

# Hills tax levy one of lowest

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capital improvements. The administration's recommended 8.3 mills would have provided one-half mill for capital improvements.

The 2-mill reduction (\$200,000) puts the end, at least this year, to the proposed purchase of a data processing system for city hall.

IN DECIDING in favor of the 8 mills budget, council members indicated that the electronic system could be deleted since officials had only preliminary reports of what type of system they should purchase.

Despite the reduction, the 3-mill for capital improvements will help pay for projects such as athletic field lighting, Spicer property development, sidewalks and drainage improvements.

While the city's capital improvement budget stands at about \$1.4 million for 1984-85, city officials will decide in the weeks to come whether to ask voters in November for additional millage (for a period of years) to fund other major capital improvements, particularly the construction of a new police building.

The discussion about city officials placing such a request on the ballot underscored council's decision to avoid the 8.3 mill budget for the 8 mills.

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"It's a slight increase over last year," Williams said on Tuesday. "But we know the city's expenses are growing faster than the rate of new people coming in."

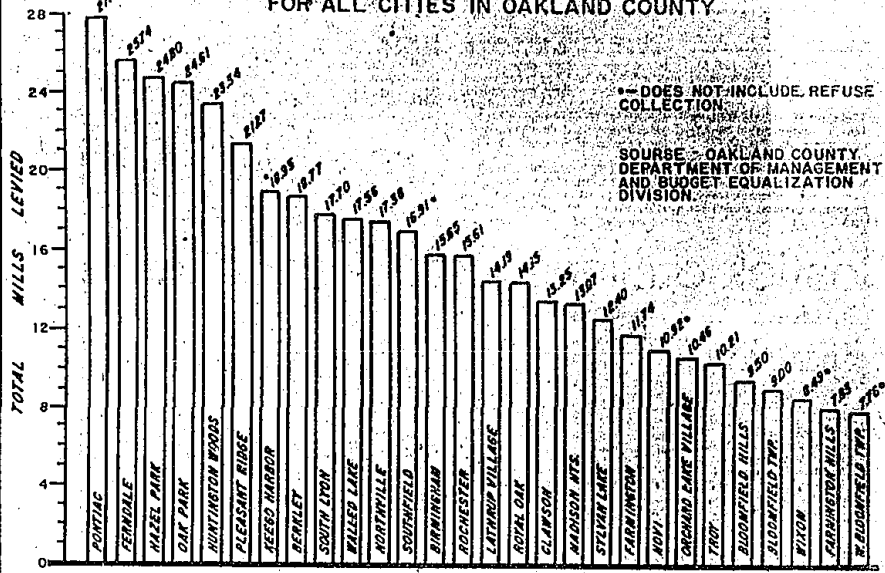
The \$15 million budget, he said, represents approximately a 6 percent increase in city expenses.

Meanwhile, Farmington Hills this year is the only community in Oakland County which received a state equalization factor of 1.02, Savage said.

The state equalized value (SEV) increase means, for example, that a 1983-84 assessment of \$40,000 on a \$90,000 home would be an assessment of \$41,500 in 1984-85, Savage added.

The city's total SEV in 1984-85, meanwhile, is expected to rise to \$98,159,938 from \$94,292,700 in 1983-84.

## 1983 CITY TAX RATES FOR ALL CITIES IN OAKLAND COUNTY



— DOES NOT INCLUDE REFUSE COLLECTION

SOURCE: OAKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET-EQUALIZATION DIVISION

This chart shows how Farmington Hills compares with several other Oakland County communities when it comes to levying tax rates. Only West Bloomfield levied less in 1983. Even with a boost to 8 mills, Farmington Hills remains one of the lowest rates.

# Senate hopeful lobbies Chamber

By Steve Barnaby  
editor

Republican Jim Dunn brought his primary campaign to Farmington Hills last week, vowing to recapture one of the two U.S. Senate seats for the GOP by defeating incumbent Democrat Carl Levin.

Speaking before the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce board of directors, Dunn outlined a three-point program which, he believes, will set the national budget on the road to being balanced once again.

"We're never going to eliminate waste totally," he said. "But right now

there is no motivation for Congress to change its act."

Traditionally, congressmen support programs which put them in a favorable light with their constituents, according to Dunn.

With a dramatic flourish he flashed his computerized congressional voting card.

"See this card. It is the most powerful charge card in the world. I spend \$500 million with this card," said Dunn, referring to his budget votes as a congressman.

"We have to give them a reason to vote no. Right now they vote yes and say, 'aren't I a nice guy?'"

To eliminate that practice, Dunn supports the principle of a constitutional amendment to balance the budget, a movement which he believes is gaining increased support.

"Now, even some Democrats are talking about the size of the budget," said the one-term U.S. representative who was defeated for re-election in 1982.

To lessen the impact of political expediency as a factor in congressional budget decisions, Dunn also is advocating a two-year budgeting plan.

