

Edison talks about improvements

BY WILLIAM COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

It has been more than a year since many Farmington Hills residents had to go for days without power during some of the hottest weather of the summer.

The Farmington Hills City Council and representatives of electrical power supplier Detroit Edison have not forgotten.

Since July of 1995, a citizen's task force has met with Edison representatives to find solutions to power outages, excessive tree trimming and communications

between the city's residents and the utility.

At the Sept. 30 regular council meeting, the council and utility company agreed that progress has been made, but more can be done, especially in the area of tree trimming.

Edison Regional Manager Michael Pichewski said the company has spent \$2 million since the summer of 1995 on improvements to its delivery system that cut down on outages.

"And when residents call, we put people in touch with them quickly," he said.

In addition, the company

HILLS CITY COUNCIL

named George Thompson as its Ombudsman for the region as a liaison between Edison's staff, communities and citizens.

"Some of your residents already know me," said Thompson, a 33-year Edison employee.

Edison is converting to an underground system in some areas to curtail problems of downed power lines.

But crews cutting back trees to avoid problems with power lines are sometimes cutting away too much vegetation, some residents say.

"I think a lot of concerns were not only over the methods of removal, but in the difficulty of getting questions answered,"

said Assistant City Manager Dave Call, who has met with Edison officials concerning the issue.

One 41-year resident who is on the citizens committee complained that although the Edison people were courteous, he doubted their knowledge of trees.

"These young fellas couldn't tell me a tree from another," the resident said, calling the men "Wood butchers."

"Where orders were to cut 10 feet, they cut 10 yards."

Peggy Sorvala, Edison facilitator for forestry/landscape management, said the company has 540 tree trimmers and 20 foresters out in the field in the

region.

The rule of thumb is that it is dependent on voltage, the tree species and where a cut can be made," she said, adding that some times a crew will cut farther on a tree to make sure a stump does not compete with the growing part of the tree.

Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said there have been improvements and suggested that the company have another community meeting at the end of November to discuss tree trimming policies and other questions.

Vagnozzi said he has still not heard from the Michigan Public Service Commission about the company replacing the cost of spoiled food after a power outage.

"Often times, regulators listen more to utilities than to resi-

dents," he said.

Councilman Terry Sever said the company would be better off telling residents in a given area about the tree trimming ahead of time.

"People need to be informed prior to you going in, prior to going home to find trees, in their minds, devastated," he said.

Sever suggested that the company could give guidelines about what type of trees should and should not be planted near power lines.

City Manager Daniel Hobbs said the city was going to work with Edison to try it, but get informed concerning the company's operations to the public.

"We're going to become more active with Channel 8 (public access)," he said.

COUPON FOR \$25.00

Bob's Farmington CARPET

100's of Top Quality Rolls In Stock

\$395 TO \$1295 YARD

THICK PLUSHES • HEAVY BERBERS • COMMERCIAL CARPET • 100'S OF REMAINS

Fast Quality Installation • Good Buys on Armstrong Vinyl

1/2" RESOUND PAD...11.95 yard • Fast Quality Installation • Good Buys on Armstrong Vinyl

Measure Your Rooms For Quick Estimates

24225 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills • (610) 615-8297

Just North of 10 Mile next to Clark Station

Hills woman cared about her neighborhood

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

With Delphine (Polcyn) Pichewski, her neighborhood always came first.

Since she grew up and lived in the southeast corner of Farmington Hills for 60 years, Mrs. Pichewski made the area's

issues and concerns her own. She died Oct. 3 of cardiogenic shock in Canterbury on the Lake nursing home. She was 68.

"Section 36 was one of the first places where people settled (in Farmington Hills)," said Gisele Wing, a Waldron Street resident who lived across the street from

the Pichewski. "When people moved here it was scattered. They built homes pretty much where they wanted."

"She worked real hard to clean up the neighborhood here."

Mrs. Pichewski was active in the Section 36 Homeowners Association. She was instrumental in cleaning up blight in the neighborhood, said Massie Kurzeja, a former Hills councilwoman and longtime Section 36 resident.

"Like all the old timers, she fought for the betterment of the area," Kurzeja said. "She was a community activist."

Mrs. Pichewski wasn't afraid to take her community's concerns to Farmington Hills City Council. "She was busy there, too," Wing said.

She often spoke out on zoning enforcement issues, Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said.

"She was a forceful and a strong advocate of her position," Vagnozzi said.

Illness curtailed Mrs. Pichewski's community activism in recent years as she battled emphysema and heart problems.

Mrs. Pichewski was born July 29, 1928 in Detroit, but called Farmington Hills home. She went to Wm. Grace Elementary and was a 1946 Farmington High graduate.

She was married to Walter, who died in 1986. Survivors include sons: Walter P. of New Hudson; and Richard of Waterford; and three grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Church Oct. 5. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

Don't be afraid of the INTERNET!

Observer & Eccentric On-Line! and New Horizons Computer Learning Center have teamed up to get you onto the Internet, and teach you how to use it once you're there.

O&E On-Line! subscribers can enroll in New Horizons' Internet Classes at a special discounted rate. All classes are taught in LIVE, HANDS-ON INTERNET classrooms in Troy and Livonia.

In one day you'll learn:

- Internet Basics
- Newsgroups, Remote Connect and File Transfers
- Internet Surfing: Copher and World Wide Web
- Internet Security and Internet Culture

Call O&E On-Line!

