

Council OKs Variance For New Post Office

FARMINGTON The parking variance for the proposed new post office in the City of Farmington was approved Monday night by the City Council.

The preliminary site plan submitted by postal officials was 37 parking spaces short of the amount required by city ordinance for a commercial building.

After holding a public hearing at the same meeting, the council voted 4-1 to grant the parking variance with Councilman Fred Siebert dissenting.

THE PLANNING commission March 22 approved a

revised site plan which is now before regional postal officials in Chicago for approval.

The site for the proposed post office is a three-acre parcel east of School St. on the north side of Grand River where the Farmington Lumber building is now located.

Councilman John Allen, also a planning commissioner, said the proposed site has room for 243 parking spaces to serve 104 employees and 66 mail trucks and including about 40 spaces in front of customer parking.

"I for one would be glad to sacrifice a little parking to keep the post office in the

city because we need it desperately," Allen commented.

Siebert objected that location of the post office at this site would make it very difficult to make a left-hand turn onto Grand River or into the site.

Grand River is a very congested artery, he added, and the post office would add to the traffic problems.

THE MATTER before the council, Allen argued, was a parking variance and not traffic flow. Traffic and congestion can be studied when final site plan approval is given, he added.

Mayor Wilbur Brotherton commented the land was zoned commercial and would generate traffic and turning movements if used for a post office or another commercial use.

Councilman John Richardson suggested the post office has a faster turnover of customer cars in a parking lot than another commercial use such as a department store with customers shopping or browsing for an hour.

The proposed post office would be three times as big as the present main office on Slocum in the city which was built 12 years ago.

Farmington Calendar

News items for the Farmington Community Calendar should be typewritten, double-spaced, and contain the time of event, date, time and place. Mail to the Farmington Community Calendar, 26251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48151, at least one week in advance.

MACLD MEETING
Wednesday, April 7, at 8 p.m. the Farmington chapter of the Michigan Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (MACLD) will meet in East Farmington Junior High to hear a speaker explain the volunteer Bucket Brigade program.

SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB
The April 9 meeting of the Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington will be postponed until noon April 23 in the social room of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington at Grand River and Warner. Bring a sandwich. Business meeting and cards to follow.

DROP-IN CENTER
The Senior Drop-In Center of Farmington meets every Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Masonic Temple at Grand River and Farmington Rd.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB
Monday, April 12, at 7 p.m. the Toastmaster Speakeasy Club meets in the Hillside Inn at 41661 Plymouth Rd., Plymouth. Men with public speaking interest are invited.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS
Wednesday, April 14, at noon the Blue Star Mothers of Farmington, Chapter 49, will hold a luncheon and card party in the Farmington Community Center. The public is invited.

STORY TIME HOUR
A new series of six story hours for four-year-olds and pre-school five-year-olds will be held each Tuesday beginning at 10:30 a.m. on April 20 through May 25 in the Farmington District Library at 23333 Farmington Rd. Mothers are asked to sign the registration book in the library. Enrollment is limited so interested parents should sign up early. Story-teller is Mrs. Marion Barlow, a children's librarian who recently joined the staff.

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Farmington Socially Speaking

By KATHY ZISKA GR. 4-7261

It took an open house St. Patty's beer binge in David and Dianne Oimsteads' mansion in Indian Village to get two Farmington couples acquainted.

Jane and Mark Sedley of Playview Ct. and Elaine and Rich Quigley of Pink Ave. had never met before the evening of fun on the east side where 150 guests attended. The party was a combination new house and St. Patrick's Day celebration.

The guests were entertained by folk singer Arnie Soderholm whose specialties were Irish ballads. During the evening, Jane Sedley was a little astonished to be sitting next to TV's George Pierrot. The Sedleys expressed fondness for the huge home in Indian Village and stated "it's a dream house!"

MRS. MARIE CRONIN of Cronin's Party Store on Northwestern has little time these days.

She is president of the guild at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament at 13 Mile and Middle Belt where there are 38 intern nuns (those that do not have contact with the public) and four extern nuns who help with the guild and some public contact.

The guild of approximately 300 members is a very active, productive group. They are just barely over the St. Pat's smorgasbord luncheon in the monastery where there is a limited space with 30 tables being comfortable, but 48 being set up. Which goes to prove that it was a mighty big success.

On May 18, the guild is sponsoring a springtime tea and bridge in the Hudson's downtown auditorium for the benefit of the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament (cloistered nuns).

All of their functions are by reservations only and if you wish information on becoming a member or attending the tea, call the monastery.

