## 12 Mile stretch to close Tuesday

Twelve Mile Road between Halsted and Higgerty will be closed to traffic before the mora-ing rush hour Tuesday, June 2. until early fall.

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The planned closure is due to the continuing widening and boulevard project on 12 Mile. The actual closure will be from Haggerty Road east to the Seeley Drain, about a half-mile east of Haggerty Road.

The city realizes that the closure will impact thousands of motorists each day and many residents of the city of Farming ton Hills. said David Call, Farmington Hills assistant city manager.

manager. "It is necessary, however, that this closure take place since the culvert where the Seeley Drain flows under 12 Mile Road needs to be replaced with a much langin he repared in the actual in preparation for the actual road paying."

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hy motorists attempting to go east and west on 12 Mile Road, between Halsted and Hargerty, is Hills Tech Drive, about one-quarter mile south of 12 Mile.

The closure means that access will not be available to the Country Club Corporate, Park, the historic home next to the corporate park, the Nissan Research & Development and the National Bank of Detroit buildings.

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In order to reach any of these buildings, drivers will have to buildings, drivers will have to suse Country Chib Dive off Haggerty Road, south of 12 Mile.
Call said.
Twelve Mile west of Halsted, however, will be open to Markef-ing Displays, Park on the Green and John Crissim & Associates, Inc. on the south side of 12 Mile.
On the north side, Halsted will be open to the Halsted Village Shopping Center and Copper-Creek condominiums and golf course.

# Hills plan allows 2nd water meter

Some Farmington Hills homeowers asked for it and beginning July 1 you'll have the option of installing a second meter for outside water use such as lawn sprinkling and swimming pools.

That means you won't, have to pay on your sever bill for water that you are using outside your house.

"You won't be charged for sewer on water that is not getting into the sanitary sewer," said Tom Binsell, Farmington Hills public services things you have to know about this program because there are upfront, coats. And to make up the difference in the monicy that is lost on-sever charges with full water meter users — the city still has its bills to pay—all sewer bills in the city will increase.

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To understand how it affects your bills, remember that water and sewer charges are based on how much water has been used. The city still owes Detroit money for sanitary sewer services based on the water

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"You're not changing the amount going in and out, you're changing how you're going to pay for it." Bi-asell said.

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Water and sewer rates are going
up July 1. Water rates will increase
72 cents, from \$0.28 to \$10 for each
1,000 cubic feet or about 7,500 gallons of water used.

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Sewer rates will increase from
\$7.95 to \$10,63 for 1,000 cubic feet.
The new rate includes the loss of
revenue that must be recovered
with the dual water meter system.
That loss amounts to a 315-cent increase in the rate, said Jean Barrett,
Farmington-Hills assistant to the
public services director.

The sewer rate is based on an as-sumption that 30 percent of the to-tal lawn sprinkling use will not gen-

money. Right now, all laws erate money. Hight now, all lawn aprinkling generates sewer money. With a dual meter, sewer fees would not be charged to the individual user on water that flows through that second meter, Harrett said.

"There will be a slightly higher rate on sewer to compensate for the amount taken out that is not being pald for. We still have to pay that, amount coming out," Hissell said.

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Before you make a final decision that you want a second meter, consider that you'll probably apend \$525. Baile fixed costs are about \$275, which includes a water meter, installation and permit charges.
Then you have to find a plumber in these costs will depend on what it taker to install the meter. Rose mention you there to adjust the plumbing inside your home to ensure that outside spigots are

separated from the internal plumbing. That might cost an estimated \$250 for the total estimated \$252.

The city's public services said developed a formula by which you can determine if a second meter would save you money.

• Determine the total annual water usage, which is shown in 100 cubic feet on your bill, on four consecutive bills.

• Next determine which bill best represents the winter months when spinklers aren't being used. Now multiply that usage in 100 cubic feet by four and that will give you the total sewer portion.

• Subtract your total sewer portion from the total annual usage.



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