

# Whitmore Lake man arrested for possession, assault with car

A 42-year-old Whitmore Lake man was arrested for possession of cocaine, felonious assault with a motor vehicle and for possessing an improper plate at 7:16 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 on M5 near Orchard Lake.

After being pulled over and stopping his car, the man reportedly hit his accelerator and struck the stationary police vehicle, causing the officer to re-enter the vehicle to avoid being struck.

Two police officers removed the Whitmore Lake man from his vehicle and subdued him. A crack cocaine rock and crack pipe were recovered from his vehicle, and another crack pipe was removed from the man's underwear during the arrest.

## COMPUTER THEFTS

Someone reportedly stole a \$1,000 computer and a \$100 color TV from a business, Dobrowski & Rosenblum, 26105 Orchard Lake sometime between July 31 and Aug. 2. Entry was likely gained by unscrewing a door handle, which sustained \$35 in damage and pry marks.

A \$1,300 laptop computer, a \$40 printer and several CDs and DVDs were reported stolen from a closet in a guest room at Best Western, 31525 12 Mile sometime before 6:21 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3. Motel staff is investigating room entries, which are monitored by computer. An undisclosed amount of cash was reported stolen from an office safe at CVS Pharmacy, 22250 Middlebelt, 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4. Entry was reportedly gained by an employee's key, prompting store management to view the incident as a possible inside job.

## TIRE LARCENIES

Four tires were removed from a Cadillac parked in the 39000 block of Polk Club sometime before 8:40 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2. Police have no suspects.

## POLICE CALLS

In another tire larceny incident, four tires were removed from a 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix parked in the 21444 Greenhill sometime before 1:55 Friday, Aug. 2. Police have no suspects.

Four tires and wheels were removed from a 2001 Pontiac Bonneville parked in the 21000 block of Greenhill sometime between July 31 and Aug. 3. Police have no suspects.

## VEHICLE BREAK-INS

Someone reportedly attempted to remove a stereo from a vehicle parked in the 3000 block of Timberidge sometime before 5:15 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3. A witness said they heard glass breaking and saw someone leave the vehicle and get into a dark colored SUV, leaving the site.

## WINDOWS DAMAGED

Police are investigating two related incidents involving bricks being thrown at windows. In the first incident, a brick damaged the screen of a home window in the 29000 block of Eastfield at 11:04 p.m. The brick did not break the glass. In another incident, someone threw a brick through a bedroom window in the 29000 block of Mulholland. A witness said they saw a group of teenagers throw the brick.

## DISORDERLY CONDUCT

A 72-year-old Panama City, Fla. man was arrested for disorderly conduct 10:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 outside a 7-11 store at Orchard Lake and 13 Mile. A police report stated that the man was discovered lying on the grass in front of the store and yelling obscenities at police officers and that he had attracted a small crowd of onlookers. While in the police vehicle, the man also spun

around and kicked the screen door several times. Hills officers had previous contact with the man earlier in the evening at Glen Oaks Country Club, also for disorderly conduct.

## INDECENT EXPOSURE

A 12-year-old boy was taken into police custody and released to his parents after reportedly exposing himself to two other boys at a swimming pool. A police report stated that the boy asked the two other boys if they wanted to see his genitals, told them that it was "cool" to pull down their pants and tried to hug one of the boys from behind. The incident reportedly occurred in the pool's shower area at 3:04 p.m. at the Beechview Swim Club.

## DRUNKEN DRIVING

A 33-year-old Detroit man was arrested for drunken driving 3:32 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 on Eight Mile near Grand River. Field sobriety tests were administered and a breath test showed a .14 level, exceeding Michigan's legal limit.

A 46-year-old Commerce Township man was ticketed for drunken driving 12:35 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 on Autumn Ridge near 12 Mile, after being pulled over for an expired plate. His blood alcohol content registered .16, exceeding Michigan's legal limit.

