

## Edison officials promise service in Hills to improve

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Edison also is spending \$7.1 million in Oakland County this year to clear trees from electrical lines for the public's safety and to improve service. Most areas in Farmington Hills were completed in 1987 and this year, with the exception of the Sunset substation area in the southwest portion of the city near I-275, south of 10 Mile, west of Gill.

Edison's Oakland division manager Maurice Vermeulen said the company also is reviewing its telephone system. Though the company answered 500,000 calls in 1987 and 370,000 last year on 50 phone lines, some callers still aren't getting through and getting answers.

"We probably did not do as good a job in notifying the community of the status (of power outages)," Vermeulen said, adding he expects to see improvement in customers notified when breakdowns will be repaired.



Councilman Aldo Vagnozzi questions Detroit Edison officials about this summer's power outages in Farmington Hills.

## Heat of 1988 taxed Edison's capacity

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be some momentary interruptions.

EDISON IS currently working to increase capacity for service to Farmington Hills residents. Improvements began in 1987 and are expected to continue through 1990 on substations serving the city, Chambers said.

Many Farmington Hills residents had problems with power outages in their homes this summer. In addition to the momentary lulls in electrical power, many residents agonized in the more than 90 degree heat without lights, power or more importantly, air conditioning, for lengthy periods of time.

Farmington Community Library Director Beverly Papal has her

own stories about electrical problems. The library was forced to shut down three times because of power outages and the lack of windows to open for air.

The library also experienced momentary lulls, which caused a problem when power returned. "We get surges. It could damage the equipment. We haven't lost significant material — yet," Papal said about the computerized systems in the Hills branch on 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads.

The library board is buying surge suppression equipment to limit damage rather than buying non-interruptible power sources, which are expensive, Papal added.

The summer's unusual heat magnified problems with the system

that Edison officials say is being affected by incredible load growth. The Farmington Hills load grew more than 46 percent since 1985 and 18.2 percent in the past year. THE POWER load that Edison experienced Aug. 2 when what they call a heat storm occurred, wasn't expected until 1997, Chambers said.

Farmington Hills' growth was anticipated, Vermeulen said. But Edison has difficulty determining how many existing homes have air conditioning. When everyone used air conditioners at high speed in August, outages began, he said.

In 1988, 108 lengthy outages occurred on 21 Farmington Hills circuits. Four of the circuits had one or no interruptions and five circuits had 8-11 interruptions, Chambers said.

Three specific circuits in Farmington Hills had lengthy outages this summer. They include the areas near Halsted Road, south of I-275, the Orchard Lake Road/Farmington Road area and the southwest section of the city, near I-275, south of 10 Mile, west of Gill, Chambers said.

"We're willing to meet with any neighborhood group to get specific on their case," Vermeulen said. While heat had a significant effect on electrical power this summer, other major problems for power interruptions include lightning, problems with tree clearance and wind. Other causes include equipment and cable failure, animals and public interference (such as car accidents), Chambers said.

## School meal program not affected by drought

Students returning to school this fall may learn a lesson in their cafeterias about the 1988 drought, education officials said.

They stress that many schools nationwide will have to adjust the cost as well as the content of school lunches to compensate for drastically reduced crop yields caused by the drought.

But in Farmington schools, there has been no noticeable change in either the type of food or its prices, according to district spokeswoman Betal Duschinske, a supervisor in the business area.

"We have not felt any of the effects," she said. "There's been nothing significant enough to attribute to the drought."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has notified schools nationwide that frozen and canned peas, corn and green beans will not be available for lunch programs from this year because of the drought, said Virginia Ross, USDA food program specialist.

AFFECTED SCHOOL districts either will have to look for alternatives or try to buy the vegetables from local suppliers at a higher cost.

"If you take those three vegetables out, it doesn't leave much left."

Schools can't afford vegetables like broccoli and asparagus, and even if they could, students wouldn't eat them anyway," said Roger Lynas, superintendent of the food distribution program for the Michigan Department of Education.

"We don't yet know how many local school districts will have to raise prices, but we do believe the districts will have to compensate for the increased costs," Lynas added. In one Northern Michigan community, students began paying between five and 10 cents extra for their lunches when school began this month, said Pat Leavell, food service director for Cadillac Public Schools.

"Our vendors told us to expect between a 5 (percent) and 7 percent increase on food products, partly due to the drought," Leavell said.

THE PRICE of a hot lunch in Cadillac increased from 90 cents for elementary students and 95 cents for secondary students to \$1 across the board, he said.

Lynas said hot school lunches average about \$1.10 in Michigan schools, though prices are set by individual districts.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

## City attorney is appointed

Farmington Hills attorney John Donohue was recently named attorney for the city of Farmington. He replaces longtime attorney Robert Kelly, who resigned early this month.

Donohue is a Farmington resident, a member of the city's Downtown Development Authority board, and is an attorney with the law firm of

Kohl, Seerast, Wardle, Lynch, Clark & Hampton on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

His appointment was approved Sept. 8 after city council interviews with three attorneys or firms. He was welcomed to his post at the Sept. 19 council meeting. His contract with the city is not yet complete.

## election '88

News and notes from the Election '88 campaign trail. The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

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U.S. Rep. Bill Broomfield, R-Birmingham, was presented with the

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Bulldog Award. His district includes the Farmington area. He's seeking re-election this year against Democrat Gary Kohn, a Troy attorney. The award is presented to those members of Congress who vote to

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