

News from the City of Dearborn

Dearborn – Clean and Safe

John B. O'Reilly, Jr., Mayor

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Dearborn residents asked to report unusual activity at vacant buildings to help reduce possibility of metals theft

DEARBORN, Mich. – Dearborn residents are asked to help police prevent the theft of metals and other materials from vacant buildings by reporting any unusual activity they see at vacant buildings.

“People stealing copper pipes and other metals out of vacant buildings is a real concern,” said Mayor John B. O'Reilly, Jr. “Besides being illegal, it puts a burden on the property owner, who may have to replace items in order to bring the property up to code and make it viable for occupancy. And the longer a building remains vacant, the greater impact on the whole area around it.”

Residents who see unusual activity at vacant buildings – such as individuals removing items like pipes or other metals – can call the Dearborn Police Department at 313.943.2241.