

# 'Tis season for thieves to shop too, police say

Farmington Hills police remind residents that the holidays are not only a busy time for shoppers, they're also a busy time for thieves. With fewer hours of daylight, burglars can work unnoticed while residents are away from home. In addition, there are all those gifts in houses that have been gathered and conveniently stored together in shopping bags - many with receipts that allow for easy cash back returns.

Officer Gary Mailloux of police department's crime prevention department said holiday burglaries have not been a problem in Farmington Hills in recent years, and the department wants to keep it that way.

"We tend to do a lot of security surveys," he said. "We work with Neighborhood Watch and other programs."

Residents can take some precautions to avoid problems themselves, including:

- Outside lights should always be on from dusk until dawn. The best way to accomplish this is to use timers or install photo electric light fixtures.
- Set your inside lights to turn on and off, in various locations of your home, at different times.
- A radio tuned to a talk station and left on while you are gone is also a good way to fool thieves.
- Engrave your valuables with your driver's license number and place Operation Identification warning stickers on your windows (electric engravers are available for free loan and stickers can be obtained, at no cost, from the Crime Prevention Section).
- Keep valuables away from windows where they may be seen from the outside of your home.
- If you are planning a trip, have a friend or relative collect your mail, newspapers, and other deliveries daily.
- Ask your neighbors to watch your home and park their car in your driveway while you are gone.



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Collection: Above, Farmington Area Goodfellows president Dick Tupper (left), Sherie Hughes, vice president; and Howard Keating of Keatings Hometown stand amid the thousands of canned goods to be delivered to needy families. At left, mothers from Gill Elementary JoAnne Moore (left) and Joanne Hartman bring in gifts second-graders bought for the Adopt-a-Family program. The gifts were stored in space donated by Keatings Hometown warehouse in Farmington Hills before being distributed.

## Hills council serves up new liquor license policy

The Farmington Hills City Council adopted a liquor license policy for those Class C licenses it issues within the city.

The policy sets guidelines for license applicants. The city has typically had many more requests for licenses than it can honor, and had placed a moratorium on granting new licenses until Jan. 1, 1994, so that it could have a policy in place.

The city council will approve licenses in the city based on:

- The compatibility of proposed use with the surrounding land and the proposed location would have on the economic development of the area.

■ The compatibility of the proposed use with the abutting roadways with attention to the traffic circulation and traffic impact on the surrounding area.

■ The proximity of the proposed use to similar existing operations and establishments already serving alcohol will be taken into consideration.

■ The proximity of the proposed use to office service and commercial enterprises so as to accommodate the tenants and their employees shall be taken into consideration.

■ The proximity of residential property, schools and churches will be considered.

■ The effects on the health, welfare and safety of the general public will be considered.

■ Consideration will be given to locations that would contribute to the economic stability or revitalization of areas in the city.

In addition, the council will consider the experience and business reputation of the applicant, moral character and the financial wherewithal of applicants related to the size of the venture.

The site plans of any proposed buildings, renovation plans and need for zoning changes will also be considered.

The council will also conduct hearings for applicants three times a year.

## Sting targets underage drinking

The holidays are a busy time for restaurants and taverns in the Farmington area.

With all of the potential for underage drinking from students home for the holidays and with those restaurants and taverns that those restaurants and taverns have, the Farmington Hills police want to make sure people under 21 are not served alcohol.

To that end, the Hills police will again conduct their liquor sting operation in the city sometime in the coming weeks.

"We're not trying to entrap anybody," said police Chief Bill Dwyer.

In fact, the department sends out a letter warning all establishments with Class C liquor li-

censes that serve liquor by the glass about the sting.

The department has conducted the stings since 1985 in an effort to curb underage drinking after several serious automobile accidents involving teens who had been drinking.

Although the trend has been for fewer establishments to be in violation, Dwyer is still looking for a perfect operation - with no violations.

"That's what I would call success," he said.

The operation typically involves an underage Hills police cadet going into an establishment and ordering a drink. The cadets are always under the age

of 20 and no makeup or other means of "aging" the cadet are used.

Although the department does not warn establishments of the exact date of the sting, it generally falls during the holiday period. The department also conducts a similar operation at spring graduation time, when teens will attempt to buy alcohol from grocery and liquor stores.

Employees who serve minors are ticketed and in addition, are generally dismissed or disciplined. The establishment also faces fines from the state Liquor Control Commission and can have a license suspended or revoked for repeated offenses.

## Orthodontist steers toy, food drive

Dr. Thomas D. Jusino and The All Star Team, an orthodontic practice in Farmington Hills, is sponsoring a Toys For Tots and food drive through Dec. 22.

Donations of new toys as well as non-perishable foods will be accepted at the office, 30330 W. 112 Mile Road.

"This is our sixth year of sponsoring the campaign," Jusino said. "This year is proving to be our best for collecting dona-

tions. On Dec. 1, 200 of our patients attended a roller skating party that we had arranged at Bonaventure Skating Rink.

"The cost of the party was taken care of by our office, but we had asked our patients to bring donations for the Toys For Tots and food drive.

"Our patients responded generously, and several volunteers from the Farmington Neighborhood House collected the dona-

tions and delivered them to the Goodfellows warehouse. We have everyone wants to help make the world a better place, and the holidays are a wonderful time to show those less fortunate how much we care."

Anyone interested in assisting Jusino and The All Star Team with this year's campaign, should bring items to the office. Or you can call the office at 851-5710 to arrange a pick up of your donation.

### Goods to go

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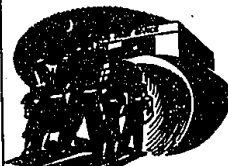
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