

## Outdoor water-use limits lifted

The odd/even day outdoor water use restriction in effect for communities served by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department — and that includes most of the Farmington area — was lifted at 12:01 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1.

The announcement was made by Water and Sewerage Department Director Stephen F. Gordon at a meeting for water customers held that day. It was determined that because of favorable weather

conditions and the resumption of full water system operations, the restriction was no longer necessary.

Customers may now resume normal outdoor water use.

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Settled in:  
Jody Soronen,  
Chamber  
of Commerce  
director,  
seems happy  
in her new office.

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## In business

### Chamber nears 1st year in new place, adds faces

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
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The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce moved shop, but a shift in the economy is what has the director whistling a brighter tune these days.

Membership is up. So, too, is involvement on committees. Since October, the chamber has added 25-30 new members to its fold, bringing the count to 550.

"That indicates to us people are interested in supporting business organizations," chamber director Jody Soronen said. "All in all, I can say we're doing pretty good."

The upbeat report is a contrast to previous years.

A crippling recession left chambers of commerce, in general, crunched. When paring expenses, business memberships are often the first to go.

Farmington's chamber has emerged from rough financial times with relatively few scratches.

Soronen said there were a few months when the chamber "squeaked" through. Though she never missed a payroll, "There were times I thought I might," she said in an earlier interview.

While economic forces often dictate a chamber's success, a change in location has a hand in Farmington's upsurge.

The chamber moved last October to the Farmington Training Center on Thomas Street. At the previous location on Grand River, the chamber was paying \$14,500 annually in rent.

Then Farmington Public Schools superintendent and chamber member Michael Flanagan offered office space in the refurbished building rent-free. The deal was too good to pass up.

The exchange calls for the school district to receive a free chamber membership. There's more of course.

The chamber has been instrumental in developing highly coveted partnerships between the schools and businesses. Soronen serves on the district's Community Partnership Advisory Council.

"It's been wonderful," said Betty Wolford, a spokeswoman in the School and Community Relations office.

"She (Soronon) brings in the chamber's viewpoint on things and acts as a liaison with the schools and the business community."

The relationship has been

terrific, Soronen said. There are other pluses. The chamber has use of a spacious conference center and access to training programs offered by the schools.

In its move, the chamber exchanged viability for viability.

The training center sits behind Dimitri's Restaurant on Grand River, somewhat obscured from the hub of downtown. That hasn't hurt business, though.

"We're used to giving 'How to get there' directions," Soronen said. "The schools just put a big sign out front."

Several signs point to the chamber being busy in the future.

In addition to the Founders Festival, the chamber would like to sponsor trade shows. Leaders wouldn't mind getting involved in statewide legislative issues that affect businesses such as taxes and workers' compensation, Soronen said.

No staff increases are planned. The chamber runs with four people, including two who work part time.

"We get kind of harried when we have big activities going on, and we're pretty busy people," Soronen said. "We can pretty much handle the work."

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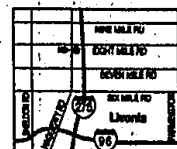
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