

Trimming of trees under way

As winter winds give way to warmer temperatures, Detroit Edison line-clearance crews will continue their year-round tree trimming work in Farmington and Farmington Hills during March and April.

Detroit Edison will spend \$46 million this year to trim tree branches away from its power lines in

Southeastern Michigan. The utility trims an average of 800,000 trees each year to reduce the potential for power outages and help ensure safe, reliable electric service for customers. To that end, line-clearance crews maintain a 10-foot clearance between tree branches and power lines.

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recognized," said Cantrell, a 15-year city employee. "But, most of my accomplishments involved not just one person, but a group of people."

"This (award) represents the work of a lot of people in municipal finances."

According to Cantrell, the award touts her efforts with the Michigan Municipal Finance Officers Association.

Among her duties, Cantrell served as chair of the legislative committee and worked closely with Michigan Municipal League officers on various "fairly significant pieces of legislation ... dealing with municipal finance."

That legislation mostly dealt with financial accounting and reporting and investment of municipal funds.

Cantrell said it is important

for smaller communities, such as Farmington, to stay on top of such legislation. That's why she views herself as an information pipeline to city officials and residents on such matters.

"It's always a struggle when you're in a small community," she explained. "... If you're not involved in a professional organization you can get some unpleasant surprises."

Water rates not yet set for Hills

While the Detroit Water and Sewer Department has announced a water rate hike of 4.42 percent, Farmington Hills city officials haven't determined how that will affect local water rates.

City manager Steve Brock

said this week the City Council hasn't formally considered the issue. He and Public Services Director Thomas Bissell are looking at rates and will present their findings within the next few weeks.

Farmington's director of pub-

lic services Kevin Goshman said last week that city rates probably won't pass the increase on to consumers. If that proved true, he said, the increase will range from four to five percent.

Historic preservation is topic

Attention, anyone interested in historic buildings in Oakland County.

Learn how Michigan tax credits can help preserve historic buildings at a meeting of the Oakland County Historical Commission 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 25, at the Board of Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, in the

County Complex.

A workshop designed to help the Oakland's historical organizations will be held, and preservation issues will be addressed. For more information, call (348) 625-8181.

Seminar explores career options for women

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus will present "Exploring Career Options," a four-week seminar for women, beginning Wednesday, April 5.

The seminar costs \$60 and is open to the public. It meets 10 a.m. to noon, in the campus' J building, Room 308.

The informational and interactive seminar will help women assess where they are on the career development continuum.

It will also address the investigation of options, and developing and using skills by focusing on self-exploration, decision-making, values and interests. Above all, the seminar will help equip women to achieve their goals with new resources and motivation.

This seminar is sponsored by the Womencenter, a facility that provides educational and supportive resources for area women.

For further information call the Womencenter at (248) 522-3642.

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broke down: Middle school bands, seven 1's, two 11's; middle school orchestras, four 1's, three 11's; high school bands, five 1's, four 11's; high school orchestras, three 1's.

Meanwhile, following are the various bands and orchestras to participate in the festival:

■ Dunckel Middle School (4): seventh-grade orchestra, eighth-grade orchestra, Vicki Sharples, director; seventh-grade band, eighth-grade band, Larry Dettner, director.

■ East Middle School (5): seventh-grade orchestra, eighth-

grade orchestra, Tracey Riggs, director; seventh-eighth grade combination band, seventh-grade band, eighth-grade band, David Drake, director.

■ Power Middle School (4): seventh-eighth grade combination variety orchestra, seventh-eighth grade combination concert orchestra, Cathryn Armstrong; seventh-eighth grade combination variety band, seventh-eighth grade combination concert band, Richard Cardaccia, director.


■ Warner Middle School (3): seventh-eighth grade combination concert orchestra, Michelle Moffett, director; seventh-grade

band, eighth-grade band, Jack Hawkins, director.

■ Farmington High School (4): concert band, symphonic winds, John Parkinson, director; symphonic band, symphony orchestra, Norma Logan, director.

■ Harrison High School (4): concert band, wind ensemble, Jeannie Benson, director; symphonic band, symphony orchestra, Mark Phillips, director.

■ North Farmington High School (4): concert band, symphonic winds, symphony orchestra, Carl Gippert, director; symphonic band, Jason Lowe, director.



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