THE WEIGHT WATCHERS fashion show was scheduled at Tel-Twelve Mall, near the fountain, March 31. Weight Watcher members were the models.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Manino (he's the Joseph of Joseph Manino and Sons Wholesale Produce) never had time to return to Miami Beach, Fla., since their honeymoon 15 years ago. This year they had time and it was marvelous.

They saw Sergio Franki at Eden Rock, flew to Freeport, shopped at Bell Harbor, etc. But upon returning home, Mr. Manino found he didn't spend enough time playing golf. So, off he went to Miami, again for another four days where he had arranged to tee off with other gentlemen golfers.

Representatives from the Farmington Community Arts Council met recently in the home of Mrs. Roger Belanger, council activities chairman.

Purpose of the meeting was to pick chairmen for the divisions of the Farmington calendar of events. Picked as survey chairman was Evelyn Kreson of Suburban Concert Ballet, Zelma Llod of the Farmington Musicale as distribo chairman, and Joe Schmidt of the Farmington Artists as publications chairman.

Mrs. Neil McCallum, coordinator and chairman of the calendar, is excited over the progress to date. The council of the arts organizations have come up with unusual and innovative ideas for the community which will be published in September.

Organizations which may not be involved but would like information on the calendar of events done by the council should contact Mrs. McCallum or Mrs. Belanger.

How To Avoid Ransacked Home

FARMINGTON Farmington Township Police Chief Irving Yakes asks residents to be on the lookout for persons ringing doorbells and asking for a fictitious person.

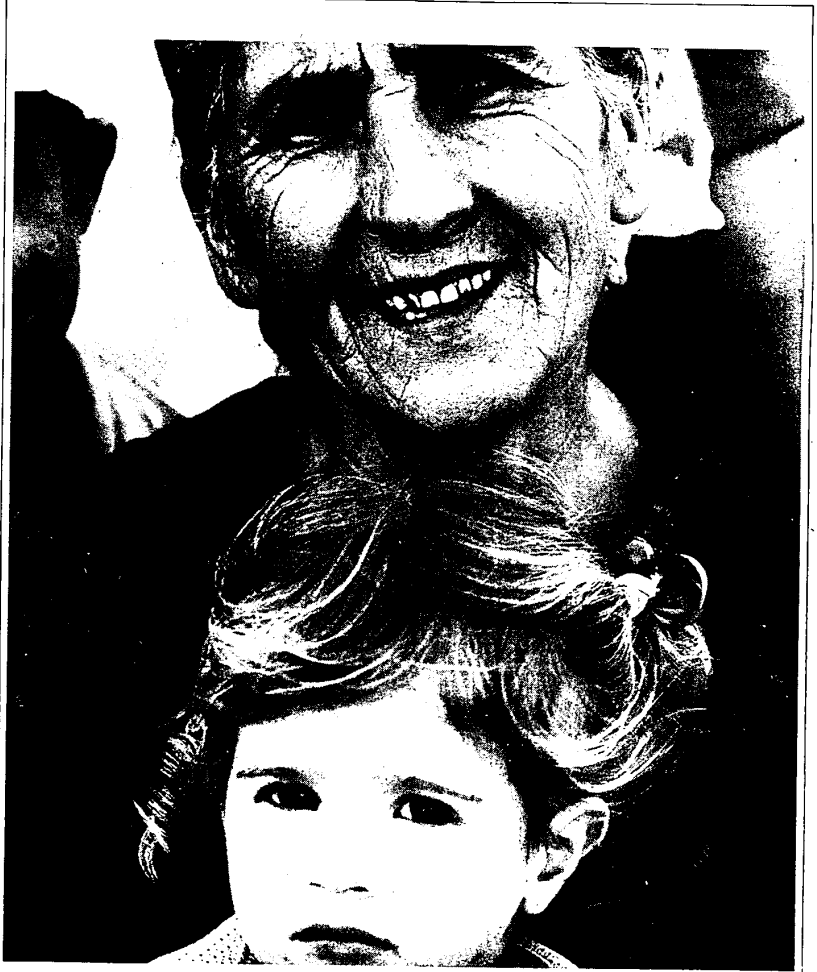
This ruse is the modus operandi for many of the criminals caught in recent breaking and enterings in residential subdivisions, says Yakes.

A person wanting to break into a home, the chief explains, will drive through a subdivision looking for a home with the lights off. Once such a home is found,

a common technique used by the potential burglar is to ring the doorbell. If the resident answers the doorbell, says Yakes, the burglar will ask if a fictitious person lives there or ask location of a fictitious street.

If no one answers the doorbell, of course, the entry is made with the valuable contents removed.

The chief encourages residents to be cautious but suspicious if someone comes to the door asking for someone who does not live at the residence.



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