

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

DRUGS

Farmington Hills police arrested a 19-year-old Farmington Hills man for possession of cocaine Jan. 25. Officers followed a white 1986 Porsche that had a dirty plate, which could not be read, west on Nine Mile west of Baywood when it turned into the Independence Green Apartments. Officers later stopped the car on Nine Mile and Baywood after it left the complex. The driver had no driver's license, identification or wallet. A check found that his driver's license had been suspended. When police searched the car, they found six bags of cocaine. The man field-tested positive for cocaine in his system and was arrested.

AUTO THEFT

A blue 1994 GMC truck worth \$26,700 was stolen from the Clarion Inn on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills Jan. 25.

A blue 1988 Ford Taurus wagon worth \$5,000 was stolen from the Bahama Motel on Grand River in Farmington Hills Jan. 25.

A 1978 Ford F-600 flat bed truck with a yellow snow blade worth \$4,000, a trailer worth \$1,000 and a Montgomery Ward lawn tractor worth \$3,000 were stolen Jan. 27 from Cap Lawn Services on Nine Mile in Farmington Hills.

THEFT

A \$300 Seiko watch with a gold face and black leather band was stolen from a residence on West Echo Valley in Farmington Hills Jan. 24-25.

Wheel covers (\$400) were stolen from a burgundy 1993 Dodge In-

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Season of love stories

Cupid is priming his bow for would-be sweet hearts on St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. Help us celebrate this season of love with short anecdotes about your first love, everlasting love or even tales of love gone sour. All G-rated entries submitted on or before Feb. 4, 1994 will be printed in your Farmington Suburban Life section. Send entries to, Farmington Observer, 21858 Farmington Road, Farmington, Michigan 48336. Or send it by FAX 477-9722. Please include your name and telephone number.

Homestead forms to be mailed

Don't panic. The form will soon be mailed to homeowners claiming a homestead property-tax exemption.

Homeowners recently learned that they must submit a form to activate a property-tax rate reduction, part of the state's reform of school funding. Under a March 15 statewide ballot proposal, school property taxes on primary homes will fall to 6 mills. If the proposal fails, the rate will fall to 12 mills from past levels.

Farmington city assessor John Sailer said the forms should be in the mail by Feb. 9. Forms must be

returned to the city assessor's office by March 1.

Otherwise, homeowners could be paying at least 24 mills — the rate for non-homestead property in both the ballot proposal and the legislative fallback plan. A mill is \$1 of tax for every \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Despite all the fuss, Sailer said the forms are simple to fill out.

"All it requires the homeowner to do is check off a few boxes and put down their Social Security number and sign their name," Sailer said.

Oakland County will mail the forms for both cities. Sailer said

homeowners should use the forms mailed to them, as those forms include information and bar graphs to make processing easier.

If people don't receive a form by Feb. 20, then Sailer said they should contact the assessor's office.

Both Farmington and Farmington Hills city offices were bombarded Friday with calls from residents asking about the forms.

"People are getting up in arms about it," said Elaine McKeown, who works in the Farmington Hills assessor's office. "Some of them will be out of town; some of them will be out of the country."

ON THE AGENDA

Below are highlights from the agendas of meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Joint Study Session
Farmington Hills Planning Commission/City Council
Farmington Hills City Hall, 474-6115
7:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 31

Agenda items include:
■ Donna P.U.D. development — 12 Mile and Middlebelt roads.
■ Temporary sign regulations and enforcement issues.
■ Redevelopment planning proposal for the Eight Mile and Grand River corridors.

Farmington Downtown Development Authority
Farmington City Hall, 473-7276
8 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1

Agenda items include:
■ Approval of payments.
■ DDA offer on Ray Persa house on Orchard Street.
■ Approval for summer concert series in Pergola Gazebo area.
■ Executive director's report.

Farmington Board of Education
Lewis Schulman Center, 489-3300

8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1

Agenda items include:
■ Presentation by Gill Elementary School.
■ PTA Elections awards.
■ A report from the interim superintendent Clifford Scherer regarding school buses.
■ Adoption of mid-year revised budget.
■ A report from the Building and Site Committee on Beechview enrollment.

Man pleads guilty to office break-ins

A Feb. 7 sentencing date has been set for a 21-year-old Southfield man who broke into several offices at an office building on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills twice in late December.

Edsall Franklin Ellison pleaded guilty to four counts of breaking and entering before Circuit Judge Denise Langford Morris in Oakland County Circuit Court Jan. 24.

He will be sentenced at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 7 by Judge Langford Morris. Ellison faces up to 10 years in prison on each count. He remains in the Oakland County Jail.

Divorce Recovery Workshop

Single Point Ministries
Ward Presbyterian Church
(313) 422-1854

A Seminar for Divorced and Separated Persons of All Ages

Workshop Leader: Paul Clough
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Ski Time

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Cross-country skiing is a fun, exciting and healthful way to enjoy the outdoors this winter. Learn to cross-country ski at the Observer & Eccentric Ski Schools listed below. Because there is limited space available, pre-registration is required. For more registration information, call Monday through Friday at least one week in advance of the season.

Note: Individual dates and times may change in each community. Clinics begin in January (weather permitting). Non-resident fee or local parks and recreation policy in effect.

- ADDISON OAKS COUNTRY PARK**
c/o Oakland County Parks & Recreation
1480 Romeo Road, Leonard, MI 48367
693-2432
Ski a Special Event!
Family and Friends Ski Nights—January 15, 22, and February 5
Winterfest—January 29
- BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS**
Recreation and Community Services
4174 Dublin Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
433-0885
- INDEPENDENCE OAKS COUNTRY PARK**
c/o Oakland County Parks & Recreation
9501 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, MI 48248
625-0877
Ski a Special Event!
Family Affair Ski Days—January 22 and February 5
- PINE TRACE GOLF COURSE**
c/o Rochester Area Recreation Authority
3600 Pine Trace Blvd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309
651-7160
- WAYNE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION**
c/o Warren Valley Golf Course
28110 West Warren, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
281-1990 or 581-1040

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