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In discussion about rock salt and sand/slag chloride bids for ice control, Farmington Hills councilwoman Jean Fox urged city administrators to keep tabs on prices for more environmentally stable material. Saying he's studying it, city manager William Costick added: "It's really a hot issue in the Legislature and in most of public works journals." At last check, the per-ton cost for the material, which doesn't de-ice as well as rock salt, was 10 times greater, Costick said.

BY Friday, the number of absentee voter applications in Farmington Hills had risen to 5,200 and in Farmington to 298. That compares with 2,200 who cast AV ballots in Farmington Hills and 102 who did so in Farmington two years ago. Election Day is next Tuesday. Both Farmington Hills city clerk Kathy Doman and Farmington city clerk Jo Busby will have special Saturday hours until 2 p.m. on Nov. 4 to accommodate last-minute AV ballot requests.

QUOTE of the week

6 I feel like I've earned a degree. I'm not sure what the degree is in: patience, smiles, chicken dinners, city government, interrupted dinners, meetings until 3 in the morning.

— Farmington Hills councilwoman Jody Soronen. Bob Sklar's column: 16A.

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Lichtman paces spending in Hills race

Challenger has raised over \$7,000

Farmington Community Library stumps for 2 ballot issues, 8A

By Sue Buck staff writer

That became public Friday, when pre-election campaign finance reporting statements for the period up to Oct. 22 were filed with the Oakland County Elections Division. Ten candidates, including three incumbents, are vying for four regular terms, and three candidates, including the incumbent, are running for the remaining two years of a vacancy on the nonpartisan city council. Incumbent Jody Soronen is not seeking re-election.

All seven Farmington City Council candidates filed waivers indicating they raised or spent less than \$1,000 for the pre-election reporting period up to Oct. 22.

In the race for regular terms in Farmington Hills are incumbents Ben Marks, Aldo Vagnozzi and Philip Arnold. Challenging them are Jonathan Grant, Vernon Klepinski, Lawrence Lichtman, Ronald Oliver-

io, Albert Rosen, Bettye Sines and George Sarkisian.

Nancy Bates and Herbert Limer are challenging incumbent Paul Sowerby in the race to fill the remaining two years of former councilman Joe Alkateeb's four-year term. Sowerby was appointed in March to replace Alkateeb until the next city election.

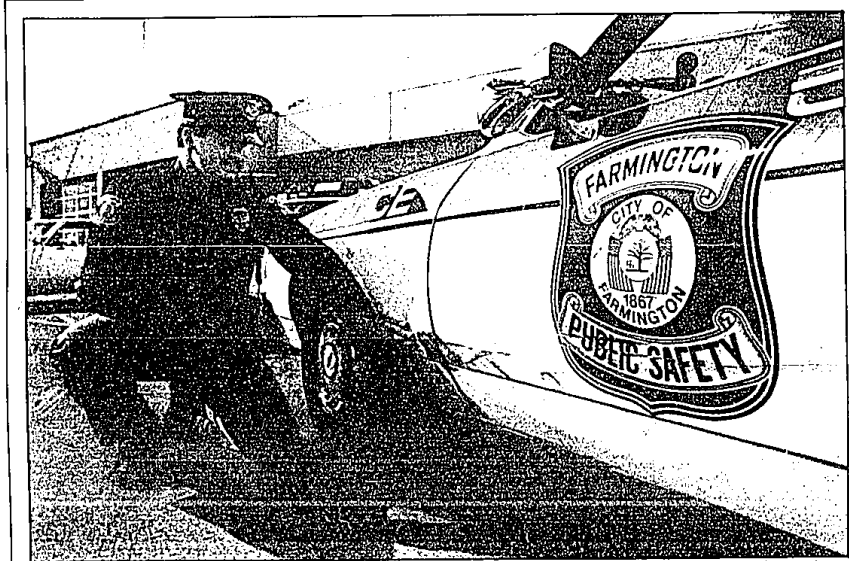
SIX CANDIDATES — Klepinski, Marks, Oliverio, Rosen, Sarkisian

and Limer — filed waivers indicating they raised or spent less than \$1,000 for the pre-election reporting period up to Oct. 22. Marks, however, said he ended his last council campaign in 1985 with an ending balance of \$1,900.

On her campaign finance reporting statement, Sines listed a personal loan of \$244 and the same amount in expenditures.

