

Courts join domestic violence program

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Staff Writer

A 52nd District Court domestic violence program that has resulted in a 94 percent conviction rate among spouse abusers is spreading to other areas of Oakland County.

County Judge Brian MacKenzie of the 52-1 District Court, who pioneered the program in 1993, announced Monday that district courts with jurisdiction over Troy, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Southfield Township, Lathrup Village, Clawson and Pontiac have joined the program.

Spouse abuse, MacKenzie said, "is a crime. This is not a family matter. Each of us has made the commitment to look at this as a crime. We want to bring this matter up from the bottom of the criminal justice system and push it up to the top."

Police chiefs in participating communities have agreed to pursue assault charges on defendants even if spouses wish to drop charges.

Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer, who is planning a cable TV series on domestic violence, said he is looking up more spouse abusers than ever before.

"Every morning I walk in there's somebody locked up for domestic violence," he said. "It's

reported more now because of the O.J. (Simpson trial). And a lot of them are repeat offenders."

The 52-1 District Court's pilot program began in 1993, covering the communities of Walled Lake, Wixom and Milford.

The court's domestic violence caseload increased 32 percent, but by fast-tracking these cases, the average time between arraignment and pre-trial hearing dropped from 40 to five days, according to MacKenzie. The average time from arraignment to trial dropped from 113 to 13 days.

During 1993 the three aforementioned cities, 23 percent of domestic violence complaints brought by police were either dismissed at the request of the spouse, or not prosecuted because the complainant wouldn't cooperate.

In 1993 this voluntary dismissal rate disappeared.

The program also involves the women's shelter and counseling service known as Haven. Police officers now issue Haven information packets to complainants, and Haven personnel try to contact all complainants, offering support, assistance and shelter if necessary.

In 1993 Haven reported a three-fold increase in the number of individuals who received counsel-

ing.

Last January the communities of Novi and White Lake Township, plus the investigative arm of the Oakland County Circuit Court, formally joined the program.

In the following five months, the number of domestic violence cases in 52-1 District Court increased, but the average time between arraignment and pre-trial fell to three days, and the average time between arraignment and trial fell to 10 days.

MacKenzie also reports a decline in the number of times police respond more than once to the same home on a domestic violence call. In the program's first year there were two such instances.

"This makes cops feel better," said Wixom Police Chief Larry Holland because "the most dangerous run a policeman goes on is domestic violence."

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick, who chairs the Oakland County Coordinating Council to Prevent Domestic Violence, hopes this program will begin a trend.

"We're really in the beginning, I think, of a countywide effort," he said. "We hope to make Oakland County a model for the state and the country."

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 8, 1994, GENERAL ELECTION, has been scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 1994, at 9:30 a.m., at the City Clerk's Office, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, count the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN
City Clerk

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Used office and classroom equipment and other miscellaneous items.

Payments will be in cash or check and items will be removed by 6:00 P.M. the same day. Items are "where is, as is." Further information may be obtained by calling (313) 432-3443.

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Susan C. Lightner, Secretary
Board of Education

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REDFORD TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The Redford Township Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering a bid contract for the construction of a new 100-unit apartment building located at the intersection of the 16-1, Light Industrial District, by adding a new Section 112.12 to read:

D. Establishments for the sale or leasing of automobiles or for the sale or leasing of equipment and for advertising, assembling, and developing activities and programs, without outdoor storage.

The public hearing will be held on November 8, 1994, at 6 p.m. in the Township Hall located at 11145 South Dixie Road. Those wishing to attend are invited to send their comments in writing to the Redford Township Planning Commission, 12300 South Dixie Road, Redford, Michigan 48238. Comments will be received no later than 5:00 p.m., November 8, 1994. No comments will be taken over the telephone.

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Redford Township Planning Commission
JOSEPH E. LAURITY, Chairman

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF FARMINGTON

The PLANNING COMMISSION of the City of Farmington will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, November 14, 1994, at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Farmington, Michigan, for the purpose of reviewing proposed amendments to the Farmington City Code and Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed amendments would add the following new:

Section 1477 Add a definition for "Bed and Breakfast" uses.

Section 15-123 (18) Bed and Breakfast operations shall be regulated to:

- floor area
- cooking facilities
- signage prohibited
- employees
- use restrictions

Section 6-36, Temporary Licensing of Bed and Breakfast uses.

- limited to single family dwelling units
- guest register
- application requirements
- building requirements
- safety requirements
- violations - public nuisance
- authority for detail
- city council review

Section 15-130 (5) (C) City Added to require that building changes in commercial areas be compatible with existing structures.

A complete copy of the proposed ordinances are on file in the office of the City Clerk for public review.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views at the above time and place. Any additional information desired regarding the above is available at the office of the City Clerk.

PATSY E. CANTRELL
City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals, bearing the title of the work and the name of the bidder, will be received by the Clerk's office at the City of Farmington Hills located at 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan until ten o'clock (10:00 a.m.) local time, on Thursday, November 10, 1994 and will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately thereafter, for furnishing the materials and performing the labor for the execution and construction of:

FOUNDERS PARK ICE ARENA
Bid Package No. 2 - Pre-engineered Metal Building
Bid Package No. 3 - Foundations

In accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by REDFORD/TUOMALA ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS, INC., 31751 Northwestern Highway, Suite 241, Farmington Hills, Michigan. Copies of the Plans, Specifications, Instructions to Bidders, and Proposal Forms may be secured after 12:00 noon, on Thursday, October 27, 1994 from the office of Redford/Libbe Construction Manager, 7454 Market Street, Canton, Michigan. After Tom Schneider, 313/455-0400 or from the office of the Architect. Prime Contractors may obtain one (1) set of Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents for a refundable deposit of \$50.00, if returned in good condition within ten (10) days after the date of bid. Additional sets may be obtained by Prime Contractors and Subcontractors for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 per set.

