

Here's how to submit announcements, other news to HomeTown Life

Hey, congratulations. You're engaged. Or you've just said, "I do." Maybe you're celebrating an anniversary.

Whatever the personal news — whether it's about an engagement, marriage, birth, or anniversary — you want your neighbors to know all about the joyful event.

The Observer's Hometown Life section can help you get the word out to family, friends and co-workers. Submit information

and photographs to Hometown Life at this Observer newspaper offices: 30251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, (734) 591-2300; 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 459-2700 and 33411 Grand River Road, Farmington, MI 48335, (248) 477-5450.

We'll take any size photo, in color or black and white. Make sure it's clear and the subjects are in focus.

If you want us to return it to you, please include a self-

addressed, stamped envelope for mailing.

What kind of information should you include? Here's a rough guide:

- **Engagement:** Names of bride, groom and their parents, cities of residence, educational and/or work information for the bride and groom. Date and place of wedding.
- **Wedding:** The same information you'd include in an engagement announcement,

along with the name of the church, synagogue or other location where the couple married, where the reception took place, honeymoon location and current residence. You also may include the name of the person who officiated the ceremony and names and cities of bridesmaids and ushers.

- **Anniversary:** Tell us when the couple married. Include work and school and hobby information, names of children and their

cities of residence, names of grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. How did the couple celebrate? With a family dinner at home? A big party in a restaurant?

- **Birth:** Include the child's name, names and cities of residence for parents and grandparents and the date and place of birth.

You can hand print the information or type it. Or e-mail the copy to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@oo.homecomm.net. You can write it in the form of a letter, as a note or on a form, available from our offices. If you want a form, call the editorial department in Livonia, Plymouth or Farmington and ask the receptionist to send you one.

When will the announcement appear in the paper? Announcements are published on a first-come first-serve basis. We can't pin point a date, but most appear within a month of submission.

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serve water. Until then, I'd like to reiterate the environmental truth of *Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle*. There is a lot of emphasis on recycling in our community and while recycling is a key part of helping create a healthier earth, I believe that we need to focus more on the root causes of environmental problems. We plain use too much stuff. As a result, reducing how much we use and then reusing what we have already used will cut down on a lot of the material that is most likely thrown in the dumpster anyway. Does this make sense? Do you see how recycling is kind of like putting a Band-Aid on the societal dilemma that we plain use too much stuff? Here are a couple of easy tips to (in the words of Bob Lillienfeld author of *Use Less Stuff*) to use less stuff: Bring a cloth bag when you go shopping, buy a cloth lunch bag instead of using paper bags every day, use Tupperware instead of plastic wrap when saving food, and use a mug from home every time you buy a cup of coffee at Big Apple Bagel or Starbucks. The above suggestions conserve material and there is also a little money that can be saved as well. If anyone has any other suggestions, I would love to hear them.

Hometown Values

It is around holiday time when people generally think more about family and friends. Still, I believe that family and friends always need to be at the forefront of our minds. It is something I have to constantly remind myself of as our busy lives whirl by. So while I am reminding myself, I thought I would write to you and encourage you to take the time to drop a friend or relative, near or far, a line or a letter. Best wishes for a safe, smart, and savvy 2002.

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