

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

THEFT
An amplifier worth \$400 was stolen from a residence at the Flamingo trailer park on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills Oct. 11-12.

Golf clubs and equipment valued at \$2,056 were stolen from a silver 1992 Ford Probe parked on Briarwyke in Farmington Hills Oct. 4-5.

An Onkyo CD player worth \$1,000 and an Onkyo tuner-amplifier worth \$1,000 were stolen from the Travel Bazaar on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills Oct. 12-13.

A diamond ring costing \$2,000 and one worth \$300 were stolen from the Comfort Inn on 12 Mile Oct. 10-13.

A gold watch with black band worth \$300, a child's winter coat worth \$85 and a jacket worth \$200 were stolen from a residence on Willow Court in Farmington Hills Oct. 1-7.

An \$800 cellular phone was stolen from a 1990 Chrysler New Yorker parked at Bob Sellers Pontiac on Grand River in Farmington Hills Oct. 8-9.

Four wheel covers worth \$1,000 were stolen from a 1991 Cadillac at the Family Buggy on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Oct. 14.

A \$250 neon sign that says "at the hop" and a \$500 digital scale were stolen from the Pott N Gables on Grand River in Farmington Hills Oct. 12-14.

A neon green boys Mirada mountain bike worth \$350 was stolen from an open garage on Arden Park Circle in Farmington Hills Oct. 10-14.

Four hubcaps worth \$200 were stolen off a 1992 Ford Taurus

parked in front of Drakehire Apartments in Farmington Oct. 14.

Four hubcaps worth \$320 were stolen off a 1987 Chevy Caprice station wagon parked in the Drakehire Apartments in Farmington Oct. 14.

A person caught a man stealing hubcaps off a Buick parked in front of Solon Nouveau. The person asked the man to return the hubcaps and he complied. The man, a 35-year-old Detroit, was later arrested in Farmington Hills on an outstanding warrant.

VANDALISM
A green 1991 Jeep Cherokee parked at the Muirwood Apartments on Conifer in Farmington Hills sustained \$200 in damage Oct. 11-12.

The front bumper of a burgundy 1992 Mazda mini-van parked at the Mercy Center on 11 Mile in Farmington Hills was scraped with a sharp object causing \$400 in damage Oct. 11.

The sides and trunk of a blue 1986 Pontiac parked at the Orchard Lake Apartments on Orchard Lake Oct. 10-11 were scratched, causing \$400 in damage.

AUTO THEFT
A white 1987 Pontiac 6000 worth \$5,000 was stolen from the Muirwood Apartments on Pine Grove in Farmington Hills Oct. 11-12. The car was later recovered in Detroit with the windows damaged.

A gray 1993 Nissan Sentra worth \$9,000 was rented at Enterprise Rental on Drake in Farmington Hills on Sept. 22 and not returned by Sept. 29 as agreed to by a 26-year-old Plymouth woman.

A \$5,000 blue 1985 Ford Bronco II was stolen from the Mobil gas

station on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Oct. 14.

BREAK-IN
A man's gold watch with a black band worth \$175 and \$25 in cash were stolen from a residence at the Maple Ridge Apartments on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills Oct. 12.

FIRE
Farmington Hills firefighters put out a fire in smoldering insulation at a residence on Rhinewood in Farmington Hills Oct. 12.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY
Two children of a 20-year-old Farmington Hills woman were taken to the hospital after they showed signs that they had taken prescription medicine not meant for them. The mother noticed an open bottle of prescription medicine when she came out of the shower at about 9:30 a.m. Oct. 13 and asked her 3-year-old son if he'd had any of the medicine. He said he hadn't but then became drowsy later that morning. The woman waited for her boyfriend to come home and then took the two children to Providence Hospital in Novi at about 1 p.m. They were later transported to Children's Hospital in Detroit. Police are investigating the case.

BREAK-IN
A cyclone fence was cut, causing \$250 in damage, and 500 pounds of scrap stainless steel worth \$120 was stolen from American Control on Whitlock in Farmington Hills Oct. 7-14.

