## HARVEST

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English Gardens carries PAR kits that include row markers

In the meantime, you can visit a PAR garden and offer to

visit a PAR garden and offer to help this year. For more information on how to start a PAR garden, and to learn about drop-off times, call Ree Taylor, community development director for Forgotten Harvest, at (248) 350-3663. For Plant a Row for the Hungry information, call (877) 492-2727, or visit www.gwaa.org.

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## **FLOWERS**

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geraniums.
Four artistic structures made
of aluminum tubes with a leaf
design are placed along the
street. An ornamental spinach
vine and variegated flowering
vines reach to the top. Donna
Papatheedorropolus, a teacher
at the vocational technical center, donated these art pieces.
Proceeds from a yearly
greens market and other
endeavors support the clubs
projects. Elena Forbes is chairman of the project, and Grace
Savage and Louise Mauti are
oc-hairs.
In downtown Rochester,
Thump outs' at every corner

"bump outs" at every corner contain flowers and shrubs. Plantings are changed accord-ing to season (i.e., tulips in the

ing to season (i.e., tulps in the spring).

These beds are just off the curb, with cement surrounding them. M-DOT doesn't allow permanent structures on side-walks near the streets.

The Downtown
Development Authority hires private contractors to plant and maintain the beds. All of the beds are equipped with sprinkler systems.

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Nancy F. Voges Dowtown Rochester Development Authority

The beds are adorned with a variety of colorful plants such as blue salvia, pink and white begonias, dayliles, purple petunias and yellow marguerites. A row of evergreens stretches down the middle of each bed, according without privates in the results with the interest.

row of evergreens stretches down the middle of each bed, assuring winter interest.

The public parking lots are enclosed with brick walls, and flowering plants grace the corners. Benches are placed on side streets to allow shoppers to rest and relax. Parking is free in the lots.

"Overall downtown has been spruced up, light poles have been painted, brick pavers installed and the benches are new, said Nancy F. Voges, administrative assistant, Downtown Rochester Development Authority. "It's an ongoing process."

Crown vetch has been planted on the hillside at the Farmers Market to make the area more attractive. A master gardener is present to answer questions each market day.

Twenty-six very large, 40-inch tall pots are filled with colorful flowers and also a number of fanging baskets to beautify the city.

The new florals reiterate currentment to making Birmingham a top destination.

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Four structures support ornamental spinach vines and variegated flowering vines in Clarkston.

for eelectic shops, great enter-tainment and beautiful scenery," said John Heiney, executive director of the Birminghun Principal Shopping District. The planters are used year-round, from spring displays to winter evergreens, to create four-season beautification. Additionally, freeform flower bees have been planted and

beds have been planted and maintained by three trained horticulturists with the city Department of Public Services.



Flowerpots in Birmingham add a bright note to the city.



Elana Forbes (center) is chairman of the city improvement project of the Clarkston Branch of WKF&G Association. Also-shown are Cathy Grogan and sons Byron and Hank, Sally Shields, Sue Sutherland, and Pat Evans and granddaughter Emily White.

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