Uniting

Drug-free kids: That's the aim

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Several local communities have joined a statewide effort to curb youth drinking by making homeown for criminally responsible if alcohol is gaily responsible if alcohol is gaily old enough to drink. Statewide, the Michigan Community in Action For a Drug Free Youth presched a proposal for such a law to a legislative committee in Dec. 8.

"The Justice Committee is looking for other ways to deal with juveniles than incarceration," said Betty Nicolay, a member of Farmingion Familles in Action, which is part of the statewide organization.

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Troy, Farmington Hills, Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Orchard Lake, Rochester and Liveola have open house party ordinances. Trees ordinance were enacted to control or climinate large house parties where minors are consuming alcohol or taking drugs. The ordinances allow for fines or possible jail sentences

for the adult who allowed the party to take place at their residence. "We believe it is a deterrent. The effect is to make parents more cau-tions about what they let their und-crage children do," said Capt. Mil-lard Squire of the Birmingham Po-lice Department.

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NICOLAY WOULD like to see hotel and motel owners be included among those who can be penalized for contributing to the deliquency of a minor. She also feels that more resources should be used to educate the public about drug and alcohol abuse.

"I feel that when the ordinance is presented to the host that the parents of the minors involved must be notified. Then the parents and minors must attend drug education programs," she said. "Also, the host should be fined and receive substance abuse education regardiess of the age of the host."

Nicolay also wants to see the fines increased so that an impression is left with those that have to pay. So

far in Farmington Hills, the fines have not exceeded more than \$50 plus court costs. Still, Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills Po-lice Department feels that the ordi-nance is working.

"I FEEL very strongly that the or-dinance has worked. We've had few-er problems with parties and fewer parties in general. There has also been less vandalism," he said.

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Nicolay believes cities without local ordinances will be bombarded with parties unless a state law is passed. Communities without such ordinances include Southfield, West Bloomfield and Farmington.

Southfield city attorney Susan Ward said the city has not discussed an open house party ordinance at this time.

Cities that do have ordinances have not experienced public opposition.

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Sgt. William Tullock of the Troy-Police Department said, "We've been fortunate that before we been constituted by the public of the con-anything we public of the explain-that we're trying to assist the public. In turn we've gotten good support from the public."

"I think we need standardization across the state," he added. "We need to stress that homeowners are civility responsible tor providing al-choolic beverages. We should espe-cially stress this now during the holf-day season."

Micolay said that the Juvenile Jus-tice Committee is very supportive and enthusiastic about the proposal. Seed to the committee of the seed to the committee of the seed to the seat to the committee or Dec. 26. Ni-colay hopes for legislative action early this year.



Winterfest

Four-year-old J. Michael Griffin (top) and sister Julie, 2, hitch a ride as their dad, Scott Griffin of Farmington Hills, tries out the sledding hill behind the Southfield Pavillon during Winterlest '87 Saturday. Griffin is

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vice president of the Southfield Optimist Club. Mother Nature dumped 7½ Inches of snow on Oskland County Saturday. By Mon-day, much of the enowfall had melted.

Police ticket youths

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Dwyer vowed to continue surveillance along the two-mile stretch of
Orchard Lake Road between 12 Mile
and 14 Mile, "as long as the need
presents itself. Hight now, we plan to
continue the patrols on a regular baals." We've gotten good cooperation
and have open lines of communication with merchants," Dwyer said.
Dwyer met with several merchants in his office Priday afternoon
to discuss problems of mutual concern, Similar meetings will be held
periodically, he said.

MEANWHILE, POLICE broke up house party in the 13 Mile-Drake

Road area attended by 125 young people, many from North Farming-ton High School, Jan. 9, Dwyer said. Police responded to a report of a disorderly party about 11:15 p.m.

"Beer cans and bottless were found throughout the house," Dwyer said. The teenage host told police she invited over a few friends, then went to a nearby 7-Eleven. When she re-turned, dozens of uninvited guests were there.

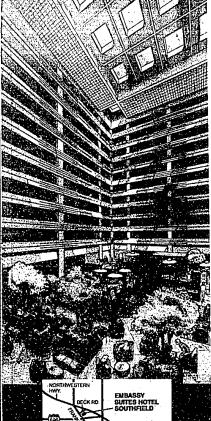
Empty beer containers found on lawns in the 13 Mile-Drake Road also appeared to be remnants of the party — not byproducts of the so-called youth gangs along Orchard Lake Road, Dwyer said.



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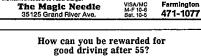


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