



Honored: Chief Bill Dwyer passes out police department pins to handicapped parking enforcement volunteers William Choma and Herbert Schwartz.



Entertain: Students from Harrison High School's string ensemble entertain volunteers.



Sharing: Volunteer Charles Caruthers and officer Don Fradette pour some punch before the ceremonies and luncheon begin.

Volunteers Citizens honored by Hills Police Department

Farmington Hills Police Department hosted the first of its two annual volunteer recognition ceremonies on Friday, April 14, with 32 citizens and several department representatives attending.

Held during the national Volunteer Recognition Week in April, the event honors citizens who have donated time to assist the department.

Volunteers are active in the area of handicapped parking enforcement and administration, and they work side by side with the department's sworn and civilian employees, Chief Bill Dwyer said. Their contribution of time, miles on the road and energy help ease the day to day burden for Hills Police officers

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enforcement volunteers monitor the use of spaces marked and reserved for drivers who have applied for special permits that allow them to park closer to businesses and public facilities. When they spot a car that is illegally parked, they can either write a warning notice or issue a ticket, Crime Prevention Officer Bonnie Unruh said.

The program has been in place for at least 10 years, with clerical volunteers on board even before then, Dwyer noted. The Department has included the recognition lunch in its annual budget for the past 10 years.

"It's just something we do, because we want to recognize them as being part of the family," he said.

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The handicapped parking

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