

# BIA wary of Midland's latest parking plans

In an open letter, distributed last Wednesday to its member businesses, the Midland Town Centre Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Directors raised some serious criticisms of a new parking policy proposed for the Town of Midland.

After much study, the Town's Planning and Development Committee intends to ask council for official approval of a "Cash in Lieu of Parking" policy. The plan is to give new businesses the option of paying a fee for parking spaces needed, instead of actually providing the required area on their own property. The "Cash in Lieu of Parking" proposal will also apply when an existing business changes the use of its current building.

The new parking fees, expected to be approximately \$1,500 per spot, would be used to finance the acquisition of new parking properties.

In the opinion of the BIA Board of Directors, "Cash in Lieu of Parking" will be a deterrent to new business in Midland. They believe that parking availability is essentially the responsibility of the municipality, and that BIA member business should be exempt from the new policy, if implemented, because of the current contributions to the Parking Authority in support of free three hour downtown parking.

A delegation from the BIA was scheduled to take these concerns before last night's regular meeting of Midland Town Council.

## Eastern Star prize list

Order of the Eastern Star, Manson J. Bradley No. 240, Midland, had its Penny Sale draw July 20. Following is a list of prize winners.

- Doll (No. 2925), Jennifer Todd, Midland.
- Game, Michael Jacques, Midland.
- Lawn Chair, Murray Carpenter, Midland.
- Doll cradle, Rick Belcourt, Penetang.
- Afghan, Joan West, Midland.
- Place Mats, C. Thiffault, Midland.
- Baby set, Alice Conway, Willowdale.
- Fishing rod and reel, Terry Watering, Midland.
- Hand mixer, A

- Besdorf, Midland.
- Twin sheets, Hectar Adams, Midland.
- Childs sweater and hat set, Debbie Rosebush, Midland.
- Small kettle, Evelyne Rioux, Victoria Harbour.
- Two man tent, Lynne Moreau, Midland.
- Picnic Cooler, Wanda Brodeur, Midland.
- Groceries, P. Merritt, Midland Point.
- Door Lock, Mildred Jackman, Barrie.
- Wall Clock, Jane MacLehnan, Alliston.
- Popcorn popper, Linda Bumstead,

- Midland.
- Fifty dollar bill, Rita Hook, Penetang.
- Set of dessert glasses, Pat Maheu, Midland.
- Electric can opener, Gail Hamilton, Perkinsfield.
- Beef Burgers or Weiners from Meatland, Howard Cleaner, Midland.
- Dinner for Two at Driftwood Restaurant, Becky Ramsbottom, Victoria Harbour.
- Jet Stream bag, Pauline Saulnier, Penetang.
- Rattan Chair, Sally Lichtenberg, Midland.



## Those oldtimers thought of everything

This 1918 Ford Touring Car has been in the Schneider family since 1947, when Willis (right) purchased it for \$8 to drive to high school. Last Wednesday, his wife Marion agreed that the oldtime folding front window was

the perfect place for a breath of fresh air, in the parking lot at Ste. Marie among the Hurons, after a one hour drive from Orillia, with the Historical Automobile Society of Canada.

## Consumers wet whistle

Water consumption this summer in Midland is on the rise, reports Art Evans, manager of Midland PUC.

So far this month daily consumption figures have topped the two million gallon mark on more than one occasion.

In June, 52,722,000 gallons of water were used by local consumers. During one 24 hour period 2,117,000 gallons were used after being pumped through the PUC system.

"A couple of days in July we topped 2,300,000 gallons," Evans observed yesterday.

Last August, during one 24 hour period, 2,200,000 gallons were consumed.

## \$5,600 in loot still missing

Stolen property, valued at \$5,820, is still missing from a break-in which occurred late last month at Marsh's Marina in Waubaushene.

Entry into the marina was made by forcing open a door, Midland OPP report.

Taken during the daring break, enter and theft were cash, Wintario tickets, cheques and smoke (both cigars and cigarettes).

Meanwhile nothing was taken during the same period from Pier 69 also at Waubaushene.

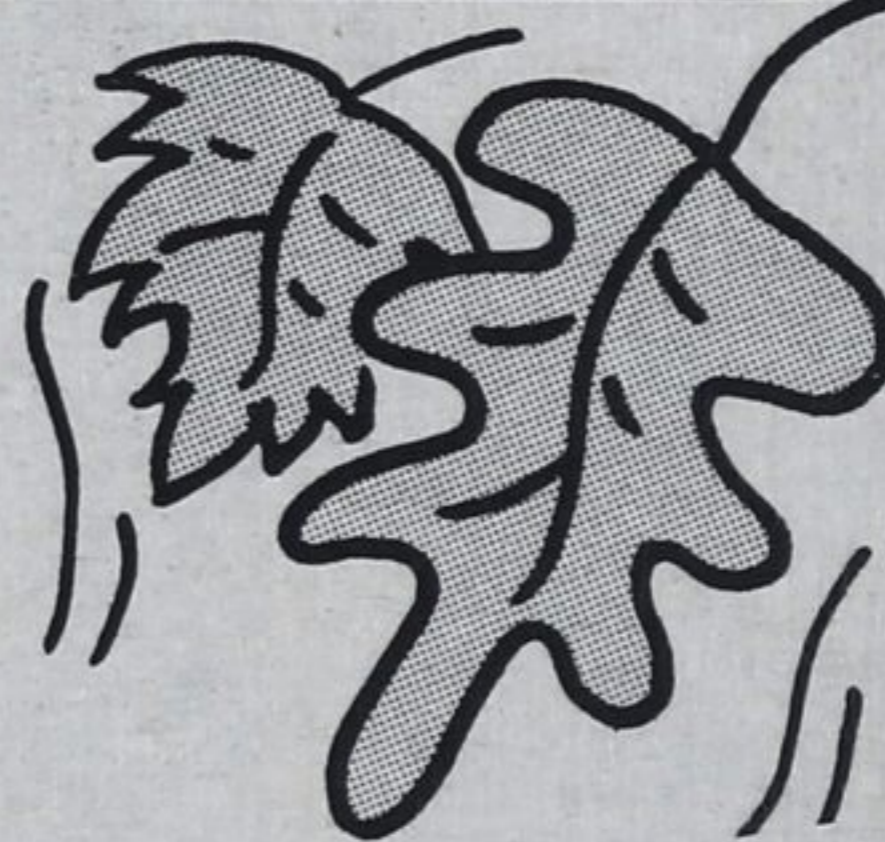
Those persons who had gained entry through a window to the office were apparently scared away before they could make off with the goods.

Police believe both incidents are related.



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