

Here's how to bag it

Paper or plastic? That's the question the bigger asks before packing your groceries. Now it's also a question that Farmington-area residents are asking their officials about where to stuff their yard waste before placing the bags at the curb on trash day.

Although Farmington and Farmington Hills have the same refuse and recycling programs, the yard waste programs are different.

If you live in Farmington Hills, your yard waste goes in 30-gallon clear plastic bags or 30-gallon refuse cans with proper labels. Brush and small branches should be bundled.

In you are a Farmington resident, your yard waste goes in 30-gallon paper bags (plastic bags are not allowed) or the 30-gallon labeled cans. Brush and small branches should be bundled.

Once again, it's paper for Farmington and plastic for Farmington Hills. Of course, mulching — as with a mulching lawnmower — is encouraged in both cities.

Any questions? Call Farmington Hills (553-8580) or Farmington (473-7260).

Rolling into fitness

The parking lot of the Henry Ford Medical Center — Orchard Lake Family Practice in Farmington Hills will be transformed into an arena for in-line skating from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 4, during the facility's grand opening.

The medical center is at 28720 Orchard Lake Road, just north of 12 Mile Road.

More than 100 pairs of skates in many sizes and skating safety equipment will be provided at no charge by Don Thomas Sports Haus. For those who bring their own skates, Don Thomas Sports Haus

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will provide free maintenance and safety checks. In-line skating experts from Team EXTREME, who have dominated the national racing circuit recently, will demonstrate their style and provide one-on-one coaching. Participants will learn tips for skating injury-free. Health information from Henry Ford Hospital's Center for Athletic Medicine will be available. Soccer fans will have the opportunity to meet and get autographs from Bryan "Goose" Finney and some of his Detroit Rocker teammates. Everyone attending the grand opening will have free cookies from The Great American Cookie Company, as well as mini-dogs, burgers and popcorn.

Memory Lane

From the May 27, 1954, edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

The installation of a \$1.4 million telephone system, to be housed in a new building at Grand River and Power Road, would lead to dial telephone service for the Farmington area in about a year. H.L. Orman, "an experienced chef for many years," was featured in an advertisement for the Farmington Dairy. Jerry Rice pitched a three-hitter to help Farmington beat Walled Lake, 5-1, in high school baseball.

Items for Farmington Focus may be mailed to the Farmington Observer, 21898 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336, faxed to 477-9722 or dropped off at the newspaper office.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

UNARMED ROBBERY

A 17-year-old Farmington Hills man reported that he was approached by two white men who got out of a 1986 Pontiac 6000 driven by a black man on S. Brandon. They asked the young man for his wallet and his gold chain. One man apparently attempted to punch the victim but he said that he blocked his punch.

Hills police indicated that Southfield, Livonia and Redford had also experienced similar crimes.

VANDALISM

The driver's side of a 1991 Oldsmobile was scraped while parked at Perry Drugs on Grand River in Farmington May 25, causing \$150 damage.

BAD CHECKS

Two checks were returned for \$2,067 and \$2,120 at Ray Interiors on Sloucm in Farmington May 24. The personal checks were written from separate accounts, one to pay for a leather sofa May 14 and the other to pay for a leather chair and an Ottoman May 15. An employee said a red pickup truck was used to receive furniture in both cases.

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