



Let's all register!

Tim Nadon (third from left), a Madonna University student from Farmington, was one of several students to become a deputy registrar from Wayne County. They now can register people over 18 to vote in Michigan. The other students, members of Psi Sigma Omega, the political student organization at the Livonia University, are (from left) Todd Martin, Suzette Beauchamp, Elizabeth Little and Denise Robaczewski.

Hills cops need volunteers for handicapped parking

By Joanne Malczewski  
staff writer

The Farmington Hills Police Department needs a few good people — actually about 15 — for its successful handicap parking enforcement program.

With some volunteers flying south for the winter and others who prefer spending their summers on the golf links, there's openings for new volunteers who want to give at least four hours a week of their time.

"They spend their day enforcing the handicapped parking laws and making contacts with business owners if their signage is inappropriate," said Sgt. Ray Cranston of the traffic section.

The department has 25 volunteers right now. With 40 volunteers enforcement could be provided for eight hours a day, five days a week, Cranston said.

Volunteers have made the enforcement program shine. They have issued a total 1,584 tickets since the program began October, 1990. In the last three months of 1990, 322 tickets were issued. In 1991, 1262 tickets were issued, said Lt. Richard Murphy of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

It's no joke when able-bodied motorists park in handicapped-designated parking spaces. In the last three months of 1990, violators paid \$50 fines. In 1990, the fines increased to a hefty \$100, as allowed by state law.

STATE LAW allows the Farmington Hills police to use civilian volunteers to issue citations to violators. The program began with 14 volunteers and a few months after its start, another 14 volunteers were trained and put on the road.

"It (the program) has been a model for other communities across the state," Cranston said.

Since the volunteer program began, city ordinance has changed for business and office owners who must provide handicapped-designated parking spaces.

Each handicapped parking space must have its own sign designating it as a special parking space. Business owners don't necessarily have to install the new state signs that are white with green lettering as long as there's one sign per space, Cranston said.

Just about everything with sites or buildings other than residential is affected by the law. Along with the one sign per space rule, the ordinance requires business owners to maintain the spaces, including snow removal, Cranston said.

Volunteers have been making a systematic check of businesses and their signs. "They have done over half the community geographically, but not from the standpoint of the number of businesses," Cranston said. "The true measure of the program is for the whole city to be signed and no spaces abused."

Volunteers also spend a lot of time explaining the handicapped parking permits to motorists who display them in their cars, Cranston said.

Handicapped motorists must keep the original copy of their parking permit must be placed in full view in the windshield of their cars.

Information brochures also are available. If you have questions about the program, contact Lt. Murphy, 473-9607.

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All announcements for this column must be mailed to Around Farmington, Farmington Observer, 21898 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336.
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Deadline for Around Farmington is noon Monday for the Thursday publication and noon Thursday for the Monday publication. Requests for announcements will not be taken over the telephone.
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Through Jan. 8: Start the new year right. Instruction by James Jewhurst, children and adults. For more information call 681-1825.
- MAYFAIR CO-OP NURSERY**  
Through January: The Mom & Tot class at Mayfair Co-op Nursery, 30450 Farmington Road is accepting applications for the January to April class. Children between the ages of 21 months and 3 years are invited to join a Monday class 12:30-2 p.m. For more information, call Debra Merri-man at 626-2332.
- CREATIVE MORNING FOR TOTS**  
Monday, Jan. 13: Class combines arts, crafts, movement, dance and storytime to stimulate individual expression for tot 3-5 years old in the Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road. Eight sessions 9:30-11 a.m. Cost is \$50. For more information, call the center at 477-8404.
- FREE DIPLOMA**  
Through Jan. 31: Register now for free high school completion classes at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shilwaukee. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7-9 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 469-3333.
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- BALLROOM DANCE CLASS**  
Monday, Jan. 6: Beginner dance class is offered by Redford Parks and Recreation for 10 weeks for \$20, 7-8:30 p.m. Singles or couples. For more information, call 471-4168.
- BIG ADVERTISING, SMALL BUDGET**  
Monday, Jan. 6: Designed especially for small business owners and managers. This one night crash course will focus on money-saving tips and tricks for reaching your market in the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road, 7-10 p.m. Cost is \$15. For more information call the center at 477-8404.
- ALL BREED DOG OBEDIENCE**  
Monday and Wednesday, Jan. 6-8: Classes offered by the Detroit German Shepherd Dog Obedience Training Club in the American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River, Farmington. Novice classes offered Monday at 7 and 8 p.m. and advanced classes on Wednesday at 7 p.m. followed by open and utility classes at 8 p.m. A health certificate is required. Classes are open to dogs six months and older. For more information, call Diane Sachs at 478-2477.
- BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL REGISTRATION**  
Tuesday, Jan. 7: NFWB baseball and softball for youth has registration for the 1992 season 6:30-9 p.m. at North Farmington High School. Registration is open for all boys ages 7-18 as of July 31 and all girls ages 8-17 as of Aug. 31 that are residents of Farmington Hills or West Bloomfield. For more information, call 539-0184.
- COOKING PLAIN AND FANCY**  
Wednesday, Jan. 8: The feature is a dinner made before your eyes with the quick, easy, make ahead concept. Instructor, Judy Antishin at the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road 7:30-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$15. For more information call the center at 477-8404.

obituaries

**ROBERT E. KOLCER.**  
Mr. Kolc, 63, of Detroit died Dec. 29.

Born in Lincoln, Neb., Mr. Kolc was a self-employed roofer.

Survivors include his daughter, Kelly Bader; sons, Robert Jr. of Pontiac, Richard of Pontiac, Philip of Pontiac, Rodney of Union Lake, Edward of Farmington Hills and Christopher of Pennsylvania; brother, John; several grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 31 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Cremation was in Evergreen Crematory, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

**THOMAS R. NOLAN**  
Mr. Nolan, 81, of Farmington died Dec. 31 in Boisford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Nolan was a retired Detroit police officer. He was commander of 12th Precinct. He was a member of the Moslem Shrine, member and past president of Lincoln Friendship Lodge F&AM — Detroit Moslem Temple and Veterans Club of Shriner.

Survivors include his wife, Marie; sister, Virginia Lafferty; brother, Harry of Mount Pleasant; five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Thursday, Jan. 2, at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

**JOHN W. BROOKS**  
Mr. Brooks, 70, of Mohawk, N.Y., formerly of Farmington, died Dec. 28.

Born in Farmington, Mr. Brooks was a 1940 graduate of Farmington High School and the University of Michigan. He was a World War II Air Force veteran. He was employed as an engineer with Research and Development Department of Remington Arms. He retired in 1983.

Mr. Brooks was a member of the Ilion Presbyterian Church and active in church offices, was a former member and past president of the Mount Markham School Board and was an avid bowler and golfer.

Survivors include his wife, Florence; son, Robert; daughter, Sally; brothers, Fred and William; sisters, Madeline Brooks and Yvonne Campbell, both of Farmington Hills, and Evelyn Knowles of Lake Placid, Fla.; several nieces and nephews.

Services were at the Whiter-Hendrix Funeral Home with the Rev. David Jones officiating. Cremation was in the Chenango Valley Crematory.

Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Society or the Friends of Bassett Hospital.

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