BAD CHECK
A \$520 check to pay for men's clothing at Hank's Clothes on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills Sept. 25 came back unpaid from a closed account.

ARSON
A ticket booth next to the football field at Harrison High School on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills was destroyed by an arson fire Oct. 15, according to fire officials. The loss was estimated at \$250.

CHASE
A Detroit man driving a GM Sierra pickup truck fled and later rammed a Farmington patrol car in the ensuing chase Oct. 9. Police stopped the truck on 10 Mile near Raphael at 2:14 a.m. A records check revealed the man had an outstanding warrant with the Westland Police Department.

When the officer asked him to get out of the truck, he rolled up his window and drove off. A chase ensued along St. Mary, Farmington and Shawawasee roads. When stopped at a dead end on Fink, the driver put the truck in reverse and rammed into the patrol car, causing \$500 in damage. The driver was called off the truck and sent east on Grand River. Livonia police later arrested the man after a foot chase. He was charged with fleeing and eluding police and destruction of property.

SHOPLIFTING
A Detroit man was arrested after a shoplifting incident at Kmart on Grand River in Farmington where a store employee was assaulted Oct. 13. A man was stopped trying to exit the store after he was observed concealing items in a diaper bag and in his coat pocket. After he was detained, the man pushed an employee against a wall, causing a small cut on the employee's arm. Police arrived and took the man into custody. The stolen items worth \$91, including cassette tapes and women's panties, were recovered.

Hills mulls its policy on notifying residents about developments

Residents' protests of a request to qualify a large store as a "planned unit development" have Farmington Hills rethinking its policy of publicizing such proposals.

More than 100 residents had come to a planning commission meeting in August after hearing about a proposal to build a SourceClub store on property at 12 Mile and Middlebelt. Many were angry that they only heard of the proposal by word-of-mouth or in the Observer.

Although council members agreed that the requirement of a sign on the site of a proposed development would help, automatically informing all residents in a given area would be costly in terms of mailing.

Debra Kenczierski, vice president of the council of homeowners, told council members that the current ordinance — requiring notification of residents within 300 feet of a proposed development of a public hearing on it — was not enough.

"That might only include one or two residences in our area," she said.

The council is considering informing subdivision association presidents with a one-mile radius of a proposed development when it goes before the planning commission for the first time, rather than later in the process.

In other action at its Oct. 11 meeting, the Hills council:
■ Introduced an ordinance to regulate cable TV rates.

■ Introduced an ordinance to put a tax lien on property when residents do not pay fines for false alarms.

■ Approved a reward system to encourage reporting vandalism at city parks.

■ Heard about recruitment efforts by the fire department. Of more than 60 applicants, the department has 25 paid-on-call firefighters. Four will be assigned to Station 1, nine to Station 2, three to Station 3 and nine to Station 4, said Fire Chief Richard Marinucci.

CLARIFICATION

A story in the Oct. 14 issue of the Farmington Observer should have said Farmington Hills City

Council members unanimously approved the purchase of the Mercy Center property.

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OBITUARIES

GENE EICKHOFF IRWIN
Mrs. Irwin, 73, of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Farmington, died Oct. 15.

Born in Elwood, Ind., Mrs. Irwin was a member of Sarasota Republican Women's Club, Sarasota Golf Club and London Hunt of London Country Club, Ontario, Canada.

Survivors include her husband, Douglas; son, E. Michael Eickhoff; daughter, Anne Johnson; sister, Margaret Mochell; one grandchild.

A memorial service was Oct. 18 at the Wiegand Brothers Funeral Home, Sarasota, Fla. Burial was in Venice Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the

American Cancer Society, 1750 17th Street, Suite A, Sarasota, Fla. 34234.

MAURICE DECKER

Mr. Decker, 75, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 4. Born in Vincennes, Ind., Mr.

Decker was a real estate broker. Survivors include his wife, Lorraine; sons, Lawrence and Robert; stepson, Lawrence Uriland; daughters, Hope Cummins, Deanna Shantz and Elizabeth Egger; mother, Dimple Decker; brother, Paul; 11 grandchildren. Cremation was in Evergreen Crematory, Detroit.

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