

Goodfellows need help

Again this year, the Farmington Area Goodfellows need your support to help provide a holiday lift to needy children and less-fortunate elderly residents in Farmington and Farmington Hills. With the money donated, the Goodfellows deliver baskets of joy typically containing canned foods and knitwear. Each includes gift certificates redeemable for fresh food and winter clothing. Toys, games, dolls and children's clothing are included when appropriate.

Family makeup dictates the size and content of each basket. Potential recipients must document need. Special dietary requests are honored when practical.

Cash donations come back to the community. About the only things the Goodfellows have to buy are stamps to mail solicitation letters and boxes to make into baskets. Volunteers are the Goodfellows' backbone.

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By Casey Hane
staff writer

The cloudy tap water noticed in some Farmington sinks this week should not concern residents, officials said Monday.

The water is safe to drink and use, but residents may have to live with discolored water until a water system change for 356 water customers is operating fully in the next several weeks, city manager Robert Deadman told the city council Monday.

The renovated system began operating Monday, when the city opened the valves. Higher pressures caused problems in the water system, Deadman said.

Water shot through the city's old system more quickly than before, causing tap water to become dirty and some lines to be damaged.

The pressure was previously 27 pounds per cubic foot; because of

On tap

Residents may face pressure concerns

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Monday's system problems, officials decided to pull back and add water pressure slowly, at about 5 pounds per cubic foot each week. The system will eventually handle 50-60 pounds, according to Early Billing, the city's director of public services.

DEADMAN WARNED residents to be aware of leaking faucets and previously dormant pressure valves on hot water heaters. "Overflow valves, hot water tanks, some are

going to have to be replaced," Deadman said. "We're going to be operating 50-70 pounds. Some of these old systems will fail."

"We're hoping this won't occur, but the potential is there."

Billing also warned water customers to adjust their lawn sprinklers so less water is used, but said residents will find their water bills increasing simply from household use.

"They're going to use more because of the added pressure," he said.

A total of \$350,000 in water system renovations was approved in July 1986, giving several hundred Farmington water customers in the Grand River/Gill area an acceptable level of pressure. Payment to T & M Contractors Inc. of Auburn Hills

was approved Monday by city council, less a typical retainer amount, which is held until final cleanup is done and the project reviewed.

CITY OFFICIALS were concerned with low water pressure because of firefighting needs.

House construction in the areas of Whittaker Court also added to the problem, which was already prevalent on Hillcrest and Glenview streets. Although county health officials require only 10 pounds of pressure per cubic foot, that apparently was not adequate for normal household use.

According to city engineers, the city's water pressure problems were due to the elevation of the water storage tank and the service area near the tank.

The proposed water district was removed from the Farmington water service district and added to the city's western high pressure service provided by the city of Farmington Hills. The additional water purchased through the Hills will cost Farmington about \$2,200 per year.

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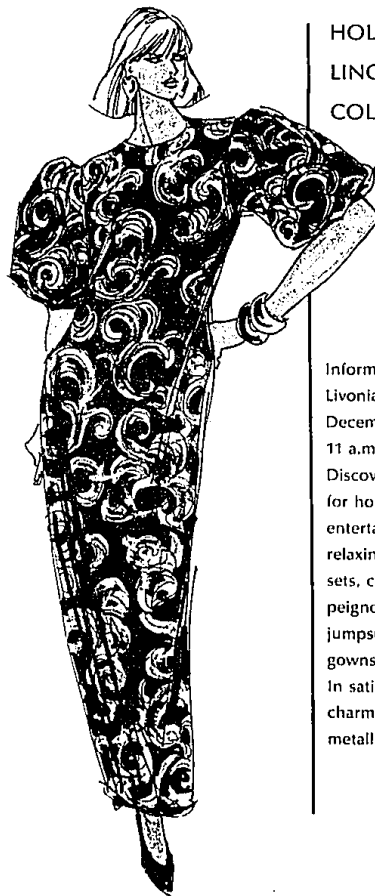
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