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## Headlee, Kenerson tapped as top citizens

Tax reform and civic leadership were honored at this year's Farmington Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year dinner.



Richard Headlee played a dual role at this year's Chamber of Commerce dinner by being named a co-citizen of the year and the featured speaker.

Kenerson, a long-time community activist, was honored for his work in raising funds for the newly constructed Farmington Area YMCA building on Farmington Road, north of Orchard Lake Road.

The 56-year-old businessman, president of Christy Industries and Acme Saw Co., was nominated by YMCA executive director Gary Unruh.

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many dedicated community leaders — yet there is only one individual who sparked the leadership to pull it all together — Allan Kenerson," said Unruh in his nominating letter.

Through the years, he has been involved in the Jaycees (holding a national Jaycee senatorship), New Horizons, Boys Scouts and the Farmington Glen Aquatic Club.

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All Kenerson, long-time advocate of a bigger and better YMCA, was honored for his years of hard work. His wife, Helen, shared in the honor.

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## Suburbanites socked with water rate price hike

Farmington Hills consumers will pay nearly double for water beginning in December and rates are expected to rise sharply in Farmington next January.

Local municipalities, pawns in a contract between Oakland County and the city of Detroit, the area's water supplier, have no control over the rate hikes.

Farmington Hills because we are actually under the new Detroit water rate system," Deadman said.

A SPECIAL HOUSE committee of the Michigan Legislature has asked Detroit Mayor Coleman Young to postpone the rate hike until April 1, 1981 so the Legislature can study the request.

The Hills City Council will consider enactment of the rate hike Nov. 10 after hearing from Donald W. Ringler, of the Oakland County Department of Public Works, water and solid waste division.

er George Kuhn, wants to put the question before voters in the spring.

## Dornan leads in city manager sweepstakes

A Farmington Hills administrator may become the next city manager of Walled Lake.

Michael Dornan, 29, assistant to City Manager Lawrence Savage, is the favorite candidate as he enters his second and final interview with the Walled Lake City Council tonight.

Simultaneous with Dornan's impending departure, the Farmington full council supported the city manager's request to create the new position.

which will pay a qualified applicant at least \$30,000, by citing the volume of work and size of the city.

"This job should strengthen our position. It's a matter of so many things I can't delegate," Savage said.



MICHAEL DORNAN

## Orchard Lake progress hindered by decline in gas and weight tax

Declining revenues from state gas and weight taxes as well as a hold on government funds for such projects have nudged back the completion date for the widening of Orchard Lake Road between Grand River and Willoway.

The Oakland County Road Commission has budgeted \$800,000 to buy the right-of-ways along the route which includes a one-mile strip from Grand River to 10 Mile in Farmington and 1.7 miles from 10 Mile to I-696 in Farmington Hills.

hasn't released the funds for such projects at the pace that was expected last year.

for their section of the road to receive the highest priority.

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