Vagnozzi spent \$3,352, raised \$4,875 and listed \$1,455 in debts or obligations. Contributors of more

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Officer Robert Cantlon of the Farmington Department of Public Safety inspects the damage done to a patrol car he was driving during a traffic altercation Saturday night.

Officer nearly run over after chase

By Bob Sklar staff writer

A Farmington Hills man faces five charges, including assault, after a Farmington police officer was nearly run down on a traffic stop Saturday.

With service revolver drawn, Officer Robert Cantlon decided to get back into his patrol car and throw

it into drive instead of shooting at the driver as a 1989 Ford Probe sped at him on Drake, near Howard, in Farmington Hills.

The Probe glanced off the left front and driver's side of the patrol car, but Cantlon wasn't hurt.

"It was a life-threatening situation, but the officer made the proper decision to get out of the way and not to shoot," said Gary Goss,

Farmington Department of Public Safety deputy director.

"He felt that he had time to save himself and that he could reasonably apprehend the suspect without using deadly force."

Had Cantlon not moved the patrol car, the Probe would've "made dead impact on the driver's door," Goss said.

A Farmington officer for one

year, Cantlon spent seven years as a police officer in Corpus Christi, Texas.

ARRAIGNED SUNDAY before Magistrate Dennis Pheneoy of Farmington Gary Clemens Moore, 19, pleaded innocent to five counts: assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, a 10-year felony.

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Brenda Kandt group spokeswoman

IRO foes endorse 5 Hills candidates

More Hills candidate coverage, 8A

By Sue Buck staff writer

Citizens Against I.R.O. Zoning, formed to protest a rezoning bid now tabled until after Tuesday's city council election, is taking its cause a step farther in a mass literature drop in support of five candidates.

Brenda Kandt, a homemaker and group spokeswoman, said 18,000 fliers will be distributed in Farmington

IRO zoning 'is a citywide problem. These five are not one-issue candidates. We feel they will listen to all the citizens.'

— Brenda Kandt
Citizens against IRO zoning

Hills this week, asking voters to support incumbent councilman Aldo Vagnozzi and challengers Nancy

Bates, Jon Grant, Ron Oliverio and George Sarkisian.

"This (IRO) is a citywide problem," Kandt said. "These five are not one-issue candidates. We feel they will listen to all the citizens. No one should have to live with a health threat."

Absent from the endorsement were incumbents Philip Arnold, Ben Marks and Paul Sowerby, who have not come out against the rezoning proposal.

The citizen effort comes on the heels of a council vote in September to impose a moratorium on industri-

al-research-office rezoning pending study by a toxicity and hazardous materials study committee whose formation was spearheaded by Arnold.

The IRO dispute started with a 1988 IRO-related zoning ordinance amendment allowing city planners to review proposed land uses, hold a public hearing and impose special conditions such as greater buffers, height restrictions and land use controls to keep out toxic chemicals. IRO zones are allowed next to multi-

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Candidates address downtown residents' concerns

Hopetful discuss trash pickup, 8A

By Casey Hans staff writer

Downtown residential issues — everything from traffic concerns to parking — were spotlighted last week as Farmington City Council candidates faced off for the last time

before the election next Tuesday.

The Masonic Temple building was full Thursday, with about half the crowd residents of the Old Village Association, which represents those living in the downtown historic neighborhood area and which sponsored the forum.

The other half appeared to be interested residents from other areas of the city, said OVA president and forum moderator Frank Reid.

Running for the three open seats in the Nov. 7 election are incumbents Shirley Richardson, Richard Tupper and Arnold Campbell and challengers JoAnne McShane, John Kenney, Robert Walker and Joanne Fellenberg, who has not appeared at any of three public candidate forums in recent weeks.

RESIDENTS ON Thursday were more concerned with problems fac-

ing downtown Farmington and how they affect surrounding residential areas.

Most of the candidates said they are against future rezoning of residential property for additional parking and that they support — and take seriously — the newly appointed traffic and safety board.

They did not agree on action taken in the past year when the city council swapped a parking area next to

the A&P store downtown for space behind the shopping center. A retail building was developed on the former parking site, and the city improved and paved the area behind the center for parking.

Incumbent Richardson strongly supported the measure, proposed by the city's Downtown Development Authority as part of the revitaliza-

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