

# League offers book

## Learn how state government works

The League of Women Voters of Farmington-West Bloomfield area will handle distribution of "The State We're In: A Citizen's Guide to Michigan State Government."

Written by members of the League, the 100-page book explains how Michigan government works from the constitution through the role of local units of government.

The book details Michigan's Constitution, examines the three branches of government, the budget, income, expenditures, elections political parties and more.

In the 15-year period since Michigan's constitution became effective in

1964, 27 proposed amendments have been submitted to voters. Thirteen have been adopted.

The book explains how the state constitution can be changed: by constitutional convention, legislative proposals and citizen initiative.

Want to know how much your state representative earns? The book details the qualifications, terms of office and salaries of elected state officials.

State government is organized into 19 departments. A list of the function of each, as well as its services, is provided.

A chapter on the judicial branch explains civil law, criminal law, domestic

law, common law, and local ordinances. The appeals process is explained, as well as the hierarchy of the judicial system: from the district court to the supreme court.

THE BUDGET is the heart of the political process, and the book dissects the budget process. The principal source of revenue is state taxes, which makes up 67 percent of the budget.

Federal aid and revenue sharing account for 25 percent, and the remaining 8 percent comes from fees, permits, fines, licenses, service charges, state lottery and other miscellaneous non-tax sources.

Within the combined state-local system, there are 38 separate taxes, 29 of which are levied by the state; nine by local units of government. The Michigan tax system is spelled out.

An entire chapter is devoted to "Where the money goes." The 1979-80 budget for the state is \$9.5 billion to provide services to its citizens, or approximately \$1,000 for every person in the state.

That is about \$3.9 billion more than was spent in 1974-75, or an increase of 69 percent in a five-year period. Persistent inflation accounts for a significant portion of the increase.

It highlights major services to citizens: education, social services, health and transportation.

There are almost 2,500 separate local governments in the state today. The local units government include 83

counties, 265 cities, 1,245 townships, 266 villages, 579 school districts and 29 community college districts.

VOTING PROCEDURES, elections and political parties are highlighted. Primary elections, general elections and odd-year elections are distinguished from one another. The structure is defined.

The functions of the Board of State Canvassers are outlined. The board is responsible for canvassing (examining and validating) nominating petitions of candidates for and certifying elections results of electors for president and vice president of the U.S.; State officers; U.S. senators and representatives; Circuit judges; and others referred to them by law.

The party structure is illustrated in diagrams. The campaign financing law is explained in detail.

At the end of the book, three pages are dedicated to suggested reading material on state and local government.

"There is a continuing need for this kind of information which helps people understand and be more actively involved in their state government," said Gov. William Milliken when he received his copy.

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## Hills posts agenda for tonight's meet

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL

7:30 p.m. Monday, December 10

### Public Hearings

- Introduction of amendatory ordinance C53-Y to the Farmington Hills Zoning Ordinance — Flood plain controls.

### Unfinished Business

- Consideration of an enactment of a uniform traffic code amendment C15-79.
- Consideration of commencement of a lawsuit against Martin Ross, previously property owner of the Franklin Shopping Center, for participation in \$24,932.40 for paving of Fourteen Mile Road.

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- Review of site plan requirements by the Department of Public Service — car wash at Grand River and Springbrook.

### New Business

- Consideration of an amendatory ordinance for the city code C16-79 to add chapter 65 to the Farmington Hills city code.

- Consideration of a request from Coaches Corner for the transfer of a liquor license with a dance permit from Monks Cellar, 31425 Twelve Mile Road.

- Consideration of appointing Michigan National Bank as a paying agent for the following special assessment bonds: Stonewood Ct. road improvement, Hemlock road improvement, and Quail Hollow road improvement.

- Consideration of setting a date for a cost hearing for Briar Hill road improvement.

### City Manager Reports

- Recommends approval of conceptual plans for major road construction.
- Recommends council appointment a zoning inspector per ordinance city code.

## Police stumped in silver theft

A Farmington police investigation into the Nov. 15 theft of silverware worth more than \$5,000 has come to a standstill.

The silverware, owned by David Pulford was taken from his Cass street residence when thieves shattered a window in the east door of his home and gained entry, according to police. The thieves went through several rooms in the house, opening cabinets

and drawers. The silverware was marked with the monogram P. In addition to the silverware, \$50 in silver coins and a \$30 canvas suitcase was taken.

Pulford wasn't at home when the early evening robbery took place. When he returned at 10 p.m., police say he surprised the burglars who then fled.

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