A bid bond, in an acceptable form, equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid must accompany each proposal.

The City of Farmington Hills and Redford/Libbe reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities or irregularities in bids received, and to accept the lowest and/or best bid which is in the project's own best interest.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 24, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lickman at 7:30 p.m. Members Present: Bates, Grant, Lickman, Olvick, Sever, Smith and Vagstad. Members Absent: Noss. Others Present: City Manager Costello, City Clerk Dornan, Assistant City Manager Call, Directors Blomst, Costigan, Potter, and Attorney De-

- COUNCIL**
- Received demonstration of new voting equipment.
 - Proclaimed October 27, 1994 as Farmington Hills Designation Day.
 - Directed Staff to study conversion of Dublin and Sharon Halls at Farmington Hills Activities Center for gymnasium/cultural uses.
 - Recommended sending letters to Federal Communications Commission and members of Congress re local government rate regulations rules for cable television.
 - Authorized City Manager to proceed with the exchange of properties with Oakland County Drain Commission re Oak Drain retention pond area.
- COUNCIL SCHEDULED MEETING DATES FOR:**
- Special meeting to consider contract awards for site improvements for ice arena project on November 7, 1994, at 6:00 p.m.
 - Study Session on referendum issue on November 14, 1994, at 6:00 p.m.
 - A public hearing on the designation of Power Road, north of Eleven Mile Road, as a Natural Beauty Road on November 21, 1994.
 - A Joint Study Session with Planning Commission to review Master Plan Land Use and Zoning control measures on December 8, 1994.

APPROVED:

- Revised Cluster Site Plan for 32 detached units for south side of Nine Mile between Drake and Haled Road.
- Various appointments to Boards and Commissions.
- Resolution supporting the design concept for the reconstruction, widening and improvements to Northwestern Highway.
- City Council meeting adjourns on September 18 and 20, 1994.
- Direct connection to sanitary sewer in City of Farmington for 31100 Park.

AWARDED BIDS FOR:

- Shotgun rocks for Police Department to Customs Ordered Police Supplies in the amount of \$3,038.75.
- Haggerty Road water main to H & N Excavating in the amount of \$77,115.00.

LAWRENCE LICHTMAN, Mayor
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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CAMPUS PIPELINE

If you have news from a college, university or other campus of higher education — and there's a Farmington-area connection — we'd like to hear from you. Send items to: Campus Pipeline, 21235 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336.

DEAN'S LIST
Daniel J. Bodnar of Farmington was named to the Dean's List for the summer quarter at Michigan Technological University in degree in business administration. He is a senior studying business administration.

Holly C. Calderwood, Catherine M. Grinn, Melissa K. Groy, Jeanine M. Magregan and Dawn M. Sullivan all of Farmington Hills were named to the Dean's List for the past term at Madonna University.

NEW GRADUATES
Linda Kathleen Horvath of Farmington Hills received a master's degree in liberal studies this summer from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.

Jennifer L. Clinton of Farmington and Mary E. Quinn of Farmington Hills received a bachelor's degree in political science and French and Mary received her bachelor of arts degree in English.

Miko Deasher of Farmington, Carrie E. Taghon and Scott M. Drobot of Farmington Hills graduated from Western Michigan University this spring.

The following students graduated from Walsh College of Accountancy and Business Administration, Troy: Mark D. McCauley, Darlene Smith, Robert P. Lytkowski, Christina A. Kraning

all from Farmington. Farmington Hills graduates were: Stephen R. Mandell, Theodore J. Toloff, Susan A. Johnson, Kaitlyn A. Peters, Brian J. Byrne, Barbara E. Friden, Amanda A. Kempiaty, Alisa F. Kohler, Robert R. Lett, Ruthann E. McIntosh and James A. Obara.

HONORED
These Madonna University part-time students earned academic achievement during the past term: Farmington Hills residents, Mary Ann Albus, Theresa A. Callan, Susan M. Chaffin, Mary T. Dowd, Virginia K. Drog, William C. Edwards, Nancy L. Gendary, Matthew P. Gessler, Victoria L. Griffith, Karen W. Kote, Christina M. Newman, Joseph E. Orlov, Janet K. Payne and Norman M. Stangia. Farmington residents, Karen J. Chapell, Karen L. Flandern, Charlotte A. House, J. Michael Trumbull, Sharon A. Zann and Angela C. Zrull.

MODEL STUDENT
Courtney King of Farmington Hills has recently returned from a summer in Milan, Italy, having modeled throughout the country for Italy Model Management — an agency that scouted her here in the United States. She is a full-time sophomore in the Communications School at Michigan State University. She hopes to pursue a career in modeling while completing her education. She is a 1993 graduate of North Farmington High School.

FRESHMAN
Deanna Barton of Farmington Hills began classes as a freshman at the Upland campus of Taylor University. She plans to major in music and is a graduate of Southfield Christian High School.



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