

Hills reluctantly adopts state pesticide spray rule

If you're sensitive to pesticides, prepare for some rod taps if you want to be notified when someone is spraying in your neighborhood, subdivision or apartment complex.

The Farmington Hills City Council adopted a city ordinance in line with a state ordinance that requires companies that spray lawn chemicals to notify residents who have registered with the state. Trouble is, the form must be signed by a doctor, must be submitted every year and must specify a medical condition that makes a person especially sensitive to pesticides.

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*Steve Brock
assistant manager*

In the form. Several members of the city council had problems with the ordinance, but because a more strict local ordinance would require the city to enforce it, they chose the state's version.

"We just wouldn't have the manpower," said city manager Bill Costick.

In other action Monday, the council:

- Asked that developer Mark Dickow work with the city staff to rework a planned development for Middlebelt Road north of 12 Mile. Several residents in the area raised objections to the cluster site plan for safety and aesthetic reasons during the July 19 council meeting.
- Approved a special assessment district for Randall and River Glen Avenue road and drain improvements.
- Recommended approval of a contract for road improvements to Cadillac Asphalt Paving Co. for Randall and River Glen streets in the amount of \$362,051.20.

Cops ready for beating trial aftermath

Farmington Hills police won't be caught off guard if there is civil unrest after the Malice Green verdicts are given, said police Chief Bill Dwyer.

"Most everyone is concerned about the possibility of problems," Dwyer said. "It is every chief's responsibility to prepare for problems that hopefully won't happen."

Area police agencies will be given some lead time before the verdicts are announced in the case involving three former Detroit police officers accused of killing a Detroit man, Dwyer said.

None of the verdicts will be announced until all three have been reached. Recorder's Court Chief Judge George Crockett II has already decided the verdict of for-

mer Detroit officer Robert Lesian.

Separate juries are deliberating over the verdicts for former Detroit officers Larry Nevers and Walter Budzyn.

Medicine men



PETER BALDWIN

Grateful mom: Barbara Yank holds son Joel as inspector Wally Kurzeja, seated to her right, presents the newborn with a stuffed fire dog compliments of the Farmington Hills Fire Department. Kurzeja was one of the first on the scene on the "woman in labor" call Aug. 17. "The baby was crowning when we got there and the contractions were close together," he said. Firefighters helped with the delivery and made the presentation to Joel, Barbara and Len Yank Aug. 18. "The mom was great and he (Len Yank) was as cool as a cucumber," Kurzeja said. "I was really excited and happy." Others who helped are (from left, top row) inspector Dennis Hughes, firefighter Matt Ratliff, district chief Bob Reboty, firefighter Phil DeWachter and firefighter Mike Kish; (front row, from left) Kurzeja, Barbara, Joel and Len Yank, and inspector Kevin Bersche.

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