## ANIMAL CRUELTY

A 21-year-old Farmington Hills man was ticketed for animal cruelty after leaving a puppy in a parked vehicle for 20-30 minutes. The incident was reported at 12:18 Saturday, Aug. 4 at Kerby's, 28990 Orchard Lake, and the estimated temperature was 83 degrees. Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer, who was having lunch at the restaurant, ticketed the man.

Compiled by staff writers Heather Needham and Sue Buck.

## SEWER

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January, the city learned Congressman Joe Knollenberg (R-Bloomfield Hills) helped to secure a \$1.5 million Environmental Protection Act grant. "He took this up for us and learned about the process we were going to use, the cured-in-place pipe," Lauffhoff said.

The grant is a 55-45 split.

# Diversion will save \$100,000

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Farmington will bypass its sewer system during an upcoming sewer lining project, but the whole process will be "invisible" to residents, according to Farmington City Manager Frank Lauffhoff.

The process used will save the city \$100,000, Lauffhoff said.

The city separated its sewer system in the early 1990s, so it is no longer combined or overflowing in the Rouge River.

"To do that, the city had to build extensive pumping systems and they had to build a three million gallon retention basin located on Nine Mile Road and Brookdale," said Farmington City Manager Frank Lauffhoff.

About 20 percent of the facility is above ground and visible; the rest is underground. "It was built to hold liquid so it doesn't spill into the river during rainy periods or rain events," Lauffhoff said. "Rain events bring more water into the system."

About 500 feet of pipe can be worked on per day during the project.

In most situations, Insituform Technologies USA Inc. of Owosso, the company doing the work in Farmington, would use bypass hoses around the pipe area where they are working so the sewer system can continue to flow.

These hoses, which resemble

The city pays 45 percent.

If the project costs \$2.5 million, the city will use the entire \$1.5 million. If it doesn't, the city will get less than the \$1.5 million, Lauffhoff said.

"We won't know that for some time," he said. "We do know that the amount of money we have to bond will be much, much less than the \$1.8 million. I'm guessing that it will be in the \$500,000 range. That's a \$1.3 million reduction to the taxpayers."

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large firehoses, bring sewage above ground and then down again.

"That's extremely expensive," Lauffhoff said. "They estimate because they don't have to do that, we will save an estimated \$100,000 in bypass pumping. When they are working on a portion of pipe, we will actually shut down the whole sewer system going to Detroit. What we will do at our pumping station is pump what is still coming into the system into the retention basin."

Nobody will know. The system will continue to operate as it always does.

"We can pump into these retention basins for eight hours at a time while they are working on a pipe," Lauffhoff said. "At the end of the day when they are done working on the 500 feet of pipe, we will then turn the pipes back on, pump from the retention basin what we pumped in there and pump that back to Detroit because we can do that if it is dry weather."

## WHAT IF IT RAINS?

Everyone will watch the weather closely.

The lining for the four-mile straight pipe was bid at \$1.6 million. The siphon portion, which goes under the Rouge River near Telegraph and Eight Mile, will be bid out in the next 30-60 days.

"It's a difficult process lining this siphon," Lauffhoff said. "We have to build a chamber there so the pipe lining can be done in each direction from the chamber."

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# OCC offering choral music class

Oakland Community College will offer a one-credit class in choral singing this fall at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. The course, OCC Chorale, will meet Wednesdays from 7-9:55 p.m. starting Sept. 4.

Students will study choral literature ranging from the Renaissance to modern semi-popular music and perform in special assemblies and concerts for the general public.

Instructor Megan Cavallari, as a choral director and arranger, has worked for such major Hollywood studios as Fox, MGM and Castle Rock. She has composed original film and television scores for Paramount, HBO, Showtime, Hanna-Barbera and Warner Brothers. A pre-Broadway tour of her award-winning musical, *The Game*, opens next summer.

"Everyone, from shower singers to vocal music majors,

is welcome to enroll," Cavallari says. "This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the joy of singing."

"Touch-tone telephone registration for OCC's fall semester continues through Aug. 28. Walk-in registration at all campuses is Aug. 26-28.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696. For more information, call (248) 720-3344.

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