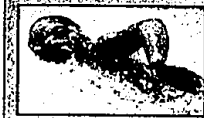


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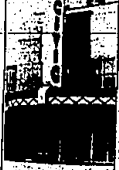
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TURN ON THE LIGHTS.

Farmington Hills is expected to be lit up 8-10 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 6, when residents are asked to turn on their porch lights to show support for drug and crime prevention programs.

Neighbors also are asked to go all out in support of nationwide programs by hosting their own neighborhood special events, such as cookouts or block parties that evening. Or just spend the evening outside 8 to 10 p.m. getting to know your neighbors.

A well-lit Farmington Hills and accompanying activities are part of National Night Out, an annual nationwide drug and crime prevention program.

There's a lot of reasons for the annual program.

- To heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs.

- Strengthen neighborhood spirit, and police and community relations.

- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods nationwide are organized and fighting back.

Some of the activities you and your neighbors can plan for the special evening are block parties, cookouts, flashlight walks, contests or children's activities earlier in the day.

The important thing is to get involved. Remember, turn on your porch light and show your support for crime and drug prevention programs.

For more information, call Kim Kemke, Farmington Hills crime prevention technician at 473-9640.

SHELL TALK.

Republican state Rep. Jan Dolan of Farmington Hills wants everyone to know she's happy to meet residents with an informal stop by subdivision association meetings or to speak at scheduled meetings beginning this fall as her schedule permits.

The idea is to keep the constituents of the 89th District, which includes Farmington and Farmington Hills informed of current and pending legislation in Lansing.

If your subdivision is interested in speaking with Dolan, you can call her office in Lansing to schedule a date.

If your neighborhood is interested in a particular piece of legislation or you want particular issues discussed, mention those requests when you call to schedule a speaking date.

To reach Dolan in Lansing, call (517)373-1793.

MEMORY LANE

From the Aug. 2, 1951, Farmington Enterprise:

The Farmington City Council unanimously approved the hiring of a new city manager at a special session. The council approved a \$5,000 annual salary for the new manager, Angus Leitch, who came to Farmington after one year as city engineer in Tecumseh.

Edison 'surliness,' repairs criticized

By Wayne Peal
and Casey Hana
staff writers

Detroit Edison customers and officials from both Wayne and Oakland counties including a large representative contingent from Farmington Hills — said Monday they were sick and tired of being left in the dark by the utility giant.

Though still seething over the long power outage that followed a heavy July 7 storm, customers said power outages were the norm, not the exception.

They also blasted Edison for what they called its slow, often haughty response to their concerns.

"This isn't an attitude of customer service, it's one of customer surliness," said Fred Shadko, who has recorded more than 60 outages over the past five years at his Livonia home.

SHADKO WAS joined in his complaints by

about 200 people attending a Michigan Public Service Commission hearing at Livonia City Hall.

The hearing is one of a series of hearings throughout the state to determine whether Edison and Consumers Power are properly maintaining and servicing power lines.

Though some came from as far as Clarkston and Ann Arbor, most of the 40 people who voiced complaints came from Farmington Hills, Redford and Livonia.

Densons of others, including more Hills residents, attended a second hearing the same night in Troy.

FARMINGTON HILLS Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, responding to the "deep frustration" of city residents, proposed a number of changes.

Utilities should have clear priorities for restoring service, Vagnozzi said, placing hospitals and nursing homes near the top of the list.

Edison should also develop a better system of

handling customer complaints, he said, as well as provide notification of when power will be restored.

"At least we got their attention," Vagnozzi said Tuesday. "I would hope they're concerned."

CITY MANAGER William Costick said, after the hearing, he remained concerned about what has become a serious situation for Farmington area residents.

"Generally, we've always had a good relationship with Edison, but the problems our residents are experiencing need to be addressed," he said.

"I do believe this has been such a major catastrophe for Edison . . . that Edison will respond."

"Maybe it's time a major rethinking needs to be done about how Edison operates."

Costick said his city would likely attempt to set up a meeting with Edison officials soon to discuss problems directly relating to Farmington Hills.

