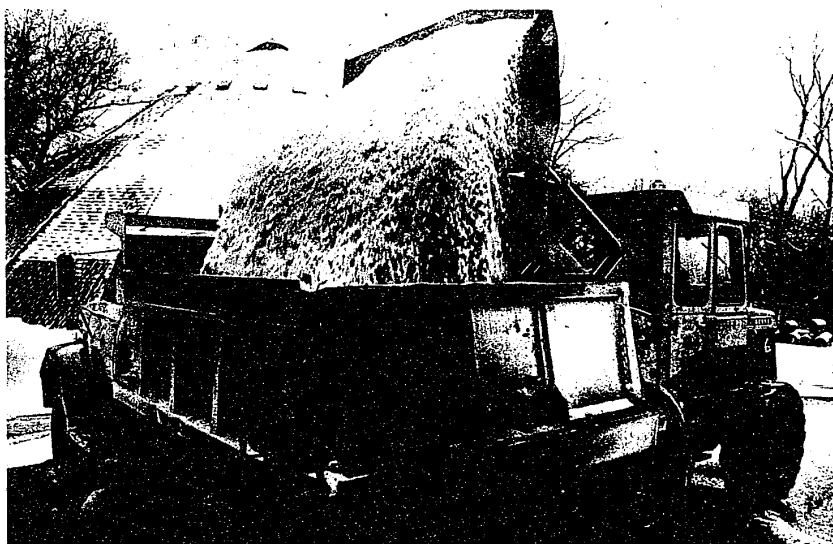


Salt brigade hits the roads in icy weather



Stormy days mean a full day's work for Farmington Hills Public Services employee Bob Malloy, who drives one of the city's salt trucks. (Staff photo)



Fighting back

Al McLeod (above) reloads his salt truck, readying it for another run along Farmington Hills' ice-ridden streets as are these drivers (right) along Halsted. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)



INSIDE ANGLES

BY LOUISE OKRUTSKY

NOW THAT THE holidays are over, several area organizations offer programs to help us start the new year with new skills and ideas. The Farmington branch library presents "Financial Independence," a two-part series with Isabel Smith, an investment counselor and partner of Pearl and Smith Financial Services, Southfield. The program will be presented from 7:30-9:30 p.m., on Jan. 12 and 19 in the Farmington branch library auditorium, 23500 Liberty. The free program explores various investment profiles one should consider to counteract inflation and estate planning to gain maximum benefits of all the laws. For further information, call the library at 474-7770.

PERSONS INTERESTED in touring the Detroit Institute of Arts on Feb. 12 with the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department should register for the trip by Jan. 25 in the Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile.

The afternoon includes a guided tour of the DIA's new galleries and acquisitions such as the Schwartz Graphic Art Galleries, the J.L. Hudson Co. and Webber Foundation galleries and the new Native American Gallery. Each gallery and work will be presented as it relates to the growth and development of the DIA.

Transportation to the museum will be provided by the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department. A bus will leave Farmington Hills City Hall at 10 a.m. for the museum and will return to City Hall at about 3:30 p.m. The \$10 fee includes a salad luncheon at the museum and the hour-long tour with a decent as well as the round-trip bus fare. Senior citizens' fare is \$9.50.

THE FARMINGTON HILLS Beautification Commission is asking residents to spot a beautiful hunk of real estate, be it privately or publicly owned, in the Hills. Based on the assumption that while only God can make a tree, it takes a human to trim it, the folks at the beautification commission want to specially recognize owners who have made a special effort in keeping Mom and Pop Nature beautiful.

The old format of an awards dinner at the end of the year to recognize those busy folks has been ditched in favor of publicly acknowledging a piece of pretty property every month in the Farmington Observer.

If you think you know a pretty lawn when you see one, call Farmington Hills City Hall at 474-6115 and leave a message for the beautification commission. One of the commissioners will give you a call and take your nomination.

WHILE WE'RE BEING neighborly, the Farmington Neighbors' Club extends an invitation to all women of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Birmingham, Livonia, Novi, Southfield, Royal Oak and any other adjoining suburb to a luncheon meeting at noon on Jan. 21 in the Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile in Farmington Hills. Cyvia Snyder, an art instructor and member of the Detroit Institute of Arts speakers' bureau, will offer a slide presentation entitled, "A Walk with Art." For further information, call Ruth Paul at 478-5739 or Charlotte Beardsley, 553-8218. Reservations should be made by Jan. 15.

SHE MAY NOT HAVE been wearing Foster Grants but wasn't that former Farmington Hills Mayor Joanne Dudley stalking around town this week? I'd recognize that pixie haircut anywhere.

TALK ABOUT a fortunate name to have during the up-and-coming Reagan administration: the Farmington Community Center lists a Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sinatra among its contributors during the 1980 fund drive.

A FARMINGTON Hills firm priding itself on its dynamic message signing has been awarded the bid for dynamic message signing in the Pontiac Silverdome. Carrier and Gable, Inc. of Farmington Hills put in a bid of \$381,580 for the job. Their handiwork will be part of the stadium's sprucing up for the 1982 Super Bowl.

FARMINGTON HILLS resident Pamela S. Yager sure got a surprise package recently — a \$5,000 surprise package in the shape of a Michigan Lottery game of the same name. Surprise Package Players can win up to \$5,000 instantly when they rub out six squares in the game and match three. The matching squares indicate their prize. (surprise, surprise. What will those folks at the Bureau of State Lotteries come out with next?)

LOOK BEFORE you buy that high tech stuff with the built in steel couch made to look like a packing case. (Ain't it chic?) Ray Interiors offers a seminar on buying furniture that's made well from 2-4 p.m., on Jan. 9 and from 10 a.m. to noon, on Jan. 10 in the Ray Interiors store at 33300 Slocum, Farmington. The discussion will cover what to expect from furniture manufacturers why one piece of furniture may cost more than another even though it looks the same and why furniture finishes are styled as they are today. The seminar is free.

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