

Observer's staff lists its wishes



Bag most ordinances

Although it is not the responsibility of local governments to provide activities to occupy the minds and bodies of our young people, it should by now be crystal clear that government is the main hindrance to young people preventing them from enjoying freedoms of the past.

Local communities have become police states with so many laws against just about everything it is virtually impossible to step outside one's door for a breath of fresh air without violating some local ordinance.

And the laws don't just violate the freedoms of young people; they violate the rights of human decency and dignity for just about everyone. Nowadays if one does not stay inside one's home and keep one's mouth shut, one is likely to be in violation of a local ordinance.

Our police departments cry out for more police personnel. Our court judges cry out for bigger court houses and more judges. For crying out loud what has happened to our communities? It seems reasonable to assume that if the cube root of the number of local ordinances were taken, the square root of that number should be closer to the number of ordinances we need to maintain a well balanced free society.

Just take a look at what citizens have to put up with, or we are in violation of a local ordi

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Sometimes it's a good idea to turn the tables and allow the journalists to feel what it's like to be questioned. We forgot about objectivity and took time to give our opinions.

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On a cold blustery day, replete with picturesque snow flakes, The Farmington Observer staff visited Heritage Park for a photo session.

The area was empty, almost, when a camera snafu led us to ask a lone park visitor, listening to classical music peacefully in the comfort of his own, to shoot the picture.

Farmington resident Michael W. Petrus, a Ford Motor Company employee, graciously agreed to venture out in the storm and listen to our shenanigans as we sat on cold, wet rocks groused and posed for a holiday picture.

As another year passes, the Farmington Observer staff looks forward to what 1996 should bring and here are a few of our wishes:

Tom Baer, editor:
Peace with honor on the development front in Farmington Hills. More people willing to express their concerns about development issues and other problems at city council and school board meetings.

A large field of hopefuls for the city council and school board races. Candidates who are open and honest about themselves.



Staff on the rocks: The Farmington Observer staff Sharon LeMieux, Rose Butler, Tom Baer, Larry O'Connor, Anna Lipar, Diane Gale and Bill Coutant wish the Farmington area a happy holiday. Val Olander, Roy Meadows, Mike Cummings and Dan O'Meara are missing.

A regional approach to our water supply and delivery system.

Plenty of parking in downtown Farmington during festival week, especially on parade day.

More Farmington history at the Founders Festival.

An anchor store in downtown Farmington. Also, a good men's store.

Farmington City Council meet-

Utilities that take steps to see that there are no interruptions during stormy weather.

A left turn lane at 11 Milo and Orchard Lake roads.

An expanded community-wide reading program for Farmington-area youngsters.

An end to the over-emphasis on racial differences.

Truth, justice and the American way. And an end to all politically correct nonsense.

Larry O'Connor, reporter:
Less "edu-babble" at Farmington
School Board meetings.

More candidates for the school board.

Loss time spent waiting for red lights west bound on Grand River and Farmington Road intersection.

More places to spend lunch downtown.

Less grouching about newspapers never writing anything positive about the public schools — when they do.

More building principals like Bill Smith at Longacre, who is open and accessible, even when the stories

Less focus on community events

where only officialdom turns out.
More events like the Fishing

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Michael W. Petrus

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