

City raises information, trash fees

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In addition to water and sewer rate increases, the City of Farmington will raise other fees beginning July 1.

For data provided on diskette/CD, each file copy is \$10 with a minimum charge of \$30. Most people ask for information on disk, according to city clerk Patsy Cantrell.

"When people are campaigning, they come in and get lists of people who are registered or who

voted in certain election," said Cantrell.

A printed, hard copy lists of all registered voters for each precinct is \$30; all precincts, \$180. For lists of those who voted in an election, the cost is \$20 for each precinct; for all precincts, \$120. The City of Farmington does not offer data requiring special preparation or that is not available on the State Qualified Voter File.

Data files may include all registered voters, registered voters

by precinct and all voters who voted in a particular election or by precinct.

The old voter list schedule charged two cents per name. One precinct was \$12.60 and all precincts were \$60. The clerk's office will no longer provide mailing labels.

In another department, rubbish and recycling fees for single family homes will go to \$61.69 from \$59.79 and condominiums to \$47 from \$45.63.

Victory celebration



STAFF PHOTO BY KATY BATHURST

And now we do the dance of joy: Members of the Farmington Hills-based Mid American All Star Pompon Team performed in Monday's parade in downtown Detroit celebrating the Red Wings Stanley Cup victory over the Carolina Hurricanes.

Rates

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from \$2.24 percent per 1,000 gallons to \$2.53 per 1,000 gallons."

Sewer expenditures for the coming year will increase reflecting Detroit charges and local maintenance costs. The local sewer rate recommendation is an increase from \$2.71 per \$1,000 to \$3.17 per 1,000 gallons.

The city also sells water on a wholesale and retail basis to customers outside the city. These customers reside in the City of Farmington Hills, he said.

"The administration is proposing that wholesale rates to outside customers be adjusted for both water and sewer to reflect the costs of providing the service," Lauhoff said. "The proposed changes were developed on the same basis as the water and sewer rates for the City of Farmington residents."

Suburban Detroit customers pay a charge called "Long Term Combined Sewer Overflow," developed by a formula for each community. That portion of the costs goes toward eliminating Detroit's combined sewer system.

"The cost to each Farmington customer will be \$5.66 per quarter for fiscal year 2002-2003," Lauhoff said. "The cost will be adjusted annually."

The city provides sewer service to two districts. The rates for each district are different as city costs are different. In the case of the Farmington Sewer District to outside customers, a major portion of the sewer improvements in this district are being paid through local property taxes, whereas residents in the City of Farmington Hills are not subject to the tax, Lauhoff said.

"Their sewer rates reflect an amount that is equal to that which they would have paid in property taxes to offset the cost of the new sewer improvements from which they benefit," Lauhoff said. "The cost of construction water and pool fills has also been modified to reflect the additional costs of the product."

Softball

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playing.

The energetic Fitzpatrick, who admits to being a go-getter even as a child, said she decided to retire from the organization — where she also coached — to focus on other aspects of her life. She has been working as an associate Realtor for the past nine years.

"I plan on being on board as an ad-hoc representative for probably another three or four years," she said of not completely walking away from the program. "I work 60-70 hours a week."

She said her husband Paul, who also coaches, and children, Steve, 30; Kathleen, 28; Maureen, 20; and Meghan, 13, have all been supportive in her efforts in helping local baseball.

Besides baseball, Fitzpatrick has been involved in other aspects of the community such as the PTA and Girl Scouts.

Ever since she was a child, she loved playing the game, she said.

"There is still nothing like grabbing a bat and glove and playing ball," she said with a smile.

Terry Sever, Oakland County commissioner for the Farmington area, said he's known Fitzpatrick for about 15 years, as his own children played in the leagues and he has been involved in the program as well.

"She loves being involved with the kids," he said of Fitzpatrick. "She's a great person who likes kids. She's given 200 percent. A lot of people have benefited in her leadership."

"She's a people person and a good role model for the girls," he added.

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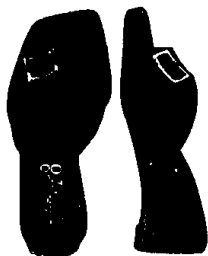
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