"Congress spends 95 percent of its time talking about the merits of increases," said the Michigan State graduate. "There should be no voting on ap-

propriations during an election year."

Members in the U.S. House of Representatives are elected for two-year terms. Dunn would have them vote on appropriations during their off-year.

As a third measure, the Lansing-area businessman advocates budget reduction by a freeze at 1984 levels — \$855 billion. He envisions a budget whose funds could be reallocated to meet the needs of the increasing senior-citizen population and one which would only be 5 percent below President Ronald Reagan's defense budget.

REALLOCATION WOULD result from the drop in unemployment and a correspondingly decreased need for

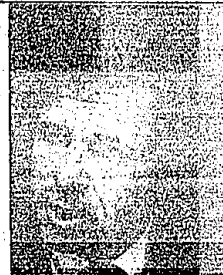
programs to deal with that situation.

Dunn lashed out at Washington politicians who say that their hands are tied on many portions of the budget because of entitlements.

"That's pure h. Congress can change anything it wants as long as it doesn't violate the Constitution. They can change entitlements," he said.

Food-stamp legislation, he noted, saved more than \$2 billion from the federal budget.

"There's nothing wrong with a food-stamp program, but there were abuses," he said.



Jim Dunn, U.S. Senate hopeful.

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DIANE HOFSESS, of Farmington was one of 15 students at the University of Michigan inducted into Kappa Tau Alpha, the national honor society in journalism. Candidates must be in the top 10 percent of their class to qualify for membership.

THE THIRD ANNUAL Wayne State University Football Gold-Raiser for the WSU football program will be held Monday, June 25, at the Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods. Fee for the outing is \$150, covering greens fees, golf cart, luncheon, dinner and beverages throughout the day. Tie-off time is 1 p.m. Reservations or further information may be obtained by calling WSU Football Coach Dave Farris at 577-4188. Deadline is June 22. Former Detroit Lion, GIL "Wild Hoes" Maine, is again serving as honorary chairman of the event. Other current and former Lions are also expected to participate to help keep football alive at WSU.

THOMAS HANDZIAK, Jeff Dwyer, Kimberly Ann Edwards, Susan Greenwald and Daniel Orr were included on the dean's list for the winter semester of the 1983-84 academic year at Western Michigan University. To be eligible, students must have completed at least a 3.5 grade point average in at least 14 hours of graded class work.

MALINDA CALVIN GRISDALE, of Farmington Hills, received a master's degree from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill. Mallinda was a Girl Scout Leader and a member of the AAUW.

KRISTINA M. SEPETY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sepety of Farmington Hills graduated from Smith College, Northampton, Mass. She had a double major in government and religion, receiving her degree with high honors. Kristina is a Harrison High School graduate.

YOUNG ADULTS, in seventh grade and up, are invited to participate in "Computer, Pls 84" by going to the Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty Streets, and filling out a questionnaire. The information will be fed into a computer and will return a list of books that will match your reading interests.

THE NORTH FARMINGTON Garden Club was presented with a Civic Achievement Award at the recent state convention of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan. The award was given for the club's outstanding effort and ac-

complishment in establishing and maintaining the Garden of the Five Seasons on the grounds of the Farmington YMCA. The garden is open to the public and provides beautification as well as a learning experience for young people and adults. The club also plants and maintains the flowers at O.E. Dunckel Middle School. These projects are financed through the club's annual November arts and craft sale.

DANNA KOZERSKI, of Farmington Hills has been inducted into the Zeta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Marquette University. Danna graduated Cum Laude and received the Virgil Blum Award, a political science honor.

GARY M. LUTTMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Luttman of Farmington Hills, graduated from Officers Training School at Lackland Air Force Base as a second lieutenant after completing a 12-week course. He will be stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, N.M. Gary graduated from Harrison High School in 1979 and Michigan Technical School of Engineering in 1984.

TOURS THROUGH FARMINGTON Community Center, its grounds and nature trail for families or organizations, can be arranged by calling the center, 477-8484. All of the tours, activities and times can be planned to fit individual interests.

SHERI BILLER, Sara Cline and Kristen Witte was inducted into the Albion College Chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta honorary society. Alpha Lambda Delta is a women's national freshman scholastic society which has had a chapter at Albion since 1940.

PATRICIA BOLEN, Anne Marie Carey, Lynda Ksall and Michelle LaForte were tapped into the distinguished Tower Guard and Mortar Board at Michigan State University. Tower Guard, a service honorary established in 1930, selects outstanding freshmen on the basis of high achievement, good character and a willingness to serve. Their main activity is reading to blind students at MSU. Mortar Board, founded in 1910 as the first national organization honoring senior college women, is celebrating its 40th year on campus and is one of the university's most prestigious honoraries. Membership is based on scholarship, leadership and service to the community. Once invited to women, both honoraries now admit men to their membership.

DALE W. PANOUSHEK, of Farmington Hills, a student at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., was selected third named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the winter quarter. Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Panoushek, was named to the dean's list for the third time.

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