

# Some stations cut back... others pump more gasoline

Claude Strong was as surprised as the customers when his Tulsa service station began closing Sundays.

"Ed Cole, our district superintendent, just came out from the Tulsa Co. office in Livonia, put up a sign and said 'Close Sundays,'" said Strong, manager of a full service Tulsa station at 26235 W. Seven Mile Road.

"We can't get gas to pump to stay open seven days," Strong said. "I just send in my sick readings Mondays. The Livonia office does the ordering. I can throw a hairy fit if they let me run out, but it won't do any good.

"I think people are scared. People are keeping their tanks full. Some people come in for two dollar or four dollar fill-ups. I'm pumping more this month with a higher price than I was last month with a lower price."

Richard Wilson, Tulsa Oil Co. operations manager, blamed the allocation program for his company's action in closing Sundays.

get 100 percent, but a portion thereof decided by suppliers based probably on what they get through the refineries."

Wilson said Tulsa has no other plans to deal with the gas crisis now.

"We'll only do what we have to do," Wilson said. "We are desirous of selling all the product we have — that's only good business. If we obtain more, we'll try to sell that to the public.

"That's the way it is with most independent dealers," Wilson said. "We really don't belong to a refinery and we aren't a major. Our source of the product is through the wholesale media, based upon our previous purchases. We can't enhance our material by having more."

FRANK MASHINSKE, owner of a full service Marathon station on Beech Daly Road, said he has experienced no problems.

"I'm receiving 100 percent of my allocation," Mashinske said. "We're pumping a little more, but I wouldn't say it means anything.

"More people are keeping their tanks full because of the price," Mashinske said. "If they need half a tank, they'll buy today at 83 cents because it may be 84 cents next week."

Mashinske has run his neighborhood station eight years. He said the volume

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- FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL**  
23600 Liberty  
8 p.m. Monday, May 21
- Petitions and Communications**
- Request from Project Chairman, the Farmington Jaycees regarding permission for walkathon, June 16
  - Letter from C.F. Schmidt, Whitaker in reference to litter conditions in the World Wide Shopping Center.
  - Reports from City Manager
  - Tabled consideration of revised fees for building code permits and licenses.
  - Proposed cost allocation for dust control on Mile.
- Sever rate increase:** Oakland county Department of Public Works.
- Spring cleanup and beautification.
  - Election results: Farmington Community Library.
  - Appointment: Farmington Beautification Committee.
  - Financial Report-General Fund for 10 months ending April 30, 1979
  - Financial Report-Water & Sewer funds for quarter ending March 31, 1979.
  - Farmington Youth Assistance Quarterly Reports for third and fourth quarter of 1978.

A QUICK SURVEY of local service stations, reveals contradicting situations in the midst of the national gasoline crisis.

While Tulsa is closing its outlets on Sundays, Betty Staley, manager of a Mobil gas-n-go operation on Schoolcraft and Beech Daly Roads reports no problems obtaining gasoline.

"We always have gas," Ms. Staley said. "We're pumping almost 1,000 gallons more per day. We have no change in operating hours."

Roger Shipp, manager of a full service Clark station on 25159 Five Mile Road, said the gas crisis has had "no effect at all" on his operations.

"This is a slow station because of the road," Shipp said. That portion of Five Mile Road is currently being widened.

"From what we can tell here," Shipp

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