

From our readers

He takes police to task

Editor:—
Being a resident of this community for just 13 months, I finally found out what our police department does when a citizen calls.

Coming home from work on March 11 at 12:15 a.m., I was astonished to find an unfamiliar automobile in my driveway.

As I approached the driveway, the driver decided he was going to try and take off, however I managed to block the automobile with my car.

I noticed that there were three occupants in the automobile. I got out of my car and approached their car cautiously. I instructed the driver to turn off the engine and get out.

The driver got out and proceeded to tell me that he and his companions were at the Fun Factory (Colgate and Grand River). He said that they were being chased by some individuals and happened to choose my driveway to hide in.

I checked the driver's license and found he was from Dearborn. I proceeded to write that information down and copy the license plate number. I also noticed the car was a Mercedes and fairly new.

I took a quick glance at my home and garage to see if there were any signs of breaking and entering. I did not see any so I let the individuals go.

When I got in the house it occurred to me how foolish I was to approach the car, much less take my eyes off the other two individuals.

I checked and found my wife and

child asleep and all right. I called the police department to ask that a car be sent over so I could make a report. The officer on duty asked me if there were any signs of a crime. After telling him no, he said that if I saw the vehicle in the neighborhood again, then I should call the department.

The only reasons for calling the department were the following:

• A strange vehicle with three occupants was parked in my driveway at 12:15 a.m.

• There was a B&E on our block around two months ago, and I was fearful of the same happening to us.

• Because of the hour of my return from work, I could have surprised the occupants and stopped any possible criminal activity.

• And finally, the car had been at the Fun Factory, where there have been noted incidents reported to the police.

I am a firm believer in law and order and I, along with my neighbors, feel that we are entitled to a police department that we can depend on.

It is possible that I may have overreacted. I can only think of my family's security and that there could have been a lot more to this incident than there was.

If the police department waits until there is extensive property damage or an individual hurt, maimed or even killed to constitute a "crime," then I think the residents of Farmington Hills should get together and demand a better and dependable police department.

DALE L. PROUST,
Farmington Hills

Kelly questions city services

Editor:—
As a Farmington Hills resident and taxpayer, I wish to ask two questions. These questions need to be answered to my satisfaction and the satisfaction of my neighbors.

• The storm of January 1978 started Wednesday, Jan. 25, yet our subdivisions, Canterbury Commons, was not plowed until Sunday, Jan. 29, early in the morning. Other subdivisions close to us were plowed Friday morning, etc. Why? How and who gets out

first? Could it be that there is a politician who lives in the other suburbs? Needless to say, all the residents of Canterbury Commons noticed we were the last to be plowed.

• How can the assessing office re-evaluate our property every year and of course up the value, when they have never seen our houses, either inside or out? Will they assess down the same professional way when they have taxed us out of Farmington Hills?

KEVIN KELLY,
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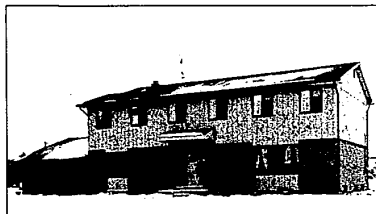


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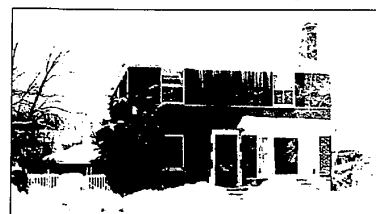
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