

# Few seek water hook-ups

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Farmington Hills is asking for bids to extend a water main into the Biddestone subdivision, but so far only four property owners are planning to hook up.

The city had planned to extend its water main south through the Oakland Community College campus and hook up with four properties in the north portion of the subdivision, which was built in the 1950s.

After surveying the 24 property owners in the sub, only six were interested. But four were on the northern portion of the subdivision, allowing the city to set up a special assessment district.

Tom Biasell, the city's director of public services, said only two

other property owners were interested in connecting.

That will mean the city set up a special assessment district and charge an initial payback fee of \$1,854 once the properties tap into the main. That's the amount each of the 24 properties in the sub would pay of the \$44,500 cost of the portion of the main extending to the subdivision.

That money comes out of water tap-in fees, not tax dollars, Biasell said. Other residents who could tap in at a later date at the same price with no interest charged.

Each of the four residences will have to pay an estimated cost of \$9,500 over 15 years, for a total of \$38,000 to cover construction in

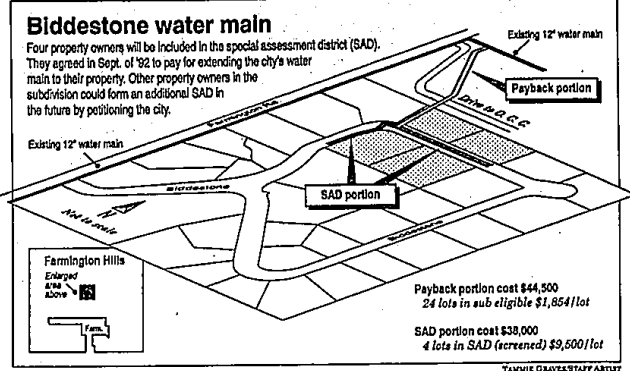
the special assessment district itself.

If other property owners come back to the city asking to hook up, special assessments could cost less. They would still have to pay the \$1,854 hook up fee, which is the payback portion of the district. But their long-term assessment could be less than \$9,500 if enough property owners signed up.

Biasell said these were cost estimates. Bids will determine the cost and the city will have a public hearing on the project.

Water fund money, primarily for tap-in fees are used for the project, Biasell said.

"The city charter prevents us from using tax money for this project," he said.



# Hills attorney served court

David A. Goldman, an attorney and former commissioner-at-large on the Michigan Supreme Court, died Feb. 8 at his Farmington Hills residence. He was 79.

Mr. Goldman was a practicing attorney for 54 years. Since 1966, he worked for the law firm of Levin, Levin, Garvett and Dill.

He was a Michigan Supreme Court appointee as commissioner-at-large from 1982-86.

"He was a gentleman and a gentle man," said his daughter, Paula Miller. "His two greatest loves were his family and the law. He will be sorely missed by both."

Born in Detroit, Mr. Goldman was a 1930 graduate of Northern High School, where he was president of his class. He went on to major in speech at Wayne State University and took a law degree from the same university in 1937.

He was at the head of his class scholastically.

In 1973, Mr. Goldman was elected the last mayor of Wood Creek Farms, then a village but shortly to become part of the city of Farmington Hills.

His other honors over the years include: president of the Congregation Sharey Zedek Men's Club; commissioner, State Bar of Michigan; recipient, Wayne State University Distinguished Alumni Award; and president, Federal Bar Association, Detroit Chapter. Survivors include wife Harriett,

## OBITUARIES

**BOBBY JOE SCOGGINS**  
Mr. Scoggins, 51, of Waterford, formerly of Westland and Livonia, died Feb. 6.

Born in Springfield, Ark., Mr. Scoggins was the owner of Joe's Tech Supply, Auto/Truck Tire Repair. He was studying to be a pilot.

Survivors include his son, Marc, formerly of Farmington; a daughter, Kathy Mittm of Northville; sisters, Barbara Helmy, Brenda Smith and Beverly Bartman; brother, Bill Scoggins; two grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 10 at the Farmington Hills Universalist Unitarian Church with the Rev. Suzanne Paul officiating. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Oakland County Unit, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield 48076. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral

Home, Farmington.

**JESSIE E. HABERMEHL**  
Mrs. Habermehl, 85, of Farmington died Feb. 8 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in West Fort Williams, Ontario, Canada (the area now known as Thunder Bay), Mrs. Habermehl worked at the Farmington Consumers Power office for eight years. She was Farmington Woman of the Year 1959 and Career Woman of the Year 1960.

Mrs. Habermehl was a graduate of Port Arthur Institute. She was past president of Farmington Business and Professionals Club and charter member of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, Red Cross volunteer and a member of Farmington Order of Eastern Star Lodge 239.

Survivors include her sons, Bruce and Charles; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 11 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Rebecca A. Sherwood of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington officiating. Burial was in the Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

**EDWARD W. MACKIE**  
Mr. Mackie, 81, of Redford, for-



David A. Goldman  
merly of Farmington, died Feb. 9 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Born in Calumet, Mr. Mackie worked for 43 years at Michigan Bell as field engineer. He retired in 1971. He was a member of Grandale Presbyterian Church, Michigan Bell Pioneers Retirees, Kaleva Lodge (Finnish Brotherhood) and Tel Com Credit Union.

Survivors include his wife, Joan; daughters, Joan DenBroeder and Jill Holmes; four grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 11 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Theodore Taylor III of Grandale Presbyterian Church officiating. Memorials may be made to any educational foundation of choice.

# Police probe break-ins

Farmington Hills Police are investigating a rash of car break-ins in the Hunter's Ridge Apartments and Condominiums near 14 Mile and Orchard Lake that included the theft of a 1990 blue Dodge Voyager van and a variety of items from tires to darts.

Detective Sgt. Chuck Nebus said police think the break-ins took place between 4-5 a.m. on Feb. 10, based on reports of suspicious activities and when car owners told police they discovered the break-ins.

There were 22 break-ins of cars in garages in the complex, the car theft and three other attempted car thefts where the ignition and steering columns sustained damage, Nebus said.

"We think they took the van because so that they could load it up with the merchandise," Nebus said. "They had to pull out the seat to get 12 tires into

the van."

Among the items stolen were a car phone, a brief case, tools, clothing, a camera, cassettes, a calculator, sets of darts, binoculars and — cat box filler.

The doors had been punched on most of the cars. One of the cars had a smashed window, and two convertibles had their tops slashed, Nebus said.

Damage to the cars included: About \$900 to a 1993 green Dodge convertible, \$400 to a 1991 gray Ford, \$1,000 to a red 1991 Mercury Capri convertible, \$200 to a 1986 black Ford Thunderbird, \$500 to a 1992 white Pontiac, \$150 to a 1991 gray Pontiac, \$75 to a red 1991 Pontiac, \$200 to a 1986 Honda, \$300 to a white 1992 Mezza, \$200 to a 1988 Ford Escort, \$100 to a 1987 Ford Escort, \$400 to a 1989 red Ford, \$200 to a 1988 Chevy, and \$300 to a 1983 Oldsmobile.

## CLARIFICATION

The Harrison High School honor roll in the Feb. 11 Observer should have included senior Roy Generalao, a straight-A student.

A Feb. 4 Observer headline about the "hug day" competition should have referred to the Botsford Continuing Health Center in Farmington Hills. The center is a long-term care facility that is affiliated with Botsford General Hospital.

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