



Dressed for his work, Tim LaJolce of Chemical Waste Management checks labels on cans for disposal instruction during the hazardous

household disposal day Saturday in Farmington.

GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Carloads 'dump' hazardous wastes

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Even though residents were asked to show their identification — only Farmington and Farmington Hills residents were allowed — there was no more than a five-minute wait for anyone who dropped off their household hazardous wastes, Biasell said.

DESPITE THE popularity of the special waste days, Biasell said the cities can't offer it more than twice a year — spring and fall — because it's cast in the six-year contract with Waste Management Inc. The next spring waste day will be in April 1992, though a specific date has not yet been scheduled.

"We also seem to accommodate the flow. We're getting them through within the time period," Biasell said, adding twice a year seems to be adequate.

Some out-of-town residents were turned away and Biasell said he was unaware that any commercial-industrial companies tried to get in. The special waste day is for residential hazardous waste only.

The controversial recycling fee charged by both cities does not pay for the household hazardous waste days. The cities pay for the special days through their six-year contract with Waste Management Inc., Biasell said.

Materials dropped off by residents are packaged properly at the site by Chemical Waste Management staff. Depending on what it is, the waste is taken, in drums for example, to facilities approved by the state Department of Natural Resources of Federal Environmental Protection Agency.

"Most is incinerated outstate," Biasell said.

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Candidates' views differ on expanding local library

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Oliverio, 37, a member of the Farmington Hills ethics committee and Investments vice president, says a merger between the library and OCC raises a lot of questions.

"What would happen if the college were to be closed, how much would the residents of Farmington Hills really benefit and of course the main question is, is it necessary?" asked the former candidate.

Haczkowski, 22, a write-in candidate, says he sees a lot of problems with a possible merger of the local and OCC libraries. "That would ostracize a lot of elderly from using a campus-based library. Students would be the favorite users."

"Taxpayers will pay the bill for something we can expand on the existing building," said Haczkowski, an Army reservist. He says he's disappointed the council has reserved land on Peltz for a new library before decisions have been made.

Sowerby, an attorney, says he thinks a possible merger might pro-

vide an answer to the library's expansion problems.

Incumbent Terry Sever and owner of T.I. Printing in Farmington, lauds the library and OCC for trying to find a "cost-effective manner to provide better services at the least possible cost to the taxpayers."

LIKE SEVER, incumbent Nancy Bates believes library and OCC officials should be congratulated for their negotiation efforts. But she has concerns about the library, particularly traffic concerns on Farmington Road, should the library be built on the Peltz property. "That's a decision that has to be in the hands of the citizens."

Incumbent Larry Lichtman, an attorney, considers a possible merger worth pursuing. A benefit is that OCC could provide the land, which is near the existing central 12 Mile site. He also says there's a possibility — depending on the transaction — that a joint venture would be less costly to taxpayers.

"I believe that it would be impera-

'We've got seniors, library and a court and other things. Before we rush out and spend more money, we need to pull all these needs together. There's been a lack of planning in the past years.'

— Paul Sowerby

tive in any such joint venture, however, that the benefit to Oakland Community College be that of relieving itself of administration of the library facility by placing this responsibility in the hands of the Farmington Community Library, rather than the Farmington Community Library and the taxpayers of the city of Farmington Hills financially subsidizing the library operations of the college."

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