

Tools to toys are just a buck at the Dollar Zone

By Sue Back
STAFF WRITER

The buck stops — quite literally — at the Dollar Zone store in Farmington's Crossroads Shopping Center. At The Dollar Zone, which opened in March, each item costs a dollar or less.

A constant flow of customers throughout the day shows that this thrifty concept has caught on.

Still, owner Dymetri Althin, who operates the store with his wife, Mary, said business is just "fair." He's doing his best to get the word out.

"Many people don't know we are here," Althin said. The Althin family, now reside in Farmington Hills. They left Saginaw, where Dymetri was manager and part owner of a restaurant, to start the Farmington business early this year.

"Friends and relatives didn't like the idea," Althin said. "I told them, it worked in other places, why won't it work here?"

The Dollar Zone is a nouveau version of the old-fashioned five and dime.

Right now, the Dollar Zone is the only one of its kind in the Farmington area, according to Judy Soronen, executive director of the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

"I haven't seen another one around," Soronen said. "The Ben

Franklin at 12 Mile and Farmington where Crowley's is located was the last five and dime here, and that closed about eight years ago."

Dollar stores have also popped up in metropolitan Detroit malls recently.

What can you buy at a dollar store? Just about anything you want. Only the store size sets the limit. There's jewelry, knickknacks, pet accessories, baby items, toys, games, kitchen and seasonal items, hair accessories, school supplies, small hardware, tools and books to name just a few items.

Althin seeks input from several sources — including his wife and their two sons, George, 12, and Simon, 11, both Power Middle school students — about what merchandise to purchase. Shipments come in every other day, Althin said.

He is also considering opening other locations, he said. A mall in Canton Township located at the end of Main Street has also caught his eye.

Locally, shopper Norma Gustumski of Farmington Hills often browses with grand-niece, Ashley

Riddell, in tow. Riddell is allowed to select one item each time she comes in with her grand-aunt.

"Last time she wanted toy hand-cuffs," Gustumski said. "I told her she couldn't have them. But then my mother, her great-grandmother, said that she could. Today Ashley said that she's looking for something that her sister won't like."

Gustumski stocks up on items for her cottage. "I've bought dish cloths, three for a dollar and Camay soap, two for a dollar," Gustumski said.

Donna Adamski, of Farmington Hills, just stopped to look at a few items but, before long, found herself filling a bag. "I think my daughter (age 11) will like these earrings."

Sweets also have some sweet prices. Some small candy bars sell for as little as 10 cents each or four for a dollar. Others like, Hershey bars, Crunch, Kit Kat and Butterfingers sell three for a dollar and can be mixed and matched.

A Keebler graham cracker crust is 89 cents.

The Althins also offer a \$9.95 Webster's Dictionary, Theaurus and Speller, each for a dollar



Good buy: Sharlene Pacitto of Farmington Hills shops at the Dollar Zone with daughter Christina. Pacitto says she stops in several times a week and spends \$3 or \$4 each time.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Hartsock at 8:07 p.m. on June 1, 1992. Council Chambers, 3550 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

PRESENT: Campbell, McShane, Hartsock, Richardson, Tupper.
OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Deadman, Director LaPointe, Assistant Directors Gushman, City Attorney Donohue, Adm. Assistant Schatz, City Clerk Bushy.

Minutes of the previous special meetings of February 27, March 30, April 6, May 7, and May 11, 1992 and regular meeting May 18, 1992, were approved as written.

Minutes of other boards were received and/or filed.

Council denied the requested fence variance for 3306 Alla Loma.

Council granted the Salem United Church of Christ the use of Memorial Park for the July 19th for Cream Social.

Council authorized a June 11-13 tent sale at World-Wide TV.

Council approved outside seating on the Mooney Street side of the 1950's Coney Island restaurant from June through October, 1992.

Council received and filed a letter relative to J.B. 5011.

Council granted permission to the Gill School Playground Committee to place a banner on the Maxine Temple building from June 5-7, 1992, if approved by the Temple.

Council adopted the following resolutions:

- Adopting FY 1992-93 Budget and Establishing Tax Rate.
- Adjusting the FY 1991-92 Budget.
- Awarding the City's Water and Sewer Rates.
- Awarding 1992-93 contract to Jax Kar Wash at \$4,000.

The Council minutes and announcements were heard.

Council received the General Fund and the 47th District Court financial reports for the ten months ended April 30, 1992.

