 13 Mile.
- Nippon Kai West, 32443 Northwestern Highway.
- Nor-West Lanes, 32905 Northwestern Highway.

- O'Sheehan's Tavern, 35450 Grand River.
- Pizza Hut, 31200 10 Mile.
- Radisson Suite Hotel, 37529 Grand River.
- San Marino Golf Club, 26634 Halsted.
- Steak & Ale, 27590 Orchard Lake Road.
- Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River.
- Wing Hong Restaurant, 31455 Orchard Lake Road.

Grand River, seller Sadik Ahmed, 29, of Detroit.

• Towne Square Pub, 27406 Eight Mile; seller Leonard Thomas Lange, 44, of Redford.

All but The Bone Yard, which has a new August 1989 license, had been cited in previous undercover sweeps and had paid fines to the LCC.

AS OF TUESDAY morning, police had not received complaints from any of the licensees cited for sales to minors in the Friday crackdown. In the past some licensees have maintained that the crackdowns are an entrapment and that the cadets are made to appear older. The police have long denied such complaints.

The 19-year-old cadet, whom police photographed before the sting Friday, was dressed in a sweatshirt, Levi's and a Levi's jacket, Dwyer said.

Police plan to continue the undercover crackdowns. Two stings are conducted each year, generally during high school prom and graduation

and the winter holidays.

Each crackdown is usually targeted toward certain types of licensees. While Friday's crackdown targeted establishments in which drinking is permitted on the premises (bars, restaurants, golf clubs and bowling alleys), a crackdown June 8 targeted off-premise licensees (stores and package liquor dealers).

The number of licensees cited during the crackdowns has decreased particularly since Nov. 19, 1988. In that crackdown of 36 on-premise licensees, 20 or 56 percent, were cited. In the following crackdown, June 2, 1989, 11 or 33 percent, of the 33 off-premise licensees were cited.

The 1989 holiday crackdown, in which 41 on-premise and 14 off-premise licensees were checked, resulted in 18 (33 percent) violations. In June 1989, seven (21 percent) of the 34 off-premise licensees were cited.

"The city's position of not selling to minors is now clear to all licensees," Dwyer said. "Since we initiated this program in 1986, the city has had numerous requests from other cities to share the program. Our cadets also have been used in other cities."

Sewer improvement work moving ahead as planned

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more underground lead service lines that expected, and all were replaced. There were also problems with existing utilities, which were not shown on older sewer system prints. And the city will likely use the money budgeted for contingencies in the project because proper backfill materials needed to be purchased.

But traffic, by far, has been the largest problem, Deadman said.

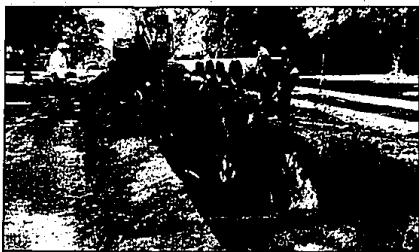
A major traffic snafu — the closing of Silawasse Road between Farmington Road and Grand River, which carries some 18,000 cars per day — is no longer a problem. Concrete was poured and that portion of roadway was reopened Dec. 14.

That will likely not please the residents of that stretch of road, who enjoyed the lack of traffic, Deadman said.

"It's a no win situation in terms of traffic management," he added.

To date, the project has included streets in the Brookdale-Cloverdale and Silawasse areas. Other parts of the city scheduled for work include the Old Village neighborhood, a large portion of Grand River and the Mooney Street area.

Deadman said contractors will have a lot of clean-up work to do in the spring, in addition to continuing the project. Some repaving, driveway and other work will need to be done.



FILE PHOTO

A September photograph shows sewer construction on Cloverdale between Power and Maple in Farmington. Construction is moving along on schedule, city officials say.

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School chief says budget cuts are possible

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tal projects. Both taxes would be for 10 years.

Passage of the second proposal is contingent on the first one passing.

With one mill equal to \$2.5 million, the first proposal would bring the district \$6.75 million per year, and the second \$2.5 million per year. A typical owner of a \$100,000 house

with State Equalized Value of \$50,000 would pay an additional \$135 a year in property taxes if the first proposal passes.

MEANWHILE, PARENT groups are forming on both sides of the millage issue.

A group calling itself Friends of Farmington Schools, co-chaired by two parents, is making plans to sup-

port the millage increase. Another newly formed group of about 12 parents, Citizens for Quality Schools, has organized against the new tax.

Head of CQS, Richard DeVries, attempted this week to set up a cable debate to air both sides of the debate, but to date, had no takers. FFS members declined to participate, and Flanagan said he did not think it appropriate for school personnel to

represent the pro-tax stance, in light of state laws which prohibit tax dollars being spent to promote or sway a vote in any election.

DeVries said his group is separate from the actions of another resident and Hills businessman Patrick Anderson, who has spoken out against the millage increase on behalf of Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co.

Anderson has said he will watch

the district to ensure it does not spend any tax money to promote the election. Flanagan said Tuesday the district plans to provide information about the election, but will take great care not to use tax dollars to sway voters in their election decisions.

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