

Community Corner

This week's question:

Has the closing of the Kroger supermarket in the Grand River/Halsted center affected you?

We asked this question at the Jamestown Apartments and the Grand River/Halsted center, site of the closed Kroger store.



"It's hurting my complex. I have a lot of women who don't drive. They need their exercise... and they need some stores they can walk to."
— Marion Credit manager, Jamestown Apartments Farmington



"You bet... I don't drive, so I have a hard time getting groceries. Thank God I have a neighbor who does drive."
— Virginia VanCovodon, Jamestown Apartments Farmington



"I shopped there quite often. Now I have much farther to go."
— James Ferrell, Farmington Hills



"I moved here from Union Lake because I thought the shopping would be close. Now I'm disappointed. I hope another store comes in."
— Cecelia Alberts, Farmington Hills



"It was kind of nice to come here to do my errands. Now I have to go to the (Kroger store) at 12 Mile and Halsted. I'd much rather come here."
— Sue Gourlay, Farmington Hills



"I live just off Freedom Road, so this (Kroger store) was real handy. Plus, I don't enjoy seeing empty stores in the center."
— Kay Clark, Farmington

police/fire calls

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

• INDECENT EXPOSURE

While an employee at the Farmington Community Library, Hills branch, 32737 12 Mile, was putting books back on shelves at 6 p.m. Sunday, she saw an unidentified man masturbating, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The man spoke briefly to the employee. She walked away and told a supervisor. The man left the library and walked to his car. The employee and supervisor were unable to get the license number.

The man was described as 5-feet-6, about 140 pounds, with black hair and dark complexion. He reportedly wore blue jeans, old tennis shoes and a royal blue jacket and baseball cap.

• MAN HOSPITALIZED

A man staying with the South Oakland Shelter program at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church was taken to the hospital Saturday after having an apparent epileptic seizure. The incident occurred at 1:35 a.m., when volunteers at the church at 23615

Power called Community Emergency Medical Service, which took the man to Providence Hospital in Novi. No information on his condition was available.

• THEFTS REPORTED

A woman's dress coat valued at \$450 was reported stolen from the Buggie Works, 29335 Orchard Lake Road, Sunday.

A VCR and game tape valued at \$230 were reported stolen from a house on Cass Monday.

A mobile phone headset valued at \$450 was reported stolen from a car on Fairway Hills on Saturday or Sunday.

Four air-conditioning units valued at \$4,000 were reported stolen from Meadowridge condominiums sometime between Jan. 2 and Monday.

Four hubcaps valued at \$500 were reported stolen from a 1991 Toyota on Springbrook, Jan. 10.

A stereo receiver valued at \$350 was reported stolen from a house on Flanders, Jan. 10 or Jan. 11.

Earrings and a bracelet valued at \$120 and a charge card were reported stolen from a purse in the employee coatroom at Farmington Nursing Home, 30405 Folsom, Jan. 10.

Approximately \$118 cash was reported stolen from a unit at Detroit Baptist Manor, 30245 13 Mile, Friday.

A shotgun and can of coins valued at \$800 from the basement of a house on Wheeler, Oct. 13-15, 1990.

About \$251 cash was reported stolen from the safe at McDonald's restaurant, 38400 10 Mile, Saturday.

Two wheels valued at \$400 were reported stolen from a 1991 Ford while parked at Mr. Sports One of a Kind bar, 30860 Orchard Lake Road, Saturday or Sunday.

A videocassette recorder, two rifles and a 35mm camera valued at \$1,200 were reported stolen from an apartment on Inkster, near Shinawassee, Jan. Saturday or Sunday.

• DAMAGE REPORTED

The rear window of a vehicle parked at Andrews Home Center, 22512 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington, was shattered Jan. Sunday or Monday, causing some \$500 in damage.

A car door was scratched with a key in the parking lot of Kmart, 37175 Grand River, Jan. 5, causing \$200 in damage.

Botsford boosts budget for expansion, renovations

By Joanne Mallezewski
staff writer

Botsford General Hospital needs \$5 million more in tax-exempt bonds than expected for its planned 130,000 square-foot expansion and renovation, including emergency room services.

The Farmington Hills Hospital Finance Authority met that request Monday when the city council gave its blessing to increase the original \$65 million it approved in late December by \$5 million. The tax-exempt bonds do not obligate the city or city taxpayers.

"We are hopeful we will not have to expend the full \$70 million, but we need leeway to provide for contingencies," said Botsford attorney Ray Zweig.

The limited obligation bonds will be issued in one or more series and will be used to provide some of the financing for the planned \$30 million expansion and subsequent renovation of the existing 336-bed hospital. The bonds also will refinance other bonds issued in 1985 for other improvements.

The expansion and renovation also will be financed with a new public fund-raising campaign and the hospital's own money.

The city council gave its blessings following a public hearing, at which no one spoke. "Must be all satisfied Botsford patients," Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said.

CITY MANAGER William Costick, a member of the city's reactivated hospital authority, said the hospital's plans are important because "from the city's stand-

point, expansion of the emergency facilities is vitally needed."

Bonds issued in 1985 helped expand and improve the hospital's emergency room at a time when emergency rooms in the region came under fire for closing their doors when at full capacity for certain types of critical and acute care.

But the emergency room needs further expansion as the average annual number of visits continues to increase. Approximately 60 percent of the hospital's admissions are through the emergency room, according to Zweig.

By 1993, two new buildings will be added to the medical complex and by 1994 areas of the existing hospital will be renovated. No new beds will be added.

One of the new buildings — on the east side of the complex between the existing north and south towers and the administration building — will provide more space for emergency services and inpatient surgery on the first floor.

The second floor will be devoted to medical records, laboratories and supplies. Parking will be in the basement.

The other new building, near the professional building on the west side, will house expanded outpatient and recovery services. The third floor will be available as rental space for physicians.

Hospital officials expect to get the required certificate of need from the state Department of Health sometime this week for the new west-end building. Officials also are applying for a certificate of need for the east-end building.

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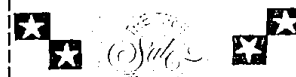
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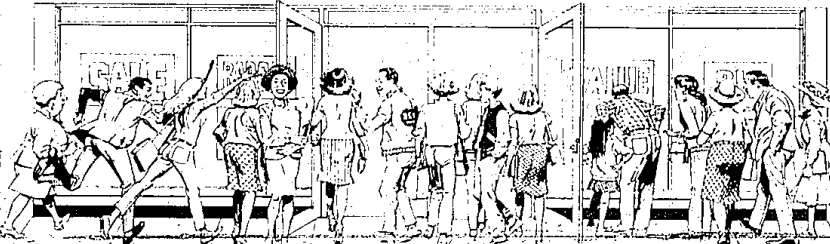
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