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neighborhood, which is undergo-ing its dwn transition, and Dan-Devine, Bloomfield Township treasures, who is involved in the study group. "Over the last few years, that neighborhood has been trans-forming into a picture-book neighborhood community." Devines said, for the communities at large is also great, said

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ties at large is an open Devine. St. Tim very excited, he said. The product is wonderful. It's very descriptive of the potential and the possibilities for the entire corridor. There's only up sides to the many from here.

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Many of the 'flowntown-like' design features included in the plan and the pedestrian-friendly features the into ongoing efforts in Keego Harbor to rebuild its business district in the Orchard Lake Road-Cass Lake Road area.

As it relates to Keego Harbor, we, of all six communities, are trying to re-establish a true central business district downtown and that is really recognized in

tral business district downtown and that is really recognized in this plan, said Jim Murphy, Keege Harbor city manager. Three-story buildings that have entrances right on the corner of two busy streets, for example, are suggested as desirable designs for businesses in the plan. businesses in the plan.
Streetscape features and common signage are included as ties between the various districts along the corridor.

The idea is not to try to make everything look the same, but to enhance what is already there,"
Bird said.

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The varying characteristics throughout the Orchard Lake Road corridor are recognized and celebrated in the plan. The north gateway at Telegraph would include orchards tyle landscaping with monumental signs, lighting and sculptural style landscaping with monumental signs, lighting and sculptural features. Orchard Lake Road and Cass Lake Road in Keepo Harbor would include architectural designs reminiscent of an historic discount on the plan enhance the area's small business base and Main Street feel.

Just south of the Keepo Harbor would include architectural Bloomfield Township sections of the corridor is the scenic lakes district. Improvements to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources public access sist to Orchard Lake include a pedestrian-friendly park atmosphere that opens the water's edge to passessible through the plan. The neighborhood commercial district is the section between Lone Pine Road and Pontiac Trail, which transitions between small businesses and residential to the higher density business district to the south.

Creating an entrance to the trail network and connections to the local ahops and restaurants is used and pontial content of the south.

the local shops and restaurants is one goal in this district. Improved lighting and access between the trail and the road are also includ-

ed.
The section between Maple and Lone Pine is filled with and Lone Pine is filled with schools, houses and places of worship. The plan proposes a net-work of wetland-friendly board-walks be built in the areas on the west side of Orehard Lake Road to be used for environmental edu-cational warrosses.

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Further south, the corridor becomes a hectie hodge podge of commercial buildings, shopping plazas and restaurants.
A streetscape theme, open space enhancements and reconsparing parking lots along this stretch are among proposed improvements which would coincide with the future round-about interactions at Power Road, Maple and 16 Mille, Round-about are also planned for the Pontine Trull and Long Lake Road interactions.

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Each community has chipped in money for the plan, but cre-ative fund-raising will be needed for implementation, said Montante. "But, to get this far, implemen-

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"But, to get this far, implementation will happen," she said. "I'm hoping we can get all of the resources together to do this.
The group's enthusiasm is sure to catch on.

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"Over time, the residents and business owners will take advantage of the project and make it their own," said Devine, of Bloomfield Township. "It will take time, but you've got to start somewhere and I think this is a great start."

Mayor honored for work with youth

In recognition of her out-standing efforts in support of Michigan families, Farmington Hills Mayor Nancy Bates has been selected to receive a pres-tigious state award that will be presented at the Capitol Rotunda in Lansing on Tuesday during the National Family Week Kick-Off ceremo-ny.

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Bates was selected by a commates was selected by a com-mittee representing three state organizations: the Michigan Federation for Children and Families, the Michigan Family Forum, and Michigan's

Children.

"We're pleased to be able to recognize Mayor Nancy Bates for her tremendous contributions to children and families, said William Long, executive director of the Michigan Federation for Children and Families. Bates is the only public official in the state of Wichigan to receive the honor.

Michigan to receive the honor. Bates has dedicated herself to supporting and strengthening families. She launched the Commission for Children,

major role in establishing a community foundation, which secures outside funding for the community's four after-school Youth Centers, an innovative program for middle-school stuprogram for minute-season dents that serves as a national

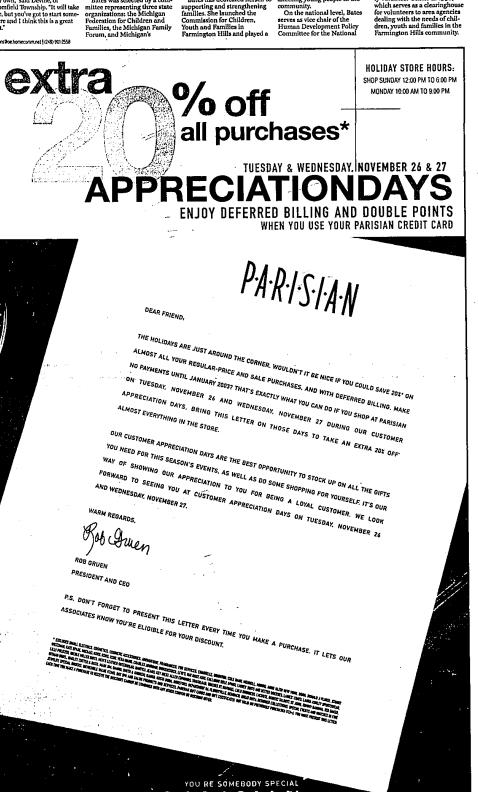
model.

She also helped establish the
Mayors Youth Council, which
advises City Council on issues
affecting young people in the

League of Cities (NLC) and is a board member of the NLC's Institute for Youth, Education

and Families.

Last year, Bates received the Last year, Bates received the George Rommey Volunteer of the Year Award. With former Governor Rommey and the Commission for Children, Youth and Famillies, Bates helped establish the community Volunteer Center in 1995, which serves as a clearinghouse for volunteers to area agencies dealing with the needs of children, youth and famillies in the Farmington Hills community.



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