

Farmington's Downtown Development Authority wants to talk business with Observer readers

The DDA is asking a simple question: **What kinds of new businesses would you like to see in downtown Farmington?**

To respond, just fill in the coupon, clip and mail to: Judy Downey, director, Farmington DDA, 33515 State Street, Farmington 48335.

The DDA will hold an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, in the Farmington City Hall to discuss the responses. The meeting is open to the public.

New business ideas:

Use additional sheet if necessary • Thank you for your response

Ice is hot: Arena scheduling tight

BY BILL COUTANT
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Farmington Hills City Councilman Larry Lichtman, a strong proponent of building a new ice arena, had to remind the many people interested in diving up ice time that that's the best kind of problem.

"In an ideal world, we should not have youth hockey being played past 9 or 10 p.m.," he said at a June 19 study session on scheduling time at the new arena. "But that's the nature of the sport."

Lichtman, who chaired the study committee that eventually recommended the city build a new arena at Founders Sports Park, made the remarks as some of those on the Ice Arena Advisory Committee and Councilwoman Sheryl Olivero voiced concern about having school-age children

play late on a school night. Lichtman, who credits his oldest hockey-playing son, Nathan, with suggesting the city build the arena, said he and other hockey parents are willing to accept a late night a week in order to play. And arena skaters Nancy Rise and Susan Hurns also agreed that the hours their kids can get ice time are not the best, either.

"If my son wants to skate, he has to get up at 4:30 in the morning," McKendrick said. "He understands that that is part of the sacrifice."

The disagreement over the best way to schedule adult hockey, figure skaters and youth hockey has been one of the few problems so far with the project. The arena is on schedule to open Sept. 1, and Arena Manager Jerry Nelson has massaged the schedule in order to accommodate all of the groups, but could not make everyone happy.

"I had hoped we would have been done with this by now," lamented Councilman Aldo Vagnozzi.

Dennis Fitzgerald, former chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission and a current member of the advisory committee, said Nelson, who has more than 25 years of experience in managing ice arenas, should be allowed to take input and come up with the most equitable schedule he can.

"Jerry's job is to balance the schedule," Fitzgerald said. "There's got to be some give and take from both sides. Jerry's gone as far as he can."

But Nelson said that all parties have been willing to give up some ice time in order to achieve balance.

"The difficulty is that until we have the 18 and older hockey players committed, we don't know exactly how many (adult) teams we'll have," Nelson said. "But everyone has been cordial."

Most of the scheduled hours for youth hockey are in the evening, from 5:30-11 p.m., and on weekends. Most of the senior leagues will play from 10 p.m. on, except for weekends.

"Most people do not choose to play hockey at 1 a.m.," said Ken Forlier, who represents senior hockey players.

But Olivero requested the matter be taken up at a regular City Council meeting. City Manager Bill Coetck said he'll have it on the July 24 agenda.

Nelson said he would have a better idea by then of how many teams would be playing adult hockey.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

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

■ VANDALISM
A storm door at a residence on Sierra Pointe Circle in Farmington Hills was broken June 22 causing \$200 in damage.

A patio door wall at a residence on Congress in Farmington Hills was broken (R900) June 16-21.

A vacant house on Nine Mile in Farmington Hills that was being renovated was broken into and several windows were broken (\$1,500) June 16-21.

■ BREAK-INS
A \$400 AM/FM stereo was stolen from a 1995 Chevy Cavalier parked at Arbor Drugs on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills after the driver's door lock was propped causing \$33 in damage June 21-22.

■ THEFT
A \$300 black Shimino men's mountain bike was stolen from a residence on Mullane in Farmington Hills between May 25 and June 7.

A \$250 outdoor sun dial was stolen from a residence on Shilwassee in Farmington Hills June 21.

■ DRUGS
Farmington Hills police arrested a Redford man for possession of marijuana a 9:15 p.m. June 22 on northbound Orchard Lake and 14 Mile. Officers had pulled over the man's brown 1983 Buick LaSabre for a cracked windshield and a loud muffler and noticed a marijuana pipe in the ashtray and no key in the ignition. The steering column was also damaged.

■ DRUNKEN DRIVING
Farmington Hills police arrested a Detroit man, 70, for drunken driving at 2:26 a.m. June 22 on 13 Mile between Westgate and Orchard Lake after his green 1993 Cadillac Eldorado was involved in an accident. The man had a blood alcohol level of .14 percent. A level of .1 percent or higher is considered too drunk to drive in Michigan.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Fowlerville man, 35, for drunken driving at 2:30 a.m. June 23 on eastbound Grand River near Eight Mile in Farmington Hills. The green 1986 Pontiac 6000 he was driving was weaving when officers stopped it. He had a blood alcohol level of .32 percent. Farmington Hills police arrested a Farmington Hills man, 67, for drunken driving at 2:21 a.m. June 23 on westbound Eight Mile between Grand River and Middlebelt. The man had a blood alcohol level of .16 percent.

■ AUTO THEFT
A black 1991 Nissan worth \$25,000 was stolen from the Chatham Hills Apartments on Grand River in Farmington June 21-22.

OBITUARIES

HARRY BERRY
65, of Farmington Hills, who managed Kroger supermarkets in the Detroit area for 45 years, died on June 23 from complications following heart surgery.

In 1949 Mr. Berry, then 19, became one of the youngest store managers in the history of the Kroger chain.

When he retired in 1994 he was the longest-serving Kroger employee in Michigan and ran a store in West Bloomfield Township.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Berry joined the Pet Supplies Plus chain, supervising 15 stores in Michigan. He played a role in organizing the 1994 Animal Care Fair at the Southfield Civic Center, which raised more than \$65,000 for the Michigan Humane Society.

An accomplished athlete, Mr. Berry was a charter member and past president of the "Ever-7 Sports Club."

Mr. Berry was also a past president of the Kroger Kebe Croquet Union, and a member of the Mason Centerline Palmer Lodge Number 650.

Mr. Berry was born in Milwaukee, Wis., but moved to the Detroit area at the age of 2.

He is survived by a brother, Jack Berry; a sister, Barbara Gotberg; two daughters, Diane McClintock and Pamela Banks; one son, William Berry; three grandchildren, Michael, Angela and Steven; and one great-grandchild, Christopher.

Funeral arrangements were made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The burial will be at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

RICHARD VINCENT IACOVACCI, JR.
Mr. Iacovacci, 34, of Detroit, formerly of Farmington, died June 20.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, Mr. Iacovacci was a horse trainer at DRG and Florida Race Tracks. He was a 1978 graduate of Farmington High School.

Survivors include his sisters, Cynthia and Angela; brothers, Glenn, Preston and Kenneth; godmother, Mary Iacovacci.

Services were June 23 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Kenneth Webster officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Marion; sons, Gordon and Michael; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were at St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Livonia. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

Arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

DAVID LYNN HOSKINS
Mr. Hoskins, 43, of Farmington died June 21 in Botaford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Survivors include his wife, Kimberly; sons, Matthew, Houston and Harley; daughter, Kara; father, Henry Hoskins; sister, Barbara Verdont; brother, Paul.

Services were June 28 at the Crech Funeral Home, Pinville, Ky.

GORDON LEWIS SHAW
Mr. Shaw, 84, of Farmington Hills died June 20 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in DePew, New York, Mr. Shaw was an engineer in the automotive industry.

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