

Community Corner

This week's question:
What do you like best about living in Farmington or Farmington Hills?

We asked this question at the Uptown Farmington Shopping Center, Farmington.



"The convenience of whatever you need in relation to where you live — shopping, baking — anything you want."
— Rena Zanarini
Farmington Hills



"I guess I like it very much. I moved back here from Atlanta."
— Sharon Schomanski
Farmington



"It feels like home. It is home."
— Janet Styles
Farmington Hills



"I've always lived here. And the relatives aren't too far away."
— Thelma Rauss
Farmington



"I guess I like it. I've been working here for eight years and drive from downtown Howell to get here. And I shop for all of my auto parts here."
— Jeff Woessner
Howell



"It's a clean district."
— Debbie Buchin
Farmington

police/fire calls

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

● accident followup

A 25-year-old Farmington Hills man killed when he stepped into the path of a westbound car while crossing Grand River near Eight Mile early Saturday died of multiple injuries.

So ruled the Oakland County Medical Examiner. Toxicology reports are pending.

Ronald Eugene Toney, who lived nearby on Inkster Road, was struck by the car's passenger side while crossing Grand River from north to south, just east of Colwell, at 1:15 a.m., police said.

The driver, a 24-year-old Farmington Hills man, was not hurt and was not at fault, said traffic Sgt. Ray Cranston of the Farmington Hills police.

Police aren't sure why Toney didn't see the car. The accident happened in the third lane from the curb, Cranston said.

● attempted theft

A 21-year-old man faces an attempted larceny charge in connection with the attempted theft of wheel covers from a Ford Probe parked on Adams Court at Independence Green Apartments March 8, Farmington Hills police said.

The Farmington Hills man was arrested at 3 a.m. at Drakeshire Apartments in the city of Farmington. He was driving a Ford Probe without wheel covers.

His arrest came after undercover Farmington Hills officers had followed a car cruising apartment and condominium lots in Farmington Hills, Farmington, Novi, Wixom and Walled Lake since 12:45 a.m. The Ford Probe parked on Adams Court was attacked at 1:30 a.m. Fresh pry marks were found in the wheel cover area. Damage was estimated at \$150.

A set of wheel covers were found inside the man's car. He told police he found them on the road.

● alcohol seized

Farmington Hills police assisted Farmington police in nabbing two minors who bought alcohol at the

Kroger store at Grand River and Halsted Friday night.

The two Ontario men, ages 19 and 20, were ticketed for possessing alcohol. The store clerk was ticketed for selling alcohol to a minor, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● St. Paddy's Day

Farmington Hills police arrested two drunk drivers on Sunday — St. Patrick's Day — far below a typical weekend day, when the number of drunk driving arrests is more than double that, said Lt. Jack Brown.

● properly damage

Damage was estimated at \$500 when a customer kicked and broke a window at the Big Boy restaurant, 20788 Farmington Road, at 1 a.m. Sunday. The incident occurred after the customer was told the restaurant was closed, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.

● driver flees

A 42-year-old man faces two traffic charges after he struck a telephone pole but failed to stop when a

patrol officer tried to pull him over early Monday, Farmington Hills police said.

The Farmington Hills man is charged with fleeing and eluding, and leaving the scene of an accident.

According to the police report: At 2:30 a.m., Sgt. Patrick Browne was advised a van had hit a utility pole at Grand River and Middlebelt. On arriving, Browne saw the van break free and go west on Grand River without headlights.

When Browne, activating his emergency lights, tried to stop the van, the driver went north on Middlebelt, even though the van had a flat front tire and extensive front-end damage.

The man stopped in the lot of the Knights of Columbus Hall, north of

Liberty. He suffered minor injuries but refused treatment. His van was impounded. A folding knife in the van was confiscated.

Damage to the van was estimated at \$2,500.

● student suspended

An 18-year-old West Bloomfield youth was suspended after being caught drinking wine cooler outside the vocational auto class at Harrison High School, 29995 12 Mile, Monday. He was released to his parents, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

● thefts reported

An equalizer valued at \$150 was reported stolen from a car parked on Hawthorne in Farmington March 17.

An AM/FM cassette unit was reported stolen from a car parked at the Drakeshire Apartments in Farmington March 18. The lock was punched to gain entry.

A radar detector valued at \$70 was reported stolen from a car parked at the Great Wall, 35135 Grand River in Farmington, March 19.

● cars damaged

● Damage was estimated at \$375 when BBs were fired into windows of two cars parked in front of houses on Jefferson March 15-16, Farmington Hills, March 15-16.

● Damage was estimated at \$500 when paint thinner was thrown on a car parked on Violet in Farmington March 17.

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