# Hills to honor contributions of volunteers

People who arve Farmington Hills on hoards and commissions volunteer to give time and energy in their areas of interest.

They meet in the evenings, som more a month, others two or three times a month, and yof them have a fine and will acknowledge that in an informal gathering at 5 p.m. Monday, March 6, in City Hall.

Mayor Terry Sever says it's time to say thank you. "It is important to recognize the folks at the grassroots level who give so much time and talent to the city," he said.

Members of the boards and commissions who served in the past will receive a plaque in recognizion of their years of service. They are:

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Leon Kohis — Denning
 Al Diebel — Commission to Increase Voter Participation
 Vince Valvona — Planning Commission.

Recognition in the form of a certificate will also be given to people who are long-standing members (nine years or more) still serving on a board or commission. They are:

Robert McConnell — Economic Development Corporation
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 John Anbut — Economic Development Corporation
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 Robert Beauchamp — Economic Development Corporation
 Haroune Alameddinc — Arts Commission

CONSTRUCTION The street of **TRAFFIC** 

A compromise has been reached that will allow traffic from the Drake, just north of 1-696. Only northbound turns onto Drake will Arboretum Office Park on 12 Mile to use this access road onto be allowed.

## Deal creates Drake access road

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• Floyd Cains — Economic Development Corporation
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• Robert Beauchamp — Economic Development Corporation
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• Kathryn Briggs — Historical Commission
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• Albert Mochiman — Historical Commission.

cess road in December, Drake residents agreed to accept the access road providing that traffic volume was minimized with the prohibition on left-turn lanes from the access

park is completed. The study also shows that if, and when, 12 Mile is widened to five lanes or a boulevard, the White Plains intersection will be a mess unless access is provided at Drake Road.

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The compromise also calls for a traffic signal at White Plains and 12 Mile to offset traffic congestion from the office park because of the left-turn prohibition onto Drake.
Council members agreed to withhold the opening of the access road until the traffic signal at White Plains and 12 Mile is installed.
Residents, in turn, agreed they would approach the Oakland County Road Commission to lobby for the signal and to continue pressing for the long-planned widening project on 12 Mile.

ACCORDING TO a study by Barton-Aschman Associates, Southfield, Infile is projected at approximately 1,180 morning and 1,045 afternoon trips when the four-building office acceptance of the control of the continue project on the continue propriet and proposed and project on the continue project on the cont

able to run south on Drake from the access road) out into the intersection." Arnold said.

A lot of effort has been made for Drake Road residents but in comparison to other major roads in the clty, such as Halsted and Farmington Road, Drake is not overloaded with traffic, Arnold said. Consider that recently paved Halsted carries 11,000 cars and Farmington Road, according to counts two years ago, carried 16,000.

If the traffic counts taken by Barton-Aschman, which some residents disagreed with, were nerceased 50 percent, Drake would carry 5,000 vehicles. "I think the primary concern of the city is safety." Arnold added the city is safety. Arnold added the CHUMD EVELOPER Peter Button accepted the compressions.

ARBORETUM DEVELOPER Peter Burton accepted the comprise. "We shall fully support this action and additionally, shall agree to designing in Drake Road exit system which physically (by design) only permits right turns when this (White Plains) traffic signal is approved; Burton wrote to Farmington Hills public services director Tom Blaston. Though councilwoman Jean Fox voted with the majority, she offered skepticism about preventing left turns on Drake. "You've got to come up with a concept that's fooliprof to every driver who wants to turn left."



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