

# Hills crews ready for snow storm

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"We are prepared, as much as we can be,"  
As snow started from the sky  
Friday morning, Farmington.

Hills Director of Public Services  
Tom Bissell 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," Bissell  
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 operates  
15 heavy trucks with under-  
body and front plow blades,  
three mid-sized dump trucks and  
a fleet of pick-up trucks.

"We try to mobilize all we can,  
and that includes other depart-  
ments," Bissell said. "The engi-  
neering 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 roadway are  
treated with salt or a mix of salt  
and chemicals, depending on  
conditions, Bissell explained.

# Mardi Gras shopping continues

Laurel Park Place contin-  
ues its Mardi Gras shopping  
celebration through Saturday.  
March 4. Patrons can shop  
and select a Mardi Gras mask  
and enter to win a trip for two  
to New Orleans. The trip  
includes accommodations in  
the Dauphine Orleans in the  
French Quarter, a New  
Orleans shopping spree and  
entertainment.

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LAUREL PARK  
PLACE

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patrons. From 5-6 p.m. shop-  
ers can locate real char-  
acters as caricature artists draw  
them. The parade starts at 7 p.m.  
back with the grand finale  
from 1-3. Also on March 4  
March 2 is one of the University  
of the South's Mardi Gras  
celebrations. The parade starts  
at 7 p.m. and ends at 11 p.m.  
at the University of the South.  
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# 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.  
Danna 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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