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Learn about city staff, services at Costick Center open house Feb. 21

The city of Farmington Hills will host a City Services open house 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Costick Activities Center, on 11 Mile east of Middlebelt.

Representatives from every city department will be on hand to provide residents with information and answer questions. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about everything from birth certificates and fire safety to property assessment and youth programs.

THIS WEEK IN THE HILLS

Included will be police, fire, city clerk, planning, public services, special services (which includes parks and recreation and senior services), building, code enforcement, assessing, and engineering. This is an opportunity for citizens to get to know how their

city works," said City Manager Steve Brock. "It's also a chance for people to talk with city staff one-on-one in a relaxed atmosphere. We hope those attending walk away with a better sense of the services the city provides and where they can turn when they need help."

The evening will also include games, activities for kids, and refreshments. A drawing for prizes will be held, including an adult and a child's bicycle.

Water from A4

until the rate increases are official. Farmington Hills City Manager Steve Brock said it will take at least a month to determine what the new sewer and water fees will be. "There's a lot to sort out here," he said. "That's for sure."

Water customers pay a city fee to fund maintenance of water lines in addition to the fee charged by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

In Farmington, the city government tacks on \$9.22 per 7,500 gallons to the basic fee of \$7.33 for a total of \$16.55 per 7,500 gallons charged to residents.

Farmington Hills residents pay a city fee of \$3.21 per 7,500 gallons in addition to the basic fee of \$10.24.

Cities could chose to:

- absorb all or part of the rate increase by reducing the local charge.
- pass on the whole increase to residents.
- or pass on the whole increase and also raise the local charge.

The rate increases are recommended by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, which administers the water and sewer system serving 4.3 million people in Southeast Michigan.

The new service rates and charges will fund major operations and maintenance activities and capital improvement projects in the water supply and sewage disposal systems. These actions are necessary to renovate and replace aging infrastructure and meet more stringent federal and state standards, says the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

Water projects include the new Water Works Park plant under construction, the Springwells Plant rehabilitation and a water main and meter replacement program.

Improvements on the sewage side include the long-term combined sewer overflow program, the wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation, a new instrumentation and control system and a lateral sewer replacement program.

Tape helps officers deal with public perceptions

Police in Farmington and Farmington Hills believe they have dealt with the problem of racial profiling and now seem to be taking pains to counteract the perception of racial profiling.

Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer has recently approved the use of a training tape that shows officers how to deal with an angry black motorist who believes he is being singled out.

"We profile criminals but we don't profile by race and ethnicity," Dwyer said.

In the tape, FBI agent Kevin Kendrick, who is black, plays the part of a motorist pulled over for speeding. In one scenario he's belligerent and accuses the officer of stopping him because he's black. In another scenario he continuously asks, "Do you know who I am?" as if he were a big shot.

"We use the tape to invoke conversations and feedback from our officers," said Farmington Hills Sgt. Pat Conini.

Dwyer extends an invitation to anyone who believes they were victims of racial profiling in Farmington Hills to see him at the police station (on the south side of 11 Mile Road just west of Orchard Lake), and he will watch the videotape of your traffic stop with you.

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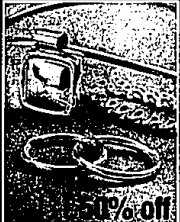
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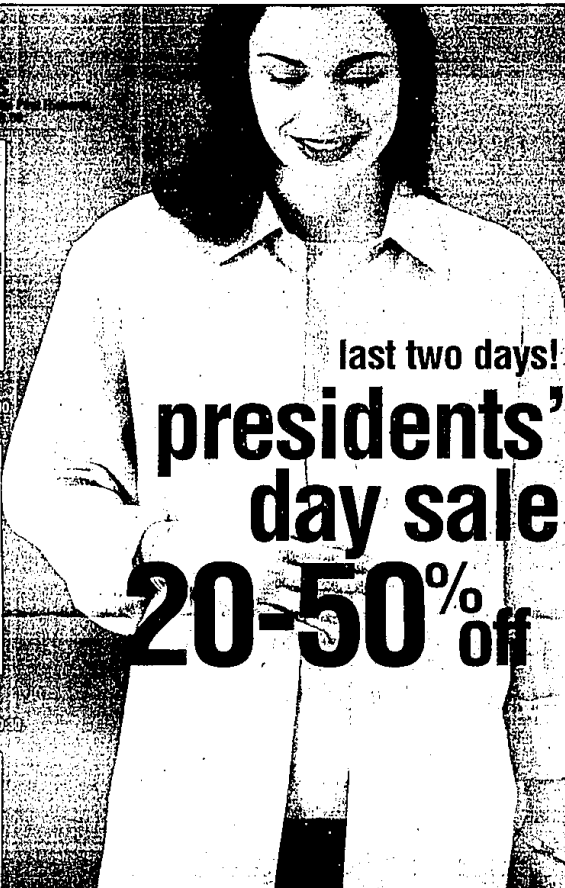
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