

# Rescue becomes family tradition

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After 10 years, Farmington Hills' sponsorship of the Rouge River cleanup is becoming a tradition.

And this year, on Saturday, June 3, volunteers will gather at the river to take part in the rite of spring again, but at a slightly different location.

The registration and cleanup will be on the west side of Tuck Road across from Botsford Commons in Section 35 of the city. The address is 21330 Tuck.

"I don't think I've missed one yet," said Hills Councilwoman Nancy Bates. "It's a wonderful

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Nancy Bates  
city councilwoman

thing, and it's something for the whole family."

Parents should take the environment seriously and pass on that lesson to their children, Bates said.

"You can bet that after a kid fishes a tire out of the river he's not going to want to throw one in it," she said.

Councilman Jon Bates, a strong

supporter of the event, said the city staff has done a good job of making the event a tradition.

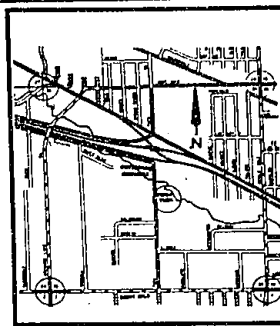
The city expects from 200-300 volunteers who will help clean up the river. Since the work can be wet and dirty, volunteers should wear boots, old clothing and gloves. Gloves will be available at the site.

Registration begins at 8 a.m.

with the work going from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Coffee and juice are provided during the work session and volunteers will be given lunch and a T-shirt after the event.

The cleanup is part of an area-wide effort to clean the river from debris and logjams that have come about over the years. About 50 city employees will take part in the cleanup, many of them using equipment such as chain saws. Volunteers will be doing strictly manual labor.

The festive atmosphere of the event has helped to make the tradition both successful and enjoyable, Bates said.



## Village Green taps new vice president



Diane

director of acquisitions and mar-

ket research. The announcement was made by Village Green Residential Properties' President Jeff Roberts.

In her position, Batey is responsible for locating potential properties for renovations as well as land for new construction. She also coordinates the renovation and repositioning of existing property acquisitions.

In addition, Batey oversees all market research to determine target market areas for the company's expansions throughout the Midwest.

"Diane is the ideal example of our company's promotions from within program," Roberts said. "She began with our company as a part-time leasing consultant in 1980, and has been continually promoted due to her skills and talents."

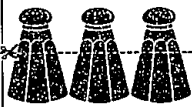
Batey received a bachelor of arts degree in political science and economics as well as a master's degree in administration from the University of Michigan. Founded in 1919, the Village Green Companies of Farmington Hills, include Village Green Man-

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Annie received a varsity letter in swimming. She plans to study medicine after she graduates.

Annie, the daughter of Bob and Betty Jacobs, has a brother, Charlie, 18, and a sister, Chrissy, 20.

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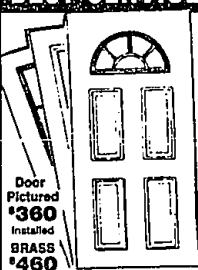
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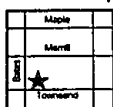
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