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nance. We can no longer burn leaves, Supposedly, the smoke polities the atmosphere. Baloney with a capital a. All burning leaves do is provide a sweet fragrance to die air. Are they a true fire hazard? Heck nol

allows citizens to rake their leaves into the street and a big service truck will come along and vacuum

Why ian't Farmington Hills that forward thinking? This sum-mer I counted 40 very large deci-duous trees in my yard. (For lawmaking folk, trees which shed their leaves).

How many bags do you suppose it takes to bag them? The answer is, over 200 bags. Anyone want to rake my lawn? How about mow-ing it? Well then, how about just

picking up the fallen branches and twigs? I venture to say that many residents in the community of Farmington Hills do not have to worry about stepping off their porches into the city streets. This sin't Detroit. We should not have all the ordinances of Detroit. Farmington Hills has been forced into becoming a bedroom cummunity. Once you get out of bed you are probably violating an ordinance. Is the solution really to put more police on the streets, bigger courts and more judges? Or is it to give people a little space to

exercise their right to freedom?

What is there for young people to do in this community that does not violate an ordinance? Not much. We bave parks. They could walk in the parks. We have a YMCA. They could go there, except it costs more to go there than to go to "for profit" places, like a gynn. They can go roller skating. How about it kids? Want to go roller skating? How about some ice-skating? How about some ice-skating?

Young men still like to work on their cars. But there are ordinances against that. They like

motorcycles. But there are ordi-nances against that. If one wants to ride a dirt blike or ATV they have to travel many miles and have a way to haut their vehicles. How about dances for young peo-ple? Ob, that's right. They might bring booze or drugs, so that's out.

Outside of structured school ac-tivities, there really is not much for young people to do except so to movies, watch TV or do things that require them to hide their ac-tivities from the law Young poo-ple having fun is now in violation

of ordinances. We really do live in a police state. Young people, middle aged people and old people are virtual prisioners in their own homes and communities.

So, what are our esteemed lawmakers going to do shout it? Are they going to relax the laws and let people live their lives as free people should, or are they going to continue, domanding more police, more courts, more judges, more fines and more julia? s, more fines and more jalls?

Kenneth Kemp is a 62-year Farmington resident.

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where only officialdom turns

More events like the Fishing Derby in Shiawassee Park and Kids Day where the whole com-munity does turn out.

Less poetry being read at school board meetings.

Bill Coutant, reporter: Short and harmonious meet-

Traffic that flows with fewer stops and goes.

More driver education for a cer-tain Farmington area young wom-

A Stanley Cup for the Red Wings.

Sharon LeMieux, photogra-pher:

No wrinkles and only one chin n the people I photograph. Health for my family.

derstanding Peace, love and understanding. A darkroom in the Farmington Observer office.
To learn how to use the timer

Rose Butler, receptionist: Fewer people calling the office

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for recipes.

Fewer people who call to ask for directions on how to thread their machines and sew.

And peace to everybody.

Diane Gale, community life edi-

tor:
More responses to columns
saking for stories about the
kindnesses of strangers.
More closet writers who agree
to tell their stories, whatever they

may be, for our guest column spot that runs on the front of the Com-munity Life section. This space is open to enyone in the community.

More heart warming stories about people who touch our lives and make a difference in the communities where we live and work.

More picture posing outings with The Farmington Observer staff where we learn the true meaning of the kindness of strangers.

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On board

Residents support blind institute

The Upshow Institute for the Blind recently added two Farmington Hills residents to their board of directors. "Emily J. McSweeney and Theresa Orlaske-Rich are now directors at the Upshow Institute for the Blind, which is a United Way

McSweeney is the executive director of Readings for the Blind, Inc., a non-profit agency which produces taped versions of printed material for blind and other print-impaired individuals. Orlaske-Rich is manager of diversity management for General Motors Corporation.

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