

Northland beefs up force to increase mall security

By JACKIE KLEIN
Twenty years' worth of chewing gum is imbedded in the well-worn sidewalks of Northland Shopping Center.

Millions of footsteps have rutted those walks since the dynamic center opened in 1954. Along with the chewing gum has been sticking an image of a massive area that attracts crime as well as tourists and shoppers.

Chief Peter Kulbaba, security manager of the Dayton Hudson Properties eastern region, is aware of the problems and he's not stagnant.

"We will be adding five new officers to our 23-man security staff to supplement our growth program," he said.

"We have already ordered a telephone communication system for the parking lots and closed circuit television to monitor the center."

"We are increasing the lighting in the mall and parking areas, and we expect the enclosure to have a broad effect on security."

ALSO BEING evaluated, Kulbaba said, are mounted security divisions, observation towers and electronic motor scooters in the mall.

Exterior doors will be equipped with alarm systems, and personnel will respond within seconds when electronic surveillance indicates trouble, he said.

"Electronic devices are of no value if there's nobody to respond," he said.

"We are relocating our security offices in a strategic location to offer the best protection possible. Our present facility is 900 square feet, and our new one will be just under 5,000 square feet in size."

Despite the impression that has been created, auto thefts decreased 33 percent in the first six months of 1974 from the same 1973 period, Kulbaba said. Overall crime has shown a 28 percent decline, he said.

He claims 70 percent of all incidents are rumors.

KULBABA, WHO manages security in all five Dayton Hudson Properties shopping centers, said security officers were deputized under a state act in 1967. In 1968 the act was amended to prescribe 85 hours of training for the officers and to give them powers of arrest.

"About 25 percent of the Northland security officers attend college to get associate degrees in police administration," he said. "The company pays for and encourages continuing education."

"In-house security officers are hired and trained in shopping center detail by the company after being interviewed and tested. Southfield police train the officers in general police work, and we have an excellent working relationship with city law enforcement agencies."

"We have a total of 86 officers in our five centers, and we don't hesitate to bring our own mothers to any one of the malls. We're in business to protect our customers, tenants and properties and to prevent crime."

PATRICIA HOBAR, center manager of Northland Center, pointed out the natural northwestern migration in the early 1950s and the easy accessibility to Northland created a new downtown emerging out of the metropolitan Detroit area.

"Northland is a burgeoning, thriving entity with pressures."

We want what's best for the community, including safety!
— Patricia Hobar

she said. "We have 138 stores and 1.3 million square feet of leasable space on 165 acres.

"When our \$25 million expansion is completed, we will have 1.7 million square feet of leasable space and 22 new stores. On a busy day, 100,000 people pass through Northland. A certain amount of crime is inevitable.

"Dayton Hudson is committing space for new tenants, remodeling Hudsons, adding a J.C. Penney's and enclosing the center. The company wouldn't make this commitment to the community and the future if it weren't prepared to expand security."

"THE ENCLOSURE will have

an effect on the total image. People tend to behave more discreetly in an enclosed carpeted mall. They feel as though they're in their own living room instead of outdoors."

"When the center is enclosed, Miss Hobar contended, the tenants will act as the eyes and ears because they will be able to walk outside in inclement weather.

"We're spending money to provide a lovely atmosphere where shoppers can come in ruffs. We are a dynamic, viable, corporate tenant of Southfield, and we want what's best for the community, including safety."

"We don't want people to say every time a motorcycle backfires at Northland, 'Someone's been shot.'"

Community Calendar

BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, Aug. 5: "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Margolds" by Paul Zindel is the topic for discussion in the Farmington Discussion Series in the Farmington District Library, 2333 Farmington Rd., at 7:30 p.m. Open to all teenagers at no charge. Discussion series runs every other Monday evening through the summer.

TENNIS CLASSES

Monday, Aug. 5: New tennis classes for young people and adults, from beginners to advanced, begins this date on the North Farmington High School courts. Both morning and evening classes are available. Registrations are being taken now in the offices of the Farmington Community Center.

RIDING CLASSES

Wednesday, Aug. 7: The third session of the summer riding classes begins this date at Oak Ridge Farm Stables with transportation provided, by bus, from the Farmington Community Center. Registrations are being taken now in the offices of the center, 477-8404.

FLAME OF THE BARBARY COAST

Thursday, Aug. 8: "Flame of the Barbary Coast" starring John Wayne and telling story of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, begins at 7 p.m. in the Farmington Public Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. No charge. Film lasts 95 minutes.

CORN ROAST

Thursday, Aug. 8: Corn roast, sponsored by the Farmington Republican Club, in Farmington City Park, Shawnesse and Power Rds., 7 p.m. Music by the Franklin Band. Donation is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

TALENT SHOWCASE

Sunday, Aug. 11: Talent Showcase concludes the Sunday Summer Series in the amphitheatre on Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College, 6 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person or \$4 per family. OOC students admitted for \$1 by showing their school identification cards.

THE RAPTURE

Sunday, Aug. 11: "The Rapture," a movie on Biblical prophecy, sponsored by the Farmington-Hills Baptist Church, in the church, 28041 Middle Belt Rd., 6 p.m. No charge.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Monday, Aug. 12: Vacation Church School starts this date in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Rd., and runs through Aug. 23. Hours are from 9:15-11:45 a.m. each weekday with the theme "Bible Time." Open to all children from three years through sixth grade. Non-denominational.

LOVE'S LABOUR LOST

Wednesday, Aug. 21: Bus leaves the Farmington Community Center at 8:30 a.m. for the Stratford Festival production of "Love's Labour Lost." Package cost of \$28 includes transportation in Victorian Inn and show. Reservations are necessary and must be made by Wednesday, Aug. 7, through the offices of the Farmington Community Center, 477-8404.

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