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city manager

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Several women of Japanese descent do a traditional dance during the spring multicultural night at East Middle School. Leading the dance is Yayoi Terada.

Japanese family in the Hills shares its culture, traditions

By Casey Hana
staff writer

COLORFUL SLIPPERS fill a decorative carrier at the front door, forming a graceful, fan-like display.

A visitor to the Farmington Hills house removes his or her street shoes and dons a pair of the slippers before entering the house, one of the many Japanese traditions practiced by the Nakamura family.

The mother, father, 19-year-old son and two daughters, who are 17 and 10, have adapted to the American lifestyle without losing much of their traditional comforts.

Setsuo Nakamura brought his wife, Mani, and children here because he was assigned to handle a joint venture in an auto parts factory for his company.

The family has lived here for two years, and will likely stay here for another three.

"The lifestyle is similar here — I knew that from the Japanese media," said Mani Nakamura, who lives with the family in a typical Farmington Hills subdivision near Bunker Hill and 12 Mile. "I like it here."

The family hails from Shizuoka, Japan, about two hours away from Tokyo by train.

THE NAKAMURAS are part of a growing population of Japanese residents living in the Farmington area.

The Farmington Public School District — the agency that tracks much of the multi-cultural activity in the area — reports about 90 students of Japanese heritage are eligible for bilingual services.

That is second only to the Arabic cultures, which make up the largest population.

Families such as the Nakamuras usually stay here between three and five years.

"MOST OF the Japanese families wish they could stay — they love it," said Yoshiko Gingerich, one of three Japanese bilingual aides for the school district who work with local Japanese families and accclimate them into the community.

During the school year here, about 800 students attend a Saturday Japanese School at the Kensington Academy in Bloomfield Hills, which allows the families to interact and keeps the students up to date on their



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in Farmington and
Farmington Hills

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Staff photo by SHARON LEMIEUX

Jun Nakamura, who will be a sixth grader this fall, has her mom, Mani Nakamura, look for a sliver.

Local police to back porn crackdown

By Ralph R. Echlinaw
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staff writers

Local police agencies say they will support Oakland County prosecutor Richard Thompson in his quest to get pornographic tapes off of video store shelves.

But they said they will leave the decision about what is obscene to Thompson and the courts.

In a July 10 letter to Oakland County police departments, Thompson suggested the agencies give store owners 30 days to remove illegal materials from shelves before enforcing the law, being careful "not to infringe on First Amendment" and other rights. He also sent a letter to business owners requesting they clean up their shelves.

Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said one complaint about an allegedly obscene video being sold in the city is already under investigation.

While he couldn't say exactly how his department would enforce Thompson's request, Dwyer said the city planned to "go in the same direction as we did with obscene magazines in Farmington Hills."

"We're going to be actively in-

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olved," he added.
In March 1989, 25 Farmington Hills beer and wine stores came under police scrutiny for selling reportedly obscene material after a citizens' advisory board suggested they look at the situation. Of the 25 stores, five were found to be selling soft-core pornographic material and four were found to be selling hard-core pornography. Two refused to stop selling the materials, and the store owners were successfully prosecuted, Dwyer said.

IN FARMINGTON, public safety director Frank Lathoff said his city

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Salvation Army couple finds unity in the corps

By Alice Collins
staff writer

Lt. Thomas McComb and Lt. Beth McComb are the husband and wife team appointed as corps officers/pastors for the Salvation Army's new Kresge Corps Community Center in Southfield.

"Our mission is to provide a place for worship and service and to create a wide range of volunteer opportunities for everyone," Thomas McComb said in an interview Tuesday.

Beth McComb was unavailable

to be interviewed because of a personal mission. The McCombs are expecting their first child in September and she has been directed by her physician to rest at home until the birth. The couple live in Farmington Hills.

"We're both very excited about our work here," said Thomas McComb. "This is our first 'real assignment,'" he added, making quotation marks with his fingers.

The Kresge Corps Community Center is the ground floor of the

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