

Hills rakes for Detroit cleanup volunteers

Farmington Hills residents will have a chance to show their support for Detroit Saturday, April 23, in the motor city's day-long cleanup.

The city is looking for volunteers to help in the Detroit cleanup effort.

Volunteers will meet at Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River, no later

than 7:30 a.m. where they will board SMART buses that will take them to the cleanup area. The city is providing a dump truck and other heavy equipment along with some city employees.

Farmington Hills volunteers will do light work such as trash pickup in an area bordered by Eight Mile to the north, Fennell

(Five Mile) to the south, Telegraph Road to the West and Evergreen to the East.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided and Farmington Hills volunteers will either receive a T-shirt or sweatshirt with the city's name on it, depending on weather conditions. Assistant city manager Dave Call said the cleanup, which will include volunteers

from several communities, will take place rain or shine unless the conditions are severe.

In addition, volunteers who can only work a half-day can be taken back to Vladimir's during the lunch break or leave from Vladimir's for the afternoon shift.

The cleanup will be finished by 4 p.m.
Anyone wishing to volunteer

should call Oakland County at (810) 858-1208 so that an appropriate number of buses can be provided.

Volunteers should:

- Bring flat shovels, rakes and gloves.
- Wear hard, soled shoes if possible.
- Be a minimum of 14 years old.

■ Dress appropriately (long sleeves, jeans).
John Grewell, administrator of the 47th District Court in Farmington, said about 20 Detroiters who are doing community service through the probation department will be giving something back to their city. District Judge Fred Harris will participate when they go to the cleanup Saturday.

Cop nets 'compassion' award

By Bill Coutant
Staff Writer

In the fall, Sgt. Gil Kohls of the Farmington Hills police went out of his way to help a resident in a tough situation.

Monday, that compassion was recognized with the inaugural Chaplain's Award.

Chaplain Richard Karr said the award was the department's way of recognizing "kindness, courtesy and compassion far beyond the call of duty."

"Recently it seems police departments all over the country are getting a lot of bad press," Karr said. "This award is a way of reminding people of the good things police do."

Kohls, 40, is a 14-year department veteran and former Detroit police officer who was promoted to sergeant in July of 1993.

On Oct. 26, 1993, Kohls helped June Levine through a difficult time. The Farmington Hills resi-

dent had just heard from Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn that her husband had been brought into the emergency room in critical condition. Levine and her two sons had found main routes to Dearborn blocked during the morning rush-hour traffic.

Kohls drove the woman and her sons to the hospital while counseling her. Although her husband did not survive, Levine credited the officer with helping her and her family in a difficult situation. Levine was on hand at Monday's ceremony calling Kohls "a wonderful example of our city's fine police officers."

Chief Bill Dwyer presented the award.

"I think this demonstrates the type of caring officers we have," Dwyer said. "Police do more than make arrests and write traffic tickets."

Mayor Larry Lichtman told Kohls the city council is "very proud of your actions."



Sgt. Gil Kohls

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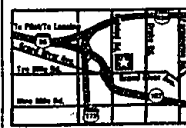
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