

Hills crews ready for snow storm

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"We are prepared, as much as we can be."

As snow spewed from the sky Friday morning, Farmington Hills Director of Public Services Tom Biasell felt fairly confident in his department's ability to handle whatever Mother Nature served up. Especially, when they have warning, but also just as a matter of course, Department of

Public Works snow removal and sanding equipment stands at the ready.

"In general, it's standard operating procedure to have trucks loaded and ready to go when we put 'em to bed at night," Biasell said.

Weather forecasters were expecting the biggest storm of the season to blanket the area with up to 10 inches of snow by Saturday morning, mixed with rain and sleet. Hills DPW operated 15 heavy trucks with underbody and front plow blades, three small dump trucks and a fleet of pick-up trucks.

"We try to mobilize all we can, and that includes other departments," Biasell said. "The engineering department has pick-ups we can put plows on, and the plows are already on those."

In a pinch, he added, "we can also plow with the grader." That piece of machinery is used on gravel roads, which are treated only with a sand/chloride mixture when they're slick with ice and snow build-up. The paved portion of the Hills' more than 800 miles of roadways are treated with salt or a mix of salt and chemicals, depending on conditions, Biasell explained.

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Mardi Gras shopping continues

Laurel Park Place continues its Mardi Gras shopping celebration through Saturday, March 4. Laurel Park Place will host a Mardi Gras Ball and raffle to win a trip for two to New Orleans. The trip includes accommodations in the Dauphine Orleans in the French Quarter. New Orleans shopping trips and entertainment.

Patrons who shop once a week for three weeks and spend at least \$35 each trip may turn in the three receipts at the end of the three-week period and receive a gift car.

Performers from 3-6 p.m. shop days can locate real clowns as caricature artists draw caricatures.

Laurel Park Place's Mardi Gras Ball is back with the grand finale on March 4. Also on March 4, March 2 features a Mardi Gras costume contest for children ages 4-12. Entertainment includes a Mardi Gras band, a clown, a stilt walker, a clown and a clown.

As part of the Mardi Gras celebration, March 4 from 6-8 p.m. at Laurel Park Place, there will be a Mardi Gras costume contest for children ages 4-12.

For more information, call 248-477-8450.

Hills woman re-elected to Karmanos board

The Oakland Regional Board of Trustees of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute recently announced the election of its officers for the year 2000.

The Oakland Regional Board of the Institute oversees and leads the community outreach efforts for the Institute in Oakland County.

Deanna Weisman of Farmington Hills has been re-elected as secretary. Weisman, a retired Oak Park school teacher, substitute teacher in West Bloomfield, and private tutor, has been active with the Oakland Region since 1991.

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