

Enlightening experience

The remainder of the luminairies were finally installed this week for downtown Farmington's pedestrian lighting project. The lighting is part of a \$1.4 million project being coordinated through the Downtown Development Authority. The first phase will be completed this fall when trees are planted along downtown streets. Sidewalk replacement and installation of paving brick was also part of the first phase. The workman is Lyle Hycinto.

Man charged in assault

did. The only person with him was a younger brother, Phil, then 16.

are charged with beating Walters in the parking lot of Taco Bell after an argument moments before as the three men ordered food inside the

IN THE LATEST incident, Dober and Michael Bender, 21. of Livonia face was cut, police said.

User error is biggest cause of false alarms

Hills, said by far most alarms ac-tivated without an introder are caused by user error.

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A majority of the residential alarms today are digital and require the owner to punch in digital codes to set the alarms. Too often, however, the new owner panics if the alarm is accidentally activated and fails to properly disengage it, Huffitten where a client enters the right code, and it doesn't work," he said.

WITH TODAY'S sophisticated di-gual alarms, Hulfstutter said, there isn't much maintenance to be per-formed. But alarm companies advise changing the four-digit codes every six months to prevent static electric-

ity. Reputable, licensed alarm compa-Drive-in on

Grand River

Though site plans in the city's B-3 business district don't require plan-ing commission approval, commissioners recently reviewed the plan and "acknowledged it." Gardiner said. "They (planning commissioners) were reluctant to initiate rezoning."

is closing

nies provide users with an opera-tions manual that must be read, un-derstood and followed, Huffstutter

It is with the older, mechanical It is with the older, mechanical types of alarms, primarily used in commercial buildings, where more maintenance is required. Alarms that feature window bugs or folis sometimes will activate without an intruder because of warping and old age, for example, Huffstutter said.

Many users don't want to replace their 20-year-old systems because of costs, he added.

Beefed-up Farmington Hills alarm regulations require registra-tion, including the listing of three contact names should the alarm ac-tivate. That way the alarm company that receives the alarm — and later calls police — can contact those who might know whether the alarm is false or who can deactivate the alarm.

come and shut it off," Murphy said.
Huffstutter said users often are
panicked when they call the slarm
company after accidentally activating the alarm and neglect to provide
the alarm company with the correct
client identification code required to
prevent a call to the police department.
More often than not, "the client
most saidy does nothing," Huffstutter said, adding that many users
doo't call the alarm company to inform them of an accidental alarm.

POLICE ALSO urge users to investigate the type of alarm to be purchased as well as the company selling and installing the alarms. "The alarm industry itself is trying to weed out the disreputable companies that are selling junk." Murphy said.
Huffsrutter said the alarm industry has become more sophisticated and licensing requirements are becoming tougher.

alarm. "Most alarm companies won't

Tough alarm rules set

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tacted if the alarm is activated. A \$15 registration fee will be charged for new alarms.
"The fines and fees are not such that the city makes a profit off them. They barely cover the cost of responding to the false alarms," Murphy said.

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Audble alarms are required to have automatic shut-off devices to deactivate the alarm within 10 section of the city makes and the city makes a licensed by the state.

It also prohibits alarm installers from misrepresenting the services of the city makes are considered a misdemeanor carrying a maximum fine of \$500.

dialing devices that connect the alarm directly with the police or fire

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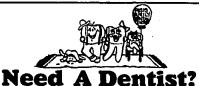
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