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Bush said she hasn't heard from much from the public about what specific issues are important to them.

A couple residents have asked about the sever proposal also on the Nov. 6. ballet.

"It's pretty clear what we are doing," Bush said. "We calculate we are saving more than 70-75 percent over traditional repair methods."

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Bush would like to see more people attend council meetings and always welcomes residents. The rezoning of Baker Street Draparies enriler in the year brought people to meetings, but most go by quickly.

"Historically, we haven't had a lot of controversial issues," Bus said. 'We have an open door policy, and we are all very accessible. We dort always agree, but we generally come to consensus.

She finds pride in many accomplishments: including the purchase of the historic Civic Theatre by the city and the construction of the playscape at Shiawassee Park, while she was mayor. 'It's a state-of the-art playscape which has been very well used," Bush said.

She was "extremely pleased".

when the Michigan Municipal League presented the city an award for the acquisition and renovation of the Civic.

She wants to see more use of the theater and the council acconsidered forming a community commission to increase its usage. "There's opportunities there that we need to tap into."

She is also supportive of the changes at the city-owned Warner Mansion. "We are blessed to have Linda Horvath (the new curator)," Bush said. "She will change the whole tone of the mansion."

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As a real estate agent, Bush recognizes when certain issues could present a conflict of interest. She said she abstained from voting when Sunny Day Care, a property she had listed, came hefore the city. It's located on Slocum in the former United States Past Office site.

Situations like that haven't happened often, she said.

Bush is hoping for more redevelopment on the cast ond of town at the Krueger facility and the former Dommer dealership, would be filled up, 'she said.

Bush is also concerned about the continued cuts in state revenue sharing, monies communities receive from the state which then impact the city budget. Those have been reduced every year, she said.

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sent. The 60-year-old manager of technical support operations has worked at Ford Motor Company

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raised by concerned voters, not the least of which is the biggest road construction project going on in the community this year.

"A lot of residents are looking forward to Farmington Road being done," said Campbell, a Birchwood residen. "I usually have to explain to them the difference between a city road and a county road. Basically, Farmington Road is being controlled by Oakland County." Neighbors are also asking about the upcoming sower proposal on Nov. 6 and are supportive, Campbell said. They see the need for sewer repair.

He's proud of the sewer separation projects of former Farming-roice in 1994, one of the last projects of former Farming-than City Manager Bob Deadman. "We were able to get cheap financing from the state so we saved a lot of money for the residents," he said.

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The creation of the Farming-ton Downtown Devolopment Authority in 1989 was also a plus. He believes the city's current commercial occupancy rate is 90 percent.

The Uptown Plaza at Grand River and Orchard Lake is about 60 percent or under, he said.

The re-formation of the Beautification Committee, plans for a community pavilion in the

Farmington Downtown Center, and the completed playscape at Shiawassee Park promote pride, he said. He's especially concerned about reinstituting the Beautification Committee. Campbell believes the change in the direction of the Warner Manssion with new curator, Linda Horvath, will make a difference.

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"We will be able to understand what we have in there," Campbell said. "In the past we've taken a lot of things in but we never correlated what they had to do with the past."

Aside from the \$30,000 operational budget, Horvath could raise money through fund-raisers. "It won't be a bottomless trough from the city's standpoint," Campbell said.

The Farmington Civic Thatre's recent numbers show that the city-owned theater on Grand River, east of Farmington Road is close to breaking even, Campbell said. "We are generating more money out of the theater than what we anticipated," Campbell said. "We are generating more money out of the theater than what we anticipated," Campbell said.

That doesn't mean they aren't interested, it just reflects the busy lifestyle everybody has," Campbell said.

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repair. It is expected to save money and maintain the lines so as to avoid leaks and breaks. "This is the right way to go," Mitchell said. "You're concerned about the senior citizens because they are on a fixed income. They are paying for it as well as the rest of us. I think they understand this is what we need to do."

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He's also heard about a variety of issues, like middle school students dropping trash on lawns and speeders on Power Road. He's bringing those concerns to school and city administrators. Mitchell favors combining elections, as opposed to having special elections throughout the year. "I think people in this community are well-educated about what's on the ballot and what we need to do."

Mitchell and Councilwomen Joanne McShane stepped off the Warner Mansion Committee this summer. The elected officials felt they had served their usefulness. "We got the feeling that the committee wanted to move along without us," he said.

Director Linda Horvath was hired as museum director about two months later. "It's a good change and will create a better structure," he said.

Fund-raising will be necessary for special things like rehabili-

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Mitchell isn't worried about finding those dollars. He said different groups of people with varied interests are attracted to different projects like the Warner. Mansion and the Walter Sundquist Community Pavilion.

He's personally proud of the city's Civic Theatre purchase. "We're starting to get the movies in while they are still at the first-run theaters." Mitchell said. "It increased our attendance." He wants to concentrate on bringing new business to the city. One area of interest is Grand River and Orchard Lake. It's a gatewey to the community and he hopes someone will make the control of the contro

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