

Community Corner

This week's question:

What is your reaction to the planning commission's ban on use of loudspeakers or microphones at the Community Center's outdoor amphitheater?



"I'm indifferent. But I guess if I were a neighbor, I would be sympathetic with the neighbors."
— Jack Roach
Farmington Hills



"I am all for the ban, I live across the street from the Community Center. The sound echoes to my house — five houses north of Ridgewood — and that's at least a quarter of a mile."
— Arlyce Earles
Farmington Hills



"I am sick about it. I think the residents are being very petty. Concerts last only a short time. My kids have attended music programs at both the center and at Horning Park and love them."
— Ann Carter
Farmington Hills



"I think the whole thing has been overrated. A couple of concerts don't hurt anyone."
— Ralph Rogers
Farmington Hills



"I'm a musician so I'm biased. The concerts shouldn't have been banned. But I live on 12 Mile Road and that's a long way from the Community Center."
— Mark Hackett
Farmington Hills



"They should have got them banned. But I don't live that close and maybe it was disturbing."
— Sua Hovanlian
Farmington Hills

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

● **car hits building**
A motorist sustained minor injuries when he apparently had a seizure, crossed Orchard Lake Road, between 13 and 14 Mile, and crashed into a Century 21 Realtors building at 6:20 a.m. Friday, Farmington Hills police said.
Community EMS paramedics took the 44-year-old West Bloomfield man to Botsford General Hospital. The man was southbound on Orchard Lake Road when he apparently had a seizure and crossed from the south curb lane to southbound in the north curb lane. His car jumped the curb, crossed grass, a sidewalk and a

landscaped area, and hit the north side of the Century 21 building. The man was wearing a seat belt. Building damage was estimated at \$500, said Sgt. Ray Cranston, Farmington Hills Police Department Traffic Section supervisor.

● **suspected shoplifter**
A 63-year-old Farmington Hills woman faces a shoplifting charge in connection with the theft of earrings and leather gloves valued at \$53 from Crowley's, 33250 12 Mile, at 12:45 p.m. Friday.

A security agent said he saw a woman put items in her purse without paying for them, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● **indecent exposure**
A man thought to be in his 30s exposed himself after buzzing the front door to a building on Jefferson Court

at Windemere Apartments at 8:10 p.m. Friday.

A woman answering the buzz saw the man through the windows next to the locked door. She ran back to her apartment and called police, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● **underage drinking**
Six young people were ticketed and one was turned over to a parent after they were caught drinking beer and wine cooler during a party at Motel 6, 38300 Grand River, at 10:30 p.m. Friday.

Officers were called to investigate a loud party. They found seven young men and women, ages 16-20, from South Lyon, Clawson, Novi and New Hudson.

The 16-year-old girl was turned over to a parent. The others were

ticketed for possessing alcohol, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● **school damage**
Seven bullets were fired into a set of exterior doors on the southeast side of East Middle School, 25000 Middlebelt, between Friday and Monday.

The bullets were believed to be .22-caliber. They penetrated those doors and hit a second set of doors 40 feet away. Several large bullet fragments were found by this set of doors.

Total damage was estimated at \$400, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● **teens ticketed**
Two 18-year-old Brighton men were ticketed after a Farmington Hills police officer approached their car in the parking lot of 7-Eleven, 29318 Orchard Lake, at 8 p.m. Saturday.

One teen was ticketed for possessing alcohol (beer and wine), the other for possessing narcotics paraphernalia (a wooden bowl pipe), according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● **armed robbery**
Two attendants were present but neither was hurt when a masked gunman took \$250 from the Shell gas station at 29370 12 Mile at 7:50 p.m. Sunday.

A man wearing a gray wrap-around head bandage, with slits for his eyes, approached the counter. He held a newspaper in one hand. The man demanded money, turning the newspaper to reveal the butt of a pistol. He then held up a piece of paper on which the first line read, "Don't call the cops."

The attendants complied with the robber's demand and he fled on foot. He was wearing a red nylon jacket with white lettering, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● **break-in try**
Damage was estimated at \$120 during a break-in at St. Paul's Lutheran-evangelical Church, 30623 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, Jan. 7-8. Nothing was reported missing, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● **thefts reported**
A CD player valued at \$400 was reported stolen from Mulrwood Apartments on Verdant Drive, Farmington Hills, Jan. 5.

A VCR valued at \$200 and \$100 in cash were reported stolen from a house on Jefferson, Farmington Hills, Jan. 5.

A VCR and jewelry valued at \$599 were reported stolen from a house on Collingham, Farmington Hills, Jan. 8.

A TV and jewelry valued at \$2,500 were reported stolen from Greenhill Apartments, Farmington Hills, Jan. 8.

Raid nets cocaine, guns, cash

Police made an arrest and seized more than 50 ounces of cocaine, three handguns and \$17,500 in cash during a drug raid in the 13 Mile Orchard Lake Road area of Farmington Hills Monday.

During the search, officers discov-

ered four pipe bombs, which were dismantled at the scene by Michigan State Police bomb experts.

Farmington Hills police assisted the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team in executing the

search warrant.

Police would not identify either the location of the raid or the person arrested because of their ongoing investigation, Farmington Hills Lt. Richard Murphy said.

Holiday Postal Service hours set

The U.S. Postal Service will operate on a holiday schedule during its observance honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 15.

There will be no regular residential or business mail delivery. Farmington Postmaster Kenneth B. Harris said. Special delivery, express mail and post office box ser-

vice will be provided.

Limited caller service will be available only for customers who regularly pick up their mail at either the Farmington office, 33200 Slocum, or the Farmington Hills office, 32455 12 Mile. The service windows will be open 8-10 a.m. for those customers, but there will be no financial transactions.

Mail will be picked up from all residential collection boxes as late in the day as possible to meet first class mail service standards. All business collection boxes, with the large 5 p.m. decal, will be picked up after 5 p.m.

Normal mail service will resume Tuesday, Jan. 16.

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