

No big water hike in Hills

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THE FINAL decision on whether to pass on the increase to users won't be made until April, when the Oakland County Public Works Department decides if it will increase its maintenance and operations costs. Because the city doesn't have its own water and sewer departments, Oakland County serves as Farmington Hills' agent.

Oakland County isn't expected to

notify Farmington Hills about proposed sewer rates until April. "We're looking at a ballpark (increase) of about 5 percent," Countegan said.

In 1987-88, sewage disposal rates were \$6.25 per 1,000 cubic feet, with a minimum charge of \$2.87 per quarter plus the quarter flat rate charge of \$31.15 per unit.

Instead of passing the water and sewer rate reductions on to users last year, Farmington Hills held on to the savings to pay for planned im-

provements in the water and sewage systems.

That means that last year, users paid a higher price, at least for water, than they would be charged this year even if the increase is approved.

FOR EXAMPLE, in 1987-88, water users paid \$7.51 per 1,000 cubic feet of water used with a minimum quarterly charge of \$12.02 plus meter service charge. The rate included Detroit's \$6.26 rate for water,

plus \$1.25 charged by Oakland County for maintenance, operations and administration.

Detroit's new rate of \$6.03 per 1,000 cubic feet of water used is less than Farmington Hills residents were paying.

With the new \$6.03 rate plus the \$1.25 charge from Oakland County, Farmington Hills residents would pay \$7.28 per 1,000 cubic feet, if the increase is passed on to residents, Countegan said.

He helps manage Michigan's money

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cal theory and sociology, Solomon represented Blanchard as an intern to President Lyndon Johnson.

After graduation, he stayed on as Blanchard's legislative director, staff director and administrative assistant.

In that post, he directed overall legislative strategy that resulted in enactment of the Chrysler Loan Guarantee Act. He also supervised formulation of policy as related to economic development, budget and taxes.

He calls his work now, as then, "very full-time jobs. I know what I was getting into when I came here."

Ten-hour days, seven days a week is not unusual for the political appointee in the busiest times of the year's cycle. But Solomon says he is no workaholic.

"Don't buy the stereotype of the civil servant who isn't putting in his hours. That is not true. There is a lot of work and a lot to learn, but it's important to have balance. If there wasn't a balance, nobody's work would be effective," he said.

SOLOMON GETS his balance through sports and music.

"I participate in all sports — I do it all. I run. I play the guitar and I play with my computer," he said.

Solomon worked for a while with Tandem Computers in California, then earned his master's degree in business administration from Stanford University Graduate School of Business in California.

Later, he went to work for American Express Co. in New York, where he was manager of strategic planning and business development until

he accepted Blanchard's appointment here.

Life in Lansing suburbia, where some off hours are spent playing with his computer, is much more in his liking than in a 50-story high-rise in downtown Manhattan.

"My computer has always gone with me to work, wherever that is. I am so taken with my Mac, some of the commercials could be me," he said. "If I am going to initiate anything new in this office, it will probably be greater widespread use of the computer."



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Lunch break

North Farmington High School junior Jason Kocembo of Farmington Hills spent his lunch break Jan. 25 skating on a pond at Heritage Park. It was the first time he'd ever been on a pair of ice skates.

Husband on trial

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Ford Motor Co. when they got married, they had two daughters, one now 18 and the other 20.

The house has since been rebuilt, Smith said. It is no longer owned by Edwards.

Several prosecution witnesses testified last week, as Todd began her case. One neighbor, Marsha

Rose, said she saw Edwards leaving the neighborhood by car at about 5:45 p.m., shortly before the house erupted in flames.

Other prosecution witnesses will include firefighters, fire investigators and medical examiners.

Edwards' daughters are also expected to testify, Smith said during his opening remarks.

road watch

The following is the last Road Watch Update in this series of listing recent road projects. Additional repairs and improvements will continue for the next two years, and you will receive updates when road work begins again in the spring.

These major road projects are planned to ease congestion, create a better traffic flow and improve road

safety in the community.

- 13 Mile between Halsted and Haggerty is now open to through traffic.
- Drake Road between 13 and 14 Mile is now open to through traffic.
- Tuck Road between Eight Mile and Folsom is now open to through traffic.

Chamber hears Pistons rep

Detroit Pistons corporate sales director Jim Ciszewski will address a general membership luncheon of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

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