

## DDA members approve library

A library will be set up in the Farmington Downtown Development Authority office to help businesses create a "distinctive, coherent" image in the central business district.

It also will aid them in merchandising and marketing.

Approved by the Farmington DDA board Wednesday, the library will stock free government publications. It will function as a borrowing library for information on signs, awnings and general renovations.

The library will be housed in the DDA office, 33205 Grand River, in the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce offices.

Already planned for the library are publications from the National Main Street Center.

These include: "What Do People Do Downtown?", "The Small Business Retention, Expansion and Recruitment Project," "The Buildings of Main Street: A Guide to American Commercial Architecture," "Keeping up Appearance: Storefront Guidelines," "Signs for Main Street: Guidelines" and "Public Improvements: Implementation Guidelines."

Other publications already received by DDA executive director Wendy Strip Sittsamer will also be made available to downtown businesses, she said in a report.

## Edison restores service more quickly

Although major storms locally were more numerous the first nine months of 1987, Detroit Edison restored service to customers faster than ever, due in part to the company's improved, state-of-the-art weather monitoring and forecasting system.

Twenty major storms hit Detroit Edison's service area through Oct. 1 of this year, 50 percent more than the average of 13 storms a year for the same period since 1980.

The storms also have been more severe, curtailing service for an average of nearly 25,500 customers each this year compared with an average of about 19,000 customers per storm in other years since 1980.

"It's never convenient or enjoyable for anyone — the customers or the utility — when a storm knocks out electric service, regardless of the duration," said Burkhard Schneider, Detroit Edison group vice president. "But we have significantly improved our overall restoration times and still kept costs in check."

"Despite the heavy storms, we have restored service to an average of nearly 1,200 customers per hour this year. That's a 24-percent improvement from the average of about 960 customers per hour since 1980, and restoration costs per customer have remained near the average for past years."

SCHNEIDER CREDITED much of the improvement to more sophisticated weather tracking by Detroit Edison, especially a lightning monitoring system developed by the utility's System Engineering Department, which can determine within a mile where lightning strikes.

Although designed by Detroit Edison for its own use, the weather program also has aided others.

"Members of the National Transportation Safety Board were so impressed with the weather data we monitor, especially lightning, that when they were in Detroit investigating the Northwest Airlines Flight

255 crash, they contacted us for our information," Schneider said.

Besides monitoring lightning activity, which is especially useful in warmer weather, Detroit Edison receives written reports from the National Weather Service and subscribes to a year-round weather forecasting service. It also is continuing work on its own sophisticated system.

This year, the company's Division Organization and Engineering Research Divisions have collaborated on a system called "Nowcast" to monitor weather conditions at the company's six meteorological stations using color radar to indicate

when a storm is moving toward the Detroit Edison service area.

"By being better able to predict bad weather in all seasons and monitor lightning activity during the summer months, we are better prepared for restoration work and can better serve our customers by knowing where the efforts may be needed most," Schneider said.

## Broomfield receives award for his foreign policy stance

The highest award given by the American Security Council Foundation was presented Oct. 14 to U.S. Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

The congressman received the 1987 National Security Leadership Award at a ceremony on Capitol Hill attended by 500 citizens from across the nation as well as many of his colleagues.

The award was presented in recognition of the role he has taken on a

variety of defense and foreign policy issues.

The congressman received an outstanding rating of 100 percent on the American Security Council's National Security Voting Index for the first session of the 100th Congress. The award was presented by senior leaders of the American Security Council (ASC), the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Reserve Officers Association and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

"Congressman Broomfield not only has an outstanding voting record, but he has been in the legislative forefront on a countless number of defense and policy issues," said ASC president John Fisher. "He clearly understands the real and present dangers facing our national security interests, and we are proud to have a lawmaker of his caliber and distinction as our award recipient."

## Students are invited to enter Southfield institute's contest

Metro-area high school students may enter the Lawrence Institute of Technology School of Arts and Science's 18th annual High School Writing Contest.

Prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25 will be awarded.

All entries must be postmarked on or before Dec. 14. Submissions may be in the form of poetry, short stories or essays, and contestants may enter any or all categories.

First-, second- and third-place

cash prizes in each category will be awarded. All entries, which are to be typed on plain white 8½-by-11 inch paper, must include a statement by a member of the contestant's high school English faculty confirming the originality of the student's work.

The approximate number of words and the title, along with the contestant's name, home address, grade and school address, should appear on the first page of each manuscript. Do

not include a separate title page.

Winners will be notified by Feb. 2. Students should retain copies of their work, as no manuscripts will be returned. Mail submissions to Dr. James Rodgers, Department of Humanities, Lawrence Institute of Technology, 21000 W. 16 Mile, Southfield 48075-1058.

For more information, contact Rodgers at 356-0200, ext. 3520, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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