

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

The following incidents were recently reported to the Farmington Hills Police and Fire Departments:

VANDALISM

A woman living in the 27000 block of Gateway reported that someone damaged the rear window of her 2000 Cadillac Escalade with a large chunk of cement, which was reportedly found on the vehicle's back seat, causing \$400 in damage. Police are questioning the woman's boyfriend, with whom she had been recently arguing.

Two homeowners living in the 28000 block of Quail Hollow reported damage to their lawns and mailboxes Saturday, April 21. Both reported mailbox damage totaling \$50, and one homeowner reported damage to the lawn.

CHECK FRAUD

A 37-year-old Metamora man was arrested for uttering and publishing in connection with his allegedly altering paychecks to reflect amounts \$1,000 higher than the actual amount. The man, upon being questioned by police, reportedly said that he had added the numeral 1 to several different paychecks and cashed them.

The man's employer, a Farmington Hills excavation company, also reported to police that someone had written themselves five company checks for amounts

ranging from \$444 to \$1,700 between April 18 and 17.

DRUG ARRESTS

A 21-year-old Walled Lake man was cited for driving with a revoked license, having no license on his person and possession of marijuana April 21 near the intersection of Grand River and Purdue, following a traffic stop. One of the man's passengers, a 27-year-old Farmington Hills man, was cited for possession of marijuana. A police search of the driver's vehicle netted a plastic bag containing about 3 grams of marijuana, rolling papers and about .5 grams of loose marijuana.

A 36-year-old White Lake man was cited for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia Friday, April 20 near the intersection of Grand River and Jacksonville. A police report stated that an officer performed a traffic stop because the man's vehicle had an unreadable license plate and a cracked windshield. Recovered in a vehicle search were a plastic bag of marijuana, a marijuana pipe and rolling papers.

A 23-year-old Farmington Hills man was cited for possession of marijuana near the intersection of Middlebelt and Northwestern Highway Saturday, April 21. A police search of the man's person netted a plastic bag containing marijuana and a marijuana cigarette on the ground.

DRUNK DRIVING

A 37-year-old Farmington Hills woman was cited for

drunken driving April 20 near Freedom and Orchard Lake. A breath test showed a .16

blood/alcohol level, exceeding Michigan's legal limit of .10. A 46-year-old Southfield man

was cited for drunken driving April 21 near the intersection of Grand River and 10 Mile. Police responded to a single-vehicle accident involving the man's vehicle in front of Holiday Inn. A breath test given to the man showed a .17 blood/alcohol level.

A 25-year-old Farmington Hills woman was cited for drunken driving April 22 near Grand River and Drake. A breath test showed she had a .12 blood/alcohol level.

An 18-year-old Troy man was cited for drunken driving and possessing an open container of alcohol April 22 near the intersection of Orchard Lake and I-696. The man's only passenger, a 19-year-old Ferndale woman, was cited for being a minor in consumption of alcohol.

GARAGE FIRE

The Farmington Hills Fire Department responded to a home on Yale Court Monday morning and found heavy smoke venting from the garage. Firefighters found a fire in the attic of the garage.

A vehicle parked in the garage was removed, as was a portion of drywall in order to fight the blaze.

The homeowner said he was awakened a popping noise and found a haze of smoke in the bathroom. The cause of the fire hasn't been determined.



Roll-over rescue: Farmington Hills firefighters used power equipment to extricate the victim of a traffic accident that occurred at the intersection of West 12 Mile Road and Kendallwood Drive on Thursday, April 19 just before noon. The car was apparently struck on its side and flipped over. The driver, a Farmington Hills woman, was transported to a local hospital.

Computers join list of hazardous wastes accepted

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People may not think that old computer equipment collecting dust in their closets or basements is considered hazardous waste, but it is if it winds up in a landfill.

The lead, cadmium and mercury content of computer equipment has raised concerns about the poisonous materials seeping into the ground and into lakes and rivers.

"The recycling of computer equipment is something new," said Jill Pines, special projects coordinator with Farmington Hills' Department of Public Services. Pines said the event has become very popular with residents. Long lines are not unusual.

Beginning this year, computer equipment — including central processing units, monitors, key boards, mice, modems and printers will be accepted at Farmington Hills' 10th annual Household Hazardous Waste Day. The event is planned for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12 in the 47th District Court parking lot. The courthouse is located on 10 Mile east of Farmington Road.

Residents of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake, Wixom and Lyon Township may bring in hazardous waste.

In addition to computer equipment, the following items may be brought in:

- cleaners
- oil-based (not latex) paints
- herbicides
- insecticides
- solvents
- batteries
- motor oils
- pool chemicals
- antifreeze

Residents should place materials in a properly labeled, non-leaking container and make sure the cap is secure. Containers should be placed in a box with a sturdy bottom and put on the floor or trunk of the car. To help move the line along, residents are asked to stay in the car and let technicians unload all items.

Items not accepted as hazardous waste include latex paint (it can be dried and put out with regular trash), smoke detectors (they can also be put out at curbsides), explosives, radioactive materials, propane cylinders and medical waste.

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