

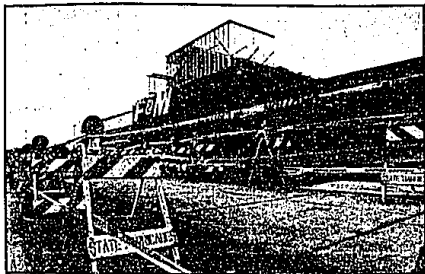


■ "This is really an improvement. I thought that a couple of these stores were going to die. But look at this parking lot. It's nearly full."

Richard Harp
Farmington Hills resident



Out shopping: Tina Solomon prices a sweater with her husband Harold at Loehmann's. The Solomons, from Albany, N.Y., were visiting their son in West Bloomfield.



Still building: The renovation continues outside Loehmann's in the Hunter's Square shopping center in northern Farmington Hills.

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"I shop here all the time," she said. "I always go to Loehmann's, but I haven't really shopped at some of these stores before."

Contrary to losing business, the malls have added some, including Marshall's, a national discount department store outlet.

"We've been here two weeks," said store manager Mark Hudson. "Sales have really exceeded our expectations."

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David Call, assistant city manager.

The city plans to work with businesses on a "site by site" basis, to continue the improvements, but beyond that, the businesses will have a big say in what improvements take place, Call said.

"We've added tree plantings, reduced curb cuts at gas stations and made safety improvements," he said. "That really completes phase one of the plan."

Dale Countegan, the city's director of planning and community development, said the city has worked with businesses in other areas of the city, such as Grand River and Oldo Town, but the Orchard Lake retail area has been the main focus so far.

"It's like our downtown," Countegan said.

From now on, the businesses themselves will probably have more to do with any projects to improve the retail climate along Orchard Lake, he said.

"The last time we (city officials) met with them was about a year ago," Countegan said. "My understanding is that they are still meeting themselves."

Drive still in need of your help

By SUE BUCK
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One more time, Farmington/Farmington Hills, open up your pocketbooks for the Farmington-area Goodfellows drive.

That's what's being asked by officials of the local charity.

The Nov. 27 paper drive netted \$22,000, some \$3,000 less than the projected goal, said Dick Tupper, a Farmington councilman and former Goodfellow president, now in charge of communications.

The Hills Fire Department raised more than 13,000, that's \$2,000 more than last year, Tupper said.

"If we get some snow, maybe people will be in the mood," Tupper said.

The Goodfellows brings Christmas to needy children and seniors each year.

The organization also has a dress and shirt drive, a canned food drive, volunteers who dress dolls for holiday giving and dozens of others who pack and deliver food baskets during the holiday season. They also have ongoing assistance programs.

Last year, the Goodfellows helped 173 families which included almost 400 children and 165 seniors.

GOODFELLOWS NEED HELP

Again this year, the Farmington Area Goodfellows need your support to help provide a holiday lift to needy children and less fortunate elderly residents in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

With the money donated, the Goodfellows deliver baskets of joy typically containing canned foods and knitwear. Each includes gift certificates redeemable for fresh food and winter clothing. Toys, games, dolls and children's clothing are included when appropriate.

Family makeup dictates the size and content of each basket. Potential recipients must document need. Special dietary requests are honored when practical.

Cash donations come back to the community. About the only things the Goodfellows have to buy are stamps to mail solicitation letters and boxes to make into baskets. Volunteers are the Goodfellows' backbone.

Please fill out the coupon below and mail it, along with your donation to:

Farmington Area Goodfellows
c/o Farmington/Farmington Hills
Chamber of Commerce
33411 Grand River, Farmington 48335

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T H A N K Y O U

The 1992 Goodfellow drive is dedicated to the memory of Bob Snyder and Nilla Piltz. Both were longtime volunteers who died in separate vehicle accidents last summer, Tupper said.

OBITUARIES

FLORENCE EASTON

Mrs. Easton, 88, formerly of Livonia, died Nov. 26 in Greenery Care Center, Farmington.

Born in Woolwich, England, Mrs. Easton was retired from the Ypsilanti Hydra Matic Plant.

Survivors include five grandchildren, including James Easton of Redford. Services were Nov. 29 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. William Welder of Ward Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

BERT H. MASSEY

Mr. Massey, 71, of Farmington

Hills died Nov. 26 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. Born in Lake Creek, Texas, Mr. Massey was a retired supervisor for Michigan Bell.

Survivors include his wife, Genevieve; son, Kenneth; daughter, Linda Smith; sister, Christine Rudolph; brother, Lonnie Massey; and four grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 30 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Paul Blomquist of Orchard United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills, officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Heart Association.

BEATRICE VIOLA MARKT

Mrs. Markt, 76, of Farmington Hills died Nov. 29.

Born in Emmett, Mich., Mrs. Markt was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughters, Norma Hummon, Joan Bondy and Patricia Daniels; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 1 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Brian Tweedie of Ward Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkeley.

Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

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