

Community Corner

This week's question:

How do you feel about recent proposals for schools of choice?

We asked this question at Longacre Elementary School in Farmington Hills.



"Theoretically, I can see where parents would like to have a choice. Practically speaking, it may cause logistical problems."
— Myrna Henderson
Longacre educator



"I think it's important. Every parent has a different want for their children academically. It's good."
— Roseann Roylo
parent, Farmington Hills



"I feel we were already choosing our school because of where we moved. That wasn't really the case. Now they're talking about changing the boundaries."
— Theresa Ellis
parent, Farmington



"I liked it in Texas. You paid a fee for it. (If still in Texas) I would have paid and gone to another school."
— Wanda Kanon
Farmington Hills



"As a parent, I guess I would want to choose where my kids would go to school. But as a taxpayer, I wouldn't want to foot the bill for buses. I can see both sides."
— Susan Waisanen
Farmington



"I'm against it. I think there'll be more battles with regard to transportation. There will be more competition between families about who goes to school where."
— Reno Henrikson
Farmington

police/fire calls

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

● ATTEMPTED MURDER

A 34-year-old Farmington Hills man was shot in the right shoulder by an unknown assailant about 8:15 p.m. Sunday while in his trailer at Flamingo Trailer Park, 22600 Middlebell, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

The man, who is in Dotsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, told police that he was walking south in his trailer when a bullet came through the window and hit him. He told police he didn't see anyone or a car in the area. But the man said he heard a "pop" through the window, a car door slam and a car speed off.

Police, who are investigating the shooting, were told of the incident by hospital officials.

● UNARMED ROBBERY

An 18-year-old Wixom woman, a driver for Domino's Pizza, was grabbed and robbed of pizzas she intended to deliver to a house on Rockycrest at 1:40 a.m. Saturday, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

Two 19-year-olds, one from Farmington Hills, the other from Northville, were charged with one count each of unarmed robbery. If convicted, the two face a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison.

When the woman arrived at the house, all house lights were off and no one answered her knock on the door. As she started to walk away, she heard footsteps, and then someone grabbed her by the shoulder and spun her around.

She dropped the case containing the pizzas after one of two men tried to grab it from her. One of the men picked it up and both men ran off, according to the report.

Police went to Rockycrest and found a house where people were gathered for a party. After questioning the partygoers, police found the Domino's pizza bag.

● **INDECENT EXPOSURE**
An man exposed himself to a 30-year-old Farmington Hills woman in the parking lot of the West River Plaza, 30100 Grand River, just before 4 p.m. Monday, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

As the woman walked toward her car she saw the man sitting in a car two spaces away. He lifted himself from the car seat and exposed himself. When the woman got into her car, he left.

The man is described as about 28 years old, 5 foot-9 and 170 pounds, with short brown hair.

● CAR FIRE

No one was injured when the back seat of a 1980 Ford caught fire about about 5:43 p.m. Feb. 28 at Independence and Ontago, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

When firefighters arrived at the scene the car owner was extinguishing the smoldering car seat. Firefighters soaked the seat with water. Damage was estimated at \$250.

● KIDS APPROACHED

A 10-year-old student and his friends were walking in the

● GARAGE FIRE

A fire in a plastic trash can in a garage of a house on Connaught is listed as suspicious, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

When firefighters arrived at the scene just after noon Friday, they found the contents of the trash can on fire. The can was near the interior entry door in the garage. The small garage door was open about two feet.

Firefighters extinguished the fire. The occupant told fire officials she had not been in the area for two days. Damage was estimated at \$20.

● CAR FIRE

A fire that caused an estimated \$1,000 in damage started when a resident on Herndonwood tried to jump start a dead battery in his car Friday, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

When firefighters arrived, they found the engine compartment insulation burning and extinguished it.

● THEFTS REPORTED

A camera, binoculars, cases with clothing, a couple of jewelry boxes, a sports jacket and jewelry valued at \$18,415 were stolen Saturday from a 1979 Cadillac parked at Greiss Jewelers, 32940 Middelbelt.

A purse and jewelry valued at more than \$3,800 plus \$50 in cash were stolen Saturday from John

● DAMAGE REPORTED

Twenty-four cars were damaged and some items from the cars, such as radios, were stolen Monday. The cars were parked at Bosch Corp., 36000 Hills Tech Drive. Windows were smashed, glove compartments ransacked and some dashboards were also damaged. No damage estimates were available.

Windows were broken on a 1987 Mazda pickup parked at St. Clair Advertising, 37440 Hills Tech Drive, between Feb. 28 and Friday. Damage was estimated at \$200.

Damage was estimated at \$200 when someone hit a Cadillac with a crowbar Saturday.

Windows on a 1990 Nissan and a 1990 Nissan pickup truck were smashed between Saturday and Monday while the cars were parked on Sunrise Drive in the Country Club Corporate Park at 12 Mile and Halsted roads. Damage was estimated at \$450.

Windows on a 1990 Chevrolet van and a new Saturn were shattered while parked at ACCO Automotive, 26500 Haggerty, between Saturday and Monday. Damage was estimated at \$200.

A 40-inch television valued at \$2,300 was stolen Monday from a garage on Ridgewood.

A CB radio and cellular phone valued at \$154 were stolen Monday from a 1990 Dodge at the Woodcreek Office Building, 31275 Northwestern Highway reported.

Wheel covers valued at \$1,400 were stolen over the weekend from eight cars at Town & Country Dodge, 31015 Grand River.

A VCR, answering machine and telephone valued at \$669 were stolen from a house on Park Lane Circle between Feb. 23 and Saturday.

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A car phone valued at \$300 was stolen Friday from a 1988 Mazda

Paul Salon, 30901 Orchard Lake Road.

An AM/FM CD stereo and amplifier valued at \$800 was stolen Monday from a 1991 Mercury Capri at Diamond Forest Apartments, 23190 Halsted. An estimated \$1,000 in damage was done to the car's dash and a spoiler.

An all-terrain vehicle valued at \$2,700 was stolen from a garage on Cadillac Saturday or Sunday.

Clothing valued at \$1,800 was missing from a 1990 Oldsmobile at the Faith Covenant Church, 35414 14 Mile, on Friday.

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