

Honors

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gratulated all the winners, noting that government can provide roads, public safety and more, "but we can't run your business for you. We can't decorate your windows, cut your grass ..."

Lauboff concluded, "This city has a great reputation for being a good-looking city and it's thanks to you."

Jacqueline Saito, chairwoman of the event host, Farmington Beautification Commission, also noted that the city had won two special awards from the state's Michigan Beautiful program.

Farmington's winners were:

Beautification Plaques
Overall Visual Appearance: Adam's Manor Condominiums, attorney Russell A. Byers, Colonial Car Wash, Comerica Bank, Farmington Crossroads, Farmington Historical Museum, Farmington Plaza Apartments, Farmington Tennis Club, Farmington Village Commons, First Baptist Church of Farmington, Focal Point Studio of Photography, Grand River Halsted Plaza, Mike and Joan Harrison, Heeneys, Landmark Funeral Home, Huron River Hunting & Fishing Club and Jamestown Apartments.
Jay-Cee Sales & Rivet, Inc., Kensington

Manor Apartments, H.R. Krueger Machine Tool Co., H.R. Krueger Machine Tool Admin. Bldg., L.O.C. Federal Credit Union, Mrs. Lovilla's Tea Cozy, Marco's Restaurant, Milo Properties, Dr. Eliezer Monge, M.D., Motorama Engineering, Inc., Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Pinewood Condominiums, Plaza Veterinary Hospital, Ram's Horn of Farmington, Dr. Roman Shlafer, D.D.S., St. Gerald's Catholic Church, Thayer Rock Funeral Home, The Village Mall and Warren's Country Corner.

Plantings: attorney Harry Lapham.
Renovation: Avalon Films, Farmington Bakery, Grand River Halsted Shell, Kmart No. 3159, Mobil Oil Station C28, Mooney Process Equip. Co. and Jim Vek.
Window Display: Korner Barber Shop and Rocking Horse.
Landscape Maintenance: Salem United Church of Christ

Beautification Certificates
Overall Visual Appearance: John Allen Architect, American Steel Fabricators, Big Boy Restaurant, Books Abound, Brookside Condominiums, Burger King No. 509, Casilo Dental Laboratory, Chatham Hills Apartments, Cherubs

Chest, Chiropractic Federal Credit Union, Cranbrook Apartments, Dimitri's of Farmington, Eastman Kosutic & Associates, Executive Living Suites, Exterior Wall Specialties, Farmington Insurance Agency and architect Carl E. Gaier.

Greenbelt Award: Farmington Condominiums, Greenery, Kinglane Co-op Inc., Kinglane Court Apartments, Kingwood Apartments, H.R. Krueger Marketing, Leighton Apartments, Linden Apartments, Manco Auto Painting & Bodywork, The Magic Brush, Metrobank, Michigan Darrington Equipment Co., Mobil Station & Farmington Road, Mutual Financial Services, The Nail Cottage, Pages Food & Spirits, River Glen Condominiums, Sprinkler Fitters Local 704, Sunview Apartments, Valley View Condominiums, Weather King Windows & Doors, Why USA and 47th District Court.

Plantings: Robert Christ, Craftique Inc., First of America Bank, Grand River & Power Shell Station, Lakritz-Weber Ventures, Leo Soave, Springbrook Gardens and Three Oaks Furniture.

Window Display: American Cancer Society, Baker Street Drapery & Bon Ton Shoppe, Clothes Encounters, Dagwood's Deli and the Village Clippers.

The Greenery faces probe

By TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Possible health care fraud apparently is at the core of a state investigation of The Greenery Extended Care Center, located at 34225 Grand River in Farmington.

According to Chris DeWitt, director of communication for the state attorney general's office, the investigation is pertaining to "health care fraud issues."

But DeWitt on Friday said he could not divulge specifics about the case.

On Wednesday afternoon, several investigators from Attorney General Frank Kelly's Health Care Fraud Division executed a search warrant on The Greenery. The contents of the warrant were suppressed by 47th District Court Judge Maria Baker.