Monthly bills were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
JOSEPHINE M. BUSHY, City Clerk

Livonia Youth Soccer Club
Little Caesars Premier Division
Premier Soccer Tryouts

Soccer tryouts will be held for LYSC Little Caesars Premier division on the following dates, for the age groups listed:

Girls U-12 Tryouts on or between 6/12-13/92 June 18 and 19 6:30-8:30 pm Coach Steve Strach	Girls U-18 Tryouts on or between 6/12-13/92 June 18 and 19 8:30-10:30 pm Coach Steve Strach
Girls U-13 Tryouts on or between 6/12-13/92 June 22 and 23 6:30-8:30 pm Coach Steve Strach	Girls U-14 Tryouts on or between 6/12-13/92 June 22 and 23 8:30-10:30 pm Coach Steve Strach
Girls U-15 Tryouts on or between 6/12-13/92 June 22 and 23 10:30-12:30 pm Coach Steve Strach	Girls U-16 Tryouts on or between 6/12-13/92 June 22 and 23 12:30-2:30 pm Coach Steve Strach
Girls U-17 Tryouts on or between 6/12-13/92 June 22 and 23 2:30-4:30 pm Coach Steve Strach	Girls U-18 Tryouts on or between 6/12-13/92 June 22 and 23 4:30-6:30 pm Coach Steve Strach

All tryouts will be held at the Livonia Park, unless otherwise noted at the field. All players must bring a tryout fee, one white and one dark long sleeve shirt. Please be prompt! Late players will not be allowed to try out for a particular age group. The participants will have been born on or between the dates listed. Questions or concerns can be directed to the coach of your specific age group. As the coaches and staff work towards meeting and working with you on the field. Good luck, see you there!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
OAKLAND COUNTY
31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48336**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS Special Assessment Roll No. C-242 of the amount of \$481,800.00, for the construction of Road Improvements in said City to be located as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Client Orchard Dr	Farmington Road	Haphael Road
Livwood Drive	Northerly Terminus	Haphael Road
Hopewell Ct	Haphael Road	Westerly Terminus
Glen Valley Dr	Farmington Road	Haphael Road
Pinneret Ct	Glen Valley Drive	Southerly Terminus
Haphael Road	Farmington Road	Ten Mile Road
Dohany Drive	Power Road	Haphael Road

has been filed in the office of the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:	\$ 481,800.00
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT:	85.61%
TOTAL COST TO DISTRICT:	\$ 412,000.00
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	\$ 1,567.75

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chambers, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 15th day of June, 1992, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, to review said Special Assessment Roll and to hear any objections thereto. Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

PHONE: 473-9566
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 8, 1992

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Bates at 7:30 p.m. Members Present: Bates, Grant, Lichtman, Marks, Sever and Vagrosz. Members Absent: Smith, O'Brien, Present: City Manager Costick, City Clerk Dornan, Assistant Manager Call, Directors Biaselli and Countegnan and Attorney Donohue.

MAYOR GRANT ACKNOWLEDGED:
Community volunteer efforts for playground development at Gill Elementary School.

COUNCIL:
Accepted the Attorney's Report.
Received update on Twelve Mile Road construction project.

APPROVED:
Introduction of Ordinance regulating the maintenance of compost piles in residential areas.
The name of "Westland Hills Park" for the Peltz/MDOT property.
Appointment of Gail Haynes to the Committee to Increase Voter Participation.
Concept of future meetings with neighboring communities to discuss mutual interests.
Contract with MDOT for road improvements on Thirteen Mile Road, Chesterbrook to west of Farmington Road.
Special event license for the Farmington Elks or Roast, July 8-11, 1992.
Resolution authorizing the Elm Grove Watermain and Sanitary Sewer Pay-back.
Employment in accordance with Section 10.01A of the City Code.
Re-appointment of City Clerk to Hospital Finance Authority.
Bid for storm drainage repairs in Green Valley Subdivision to Vern & Gene Construction in the amount of \$28,650.
Council minutes of April 27, May 11 and 12, 1992.
The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

JON GRANT, Mayor
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvement: Construction of SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS to be located in the City as follows:

STREET
Quaker Valley Road Lots 17, 18, 19, 20 and 37

That plans and specifications outlining the improvement and the location thereof are on file with the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:	\$ 75,000.00
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT:	100%
TOTAL COST TO DISTRICT:	\$ 75,000.00
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	\$ 15,000.00

That the City Council has tentatively designated the proposed special assessment district to include the following properties:

TIN, R9C, SECTION 16, CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, Portions of Quaker Valley Farms Addition Subdivision, including parcel numbers

23-16-326-001 thru 004
23-16-327-001

That the City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chambers, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 15th day of June, 1992, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, to hear and consider any objections to the said improvement.
If the City Council approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. Act 186 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1978, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. The hearing for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to notice given as required by law. Appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required.

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