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Civic), they line up outside," Klawender explained. "We get so many compliments from people who peek in and say, 'We love your window displays.'"

"Until this weekend, it will be the Lilley creation being so scrutinized."

"Among display highlights are an architectural rendering of the playscape," by Allen & Laux; a large cardboard coupon, detailing how interested people can help; a phone number to call (418-476-4819) and several personalized two-by-four pickets,

carmarked for the fence that will surround the family-oriented 130-by-200-ft. playscape at Shinnecock Park.

The cedar pickets in the display case were inscribed with names of those who have already contributed. One features the words "Breakfast Club," the name of a women's group that frequents Dimitri's restaurant following Friday morning Masses at Our Lady of Sorrows. Lilley's mother, Marie Lilley, is part of that weekly friendship gathering.

Raising money

Anyone can buy the pickets, and have their names inscribed, for as low as \$25, Lilley said. But, with the goal of raising \$50,000 in donations or in-kind contributions of materials or services by the end of 1998 — in addition to \$60,000 already pledged by the city of Farmington — that would entail that a lot of pickets be sold.

That is why Lilley and other project organizers hope area corporations will become committed

to the project.

So far, private citizens have donated the biggest chunks of money.

"I need some corporations to step up to the plate and see the importance of this and understand this is a permanent fixture," Lilley said. "It (the playscape and surrounding fence) will be there for many generations to come."

Farmington city officials previously estimated \$125,000 for the playscape budget. Of that, the \$50,000 pledged by the city

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would be enough to get the project started.

Such efforts aside, yet another promotional boost is forthcoming. The Farmington City Council, at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7,

will select the winners of the playscape name and logo design contests, participated in by students of area private and public schools.

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success, which included the arrest of a 56-year-old man involved in a gas station hold-up the previous week.

"Police arrested a man and woman after a robbery at the same drug store July 19.

"We send a strong message: If you're going to come to Farmington Hills to commit an armed robbery, chances are you're going to be apprehended."

At 11:30 a.m., a man went into

the store and followed a store employee into the office. She asked what he wanted from her and he said, "I want everything."

He implied he had a gun by having his right hand inside his sweat shirt and pointing it at the woman. He took a plastic bag and emptied a safe and a cash drawer.

As he left, he grabbed the woman's purse and said "thanks."

A shopper noticed a man wearing a dark blue sweat shirt enter the store and asked where the drugs were. She later saw him run by and out the door.

Police saw two men traveling south on Orchard Lake in a Ford Escort and stopped the car on I-695.

The driver said he had no driver's license and indicated they were coming from Tremor's "down the street." The nightclub

is on Six Mile in Livonia.

Police searched the car and found a Rite Aid shopping bag containing three bank deposit bags. More than \$8,000 cash and 40 personal checks were recovered.

Initially, the driver told police he was solely responsible for the robbery, police said. His nephew remained in the car during the incident. He also said he was unarmed.

On Tuesday, the driver changed his story and implicated the passenger, who was found wearing only one shoe when police stopped the car. A dark blue sweat suit was found in the car.

Along with the money and sweat suit, police also found the woman's purse. The driver was wearing a key ring, which included the woman's car keys.

Dwyer credited dispatchers for

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getting information to officers in the area before the suspect's car got on the freeway.

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