"The information is suppressed while the investigation is ongoing," DeWitt said. Blocking information from the public is done in

cases where disclosure "could adversely impact the investigation," he added.

Greenery director John Beaudrie Friday confirmed that the state investigators were at the facility, which is located for 65 residents. He said the center provided them with documents for the period from July 1996 through October 1996.

"The facility management office is cooperating fully with the attorney general's office," said Beaudrie, reading a prepared statement. "The care and well-being of our residents is our first priority."

Beaudrie said he could not further discuss the case. Farmington Public Safety Deputy Director Mike Wigman, on Friday, said "There was no complaint (against The Greenery) through here. It (the investigation) was ... initiated by that agency."

DeWitt said no charges have been filed against The Greenery.

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

The following are some of the police and fire calls in the Farmington and Farmington Hills area during the past week.

FIRE RUNS

In Farmington Hills:
 Farmington Hills firefighters responded to 93 calls Oct. 13-19.

including a structure fire and five vehicle fires. Damage was estimated at \$150,000 for the house blaze at Cliffview Court Oct. 17.

SHOPLIFTING
In Farmington Hills:
 Police arrested a Detroit man,

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38, after store employees and officers witnessed a man take 25 videos, a VCR, power drill and a throw rug and toss them over a wall in the garden area at Kmart on Orchard Lake around 6:30 p.m. Oct. 23. Police confronted the man, who ran away and into the woods. Franklin police saw a man matching the description of the shoplifter who was walking along 13 Mile near Lakritz around 8 p.m. The man's clothes were muddy and he had several scratches on his head, which he said were the result of being car-jacked earlier.

ASSAULT

In Farmington Hills:
 Police took an 11-year-old Power Middle School student into custody after a student and teacher were assaulted during class Oct. 21. Several teachers tried to restrain the child who broke away and began kicking and punching at the Hills officer who arrived at the school. The girl kicked the officer in the groin and bit his wrist, hand and finger when he tried to subdue her. She continued to spit and kick at officers once she was handcuffed.

The teacher removed the child from the classroom after she became aggressive toward another student she said threw a gum wrapper at her. The child kept trying to get back into the classroom when three other staff members tried to help. Other

students were removed from the classroom.
 During the initial altercation, school personnel told police the girl was able to break free and punch the classroom twice in the face. No one was injured, police reports said. Police contacted unit supervisors at Sarah Fisher, who said they've had similar problems with the child and asked that she not be returned. She was taken to Children's Village.

A Warner Middle School student, 14, was choked and knocked unconscious after being thrown to the floor by a pair of brothers, ages 19 and 15, around 2:15 p.m. Oct. 23. Witnesses said one of the brothers choked the boy until he was red in the face and threw him to the ground where the victim hit his head.

The boy was unconscious for two to three minutes, witnesses said. The pair fled. The assault stemmed from an argument the victim had with the brothers' 14-year-old sister the previous day, police reports said. One of the brothers vowed he was going to get the victim.

MARIJUANA POSSESSION
In Farmington Hills:
 Police arrested a Farmington

Hills male, 17, and a Farmington Hills male, 19, after finding 14 grams of marijuana in a bag in a 1986 Honda Civic parked on Ontario near Sedalia Oct. 23.

DEEP SLEEN

In Farmington:
 Officers took a report about 10:30 a.m. Wednesday that a 1997 Jeep Cherokee was missing from a residence on Alta Loma.

A woman at the residence told police her 19-year-old daughter probably had the vehicle and was headed toward southeast Detroit. The mother said she had had trouble with the daughter in the past, both with poor behavior and addiction to marijuana, and told her to find another place to live.

Police stopped the vehicle, being driven by the young woman, in the vicinity of Seven Mile and Inkster. During subsequent search, one small bag of marijuana roaches, several bags of seeds and a pipe full of marijuana were found.

FOUND CHECKS

In Farmington:
 Approximately \$100,000 worth of checks were found in a purse at the Kmart store, 37175 Grand River, about 7 a.m. Friday

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