INFORMATION—(313) 953-2266
TO SUBSCRIBE—(313) 953-2297
TECH SUPPORT—(313) 953-2278

ON-LINE!

New Horizons
Computer Learning Center.
(313) 525-1501 ext. 1132

Breast Cancer Genetics:

Understanding Your Risk

Presented by Temple Israel and the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center

Join Dr. Sofia Merajver, director of the U-M Breast and Ovarian Cancer Risk Evaluation Clinic, for a frank discussion about what it really means to be "at risk" for breast cancer.

Dr. Merajver will present up-to-date information on: Who's at risk for breast cancer and why Options if you are considered high risk Pros and cons of genetic testing

Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 7-8:30 p.m.
Temple Israel in West Bloomfield
5725 Walnut Lake Road

The event is free, and refreshments will be provided.

For information, call the Cancer AnswerLine nurses at 1-800-865-1125 (9 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday).

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Dentistry in the 90s

by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

MEDICAL HISTORY LESSON

When dental patients are asked to submit their medical histories, they should approach the task as diligently as if they were in the office of their general physician. The fact is that many medical conditions and medications can have a significant effect upon oral health. For instance, some steroids, antihypertensives, and antidepressants can cause changes in blood pressure during stressful oral surgery procedures. Patients who have heart murmurs or artificial heart valves may require antibiotics before any dental treatment. Women who take oral contraception may find that they are more prone to gum disease. For these and other reasons, patients should be careful to provide the dentist and dental assistants with the most comprehensive look at their medical histories in order that serious problems can be anticipated and averted.

During October, "National Dental Hygiene Month," we would like to increase public awareness of the importance of preventive oral health care. At LIVONIA VILLAGE DENTAL ASSOCIATES, we bring you our own naturally beautiful smile. We're located at 19711 Meridian Road, where we want to provide you and your family with the best dental care possible. Prevention - brushing, flossing, and regular professional cleanings and checkups - is all the best road to dental health. Call 478-2110 to schedule an appointment. Mon., Tue., Thu. & Fri. 8-5. Wed. 10:00am - 5:00pm. Smiles are our business.

LIVONIA VILLAGE DENTAL
19711 MERRIMAN • LIVONIA
(810) 478-2110

P.S. Even a seemingly harmless over-the-counter medication like aspirin can impact dental procedures because it interferes with the blood's ability to clot.

FARMER JOHN'S greenhouse

50% OFF TREES & SHRUBS

LARGE SELECTION LIMITED TIME OFFER

(6 Month Warranty on all sale shrubs)

Greenhouse full of Tropical Plants

Hardy Mums NOW Great Selection

26950 HAGGERTY ROAD • FARMINGTON HILLS • 553-7141

That Nagging Cough Should be Telling You Something!

Are you suffering from a chronic productive cough? If yes, take advantage of the opportunity to participate in a national research study for chronic bronchitis!

Benefits Include:

- Free exams • Free medication • \$50 reimbursement for completion of four medical office visits • Free convenient parking

For more information and free screening, please call:

CRC CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTER **810-353-3440**

Have you seen Street Scene?

It's hot! It's cool. Check it out. Every Thursday.

OBITUARIES

LOUISE MARTHA TRAPP
Miss Trapp, 89, of Livonia died Oct. 1 in Charter House of Farmington Hills.
Born in Detroit, Miss Trapp was a sales clerk.
Survivors include her brother, Edward H. Trapp; sister, Loretta White; several nieces and nephews.
Services were at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Carl Mehl of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Birmingham officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

MARY R. RHYMER
Miss Rymer, 47, of Livonia, formerly of Farmington, died Sept. 30 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.
Born in Oaks, Kentucky, Miss Rymer was a nurses aide at the Greenery Care Center in Farmington.
Survivors include her parents, Woodrow and Catherine Rymer of Livonia; brother, Woodrow Rymer Jr. of Livonia.
Services were at the Creech Funeral Home, Middlesboro, Kentucky. Burial was in Cabbage Cemetery, Cubbage, Kentucky.
Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

GRACE D. POPPENGAR
Mrs. Poppengar, 79, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 3 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.
Born in Detroit, Mrs. Poppengar was a receptionist in a doctors office before retiring. She was active in Dollars for Scholars in Livonia.
Survivors include her husband, William Sr.; son, William Jr.; daughter, JoAnn McFall; six grandchildren.
Services were at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville, with the Rev. Kurt Stutz and the Rev. Marty Kope officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

DATE: October 24, 1996
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
51855 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
ITEM: Zoning Text Amendment 3, 1996

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to a proposed text amendment of the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 34, Zoning Chapter, which amendment will amend Article 1, Section 34-3; Article XII, Section 34-278; Article XIV, Section 34-339; Article XV, Section 34-358; Article XVII, Section 34-422; Article XVIII, Section 34-438; Article XIX, Section 34-463; Article XXII, Section 34-560; Article XXIII, Section 34-581; and Article XXIV, Section 34-608. A summary of said amendment is as follows:

1. An ordinance to regulate personal wireless communication facilities. Any person who is interested in this amendment is invited to attend and participate in the public hearing discussions. Complete Zoning Chapter and Text are available for purchase and/or inspection during regular business hours at the Planning Department.

DALE A. COUNTAGAN, Director
Planning & Community Development
City of Farmington Hills

Zoning Text Amendment 3, 1996
Phone: 478-3643
Public: October 7, 1996