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drove through a red light signal at Orchard Lake Road, struck a parked blue Pontiac and then drove through a second red light. Farmington Hills police officers responded to the scene and blocked Grand River near Midland, forcing the van to come to a stop.

Officers noticed the odor of intoxicants coming from the inside of the van. The driver struggled with field sobriety tests, and his blood-alcohol count registered .133 percent. A two-thirds empty bottle of Mohawk vodka was found between the front passenger and driver seats.

The case will be presented to the Oakland County Prosecutors Office.

EMBEZZLEMENT

In Farmington: Police arrested a 19-year-old Farmington Hills woman, an employee at a business on Grand River, for making more than \$525 worth of charges on a customer's store credit card.

The woman also is a suspect in \$7,500 worth of fraudulent transactions at the store between Dec. 20, 1999, and May 4, police reports indicated. She was released pending further investigation.

DDA from page A1

salist Unitarian Church of Farmington, will serve on the DDA until February 2003, the remainder of the term vacated by Susan Dubin due to health reasons.

Her community volunteerism, meanwhile, began well before her efforts on behalf of the Civic. On her resume are stints with the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council and Farmington Beautification Commission.

On the DDA, Paul is hoping to incorporate some of her experiences on the former, particularly in greeting minority business owners who move into town.

"I want to see what we can do to be more welcoming," Paul said.

Paul, whose first meeting is slated for June, was one of two DDA candidates interviewed by the city council for the position. Dubin was forced to resign after suffering a heart attack in late December.

Farmington Mayor Bill Hartsock said Paul's background and

experience "should be beneficial to the DDA."

Concurring was city council member JoAnne McShane.

"She has a lot of very good experience working with diverse groups of people," McShane said. "She knows how to network with people and bring people together."

"She has a keen interest in bringing about creative programs and working as a team with other DDA members."

McShane added that Paul would bring a "real positive influence. She's that type of person."

Suzanne and her husband, Charlie Paul, have three adult children. She currently holds a position with Farmington Hills-based Society for Humanistic Judaism.

Meanwhile, one thing Paul will have to adjust to is the fact the DDA holds meetings at 8 a.m.

"It's a good thing I'm a morning person," she said, laughing.



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Appointed: Suzanne Paul, who was heavily involved in the re-grand opening of the Civic Theatre and is a former minister of the Universalist Unitarian Church, was appointed to the Farmington Downtown Development Authority.

PET-A-PET ANNUAL MEETING

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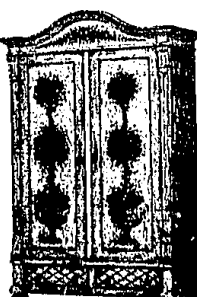
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