

# MALLS & MAINSTREETS

## Anchors from page 11A

"This is our first store in Bloomfield Hills," said Michele Toland, Kmart's new store specialist. "Our customer base for this store will be Pontiac, the Bloomfield and the southeast corner of Auburn Hills."

With the opening of the Kmart next month, some parking lot improvements and lots of exterior lighting, something plaza customers and retailers have been requesting for years.

"We're very excited about the changes at the shopping center," said Debbie Porco, manager of the Burlington Coat Factory at the plaza. "We hope Kmart will bring in lots of traffic and much-needed

parking lot improvements. I understand the landscaping will be updated too. This all ties in with the customer improvements we're trying to make at this Bloomfield store. We're turning things around in customer service, cleanliness and organization."

Bloomfield Township clerk Wilma Cotton said site plan approval was given a few months ago for the south end of the plaza to be torn down to make way for a Home Quarters. She said the Home Quarters would be open sometime next year.

Old tenants of the south end, like Minnesota Fabrics, will move into space in the north end.

"The township is always anxious for improvements," Cotton said. "We got a commitment from the center that landscape and parking improvements would be made. We welcome these plans, in fact, we're anxious for them to get underway."

Home Quarters is a Minneapolis-based home improvement chain that has been expanding in the Midwest. Their warehouse style of merchandising requires significant acreage to begin an operation. The Bloomfield Town Square site on 45 acres of prime retail property. It's owned by R. D. Bloomfield Associates of New Jersey. Current retailers include Burlington Coat Factory, T.J. Maxx, Linens and More, F&M, El Bee shoes, Aco Hardware, Minne-

sota Fabrics, 13 Below, a cleaners and a post office branch.

Nearby restaurants include Burger King, McDonald's, Scooper's, Mountain Jack's, Uncle Eddie's and Chi-Chi's.

In May, a Frank's Nursery and Crafts store moved in across the street after remodeling the former Children's Palace location. The Frank's came north after outgrowing the spot at Maple and Telegraph, soon to be a Barnes and Noble store.

The Frank's at Telegraph and Square Lake is a super store that carries pet supplies in addition to expanded craft supply lines. Assistant manager Diana Slosser said to serve south Oakland county residents, a Frank's will open soon in the Tel-Twelve Mall.

## Buys from page 11A

"I really liked the store," he said. "Salespeople were not pushy, you feel welcome to take your time and look around, yet help is there when you need it. I thought the CDs were fairly cheap — \$10.98 for most."

The Hung family of Redford came looking for a camcorder. They said they found the staff at the video booth knowledgeable and helpful.

Loretta Hysz of Westland, also in Best Buys shopping for a camcorder, marveled at the large selection in front of her and the hands-on display.

"This is my first time here," she said. "The store is so clean and bright, not like other appliance stores. I really like the way

they have the merchandise all out front with big, easy-to-read price tags everywhere. You can take time to make up your own mind."

Best Buys regional manager Mike Keskey said lots of attention was paid to customer requests when Best Buys was set up.

"Shoppers tell me they like the convenience," he said. "They like our prices, certainly the lowest in the market. They like being able to walk in, grab a shopping cart and leisurely browse the store without high pressure sales talk."

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The non-profit chorus will serve delectable edibles and give potential new chorus members a sample of the four-part harmony, barbershop music that Tiger fans will hear at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull Wednesday, Sept. 16 before Detroit takes on Toronto. Spirit of Detroit will sing both the American and Canadian national anthems before the game.

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