

FAIRLANE TOWN CENTER

Farmington office built with handicapped in mind

The first commercial building constructed in Farmington Hills in compliance with new state laws regarding features for handicapped persons will be ready for occupancy soon.

Construction of the Woodcrest Office Center, 3275 Northwestern Highway, is on schedule. Tenants will begin moving in during December, according to Phillip Kopman, owner of the two-story 60,000-square-foot structure.

The city has told us that we're the first commercial structure built for lease out here to have included all the special features for handicapped persons the law now requires," said Kopman.

We know we're also one of the first in the entire metropolitan area to meet all requirements. Woodcrest is a model of what all such buildings must be in the way of

standards for the handicapped from now on," he said.

The building includes structural features designed to make it easier for handicapped persons to conduct business.

SEVEN 12-foot-wide parking spaces are located immediately in front of the building entrances for handicapped visitors and tenants. Regular parking spaces are one foot wide. The extra width allows room for transferring handicapped persons into wheelchairs.

Both entrances have wheelchair ramps. All the water fountains in the building are structured so that persons in wheelchairs can drink while seated.

All bathrooms have raised sinks and counters which allow wheelchairs to be maneuvered under them. All hot water

pipes will be insulated. Extra wide toilet stalls in all bathrooms allow room for wheelchairs. The special stalls include handrails.

There are braille elevator buttons for the blind.

Doors leading to potentially dangerous areas, such as electrical and mechanical rooms, have specially designed knurled knobs to warn blind persons.

All of these measures should make it easier for handicapped people to use the building, and we know all will be much appreciated by those who need them," Kopman said.

You would have to need all of the special features to know how important they really are, but we've gained a feeling for the need just by incorporating the measures into our design," he said.

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Residents face number change in northern Farmington Hills

Some 8,000 telephone customers in Farmington Hills, Birmingham, Westland, Ferndale, Royal Oak, and Oak Park will start using new phone numbers next spring, according to Michigan Bell.

John Kahn, customer relations manager, said these customers will receive new phone numbers as their service is transferred to exchanges served by electronic switching equipment.

By transferring the service of these customers to other switching offices, we are able to free those 8,000 numbers for others to use," said Kahn.

At the time the numbers are changed, he said, these customers will be able to subscribe to the company's custom calling features, which include call waiting, call forwarding, three-way calling and speed calling.

The changeover to the new phone numbers will coincide with the publication and delivery of the N. Area phone book next spring.

The 1977 directories will contain all the new listings.

Both business and residential customers in the affected areas are being notified of

the changes, and have been assigned their new numbers.

In the Farmington Hills area, mainly 24,000 customers with the numbers beginning with 474, 475 and 476 will have new numbers starting with 473.

The customers are those who live in the area bounded by Haggerty north to 14 Mile, east to Farmington Road, south to 11 Mile, east to Orchard Lake and south to 10 Mile and west to Haggerty.

In the Birmingham area, some 1,000 customers with phone numbers beginning with 642, 644, 646 and 647 will have the new numbers beginning with 643 or 649.

The area is bounded by the Grand Trunk railroad north to Derby, east to Elm, north to Foxes Glen, east to Goodridge, south to 14 Mile and west to the railroad.

About 2,000 customers with 629, 631 and 633 numbers will be changed to 661 line numbers.

The area is bounded by Haggerty north to 14 Mile and one-half mile east to Hallstead, north around Pleasant Lake to Hallstead Lake Road, east to Farmington Road, south to 14 Mile and west to Haggerty.

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Eastern graduates Farmington students

Eastern Michigan graduated several Farmington area residents last semester. They are: Debra Lynn Giv, 3250 Edmon- ton, BS; Kathy Sue Hardin, 3212 North- wick, BBA and Anne Giesler, 2418 Adams Court, BFA.

Other graduates are: Tanya Ann Fink, of 3290 Grand River, MA; Donald Carl Gee, 3207 Meadowlark, MA and Judy White Jackson, of 3219 Hayes, MA.

Among the class are: Sharon Ann Bondy, 3345 Crescent Court, MA; Ronald Plutar, 2381 Hayes, MA and Dianne Drueckemiller, 2311 Kirkside Lane, MA.

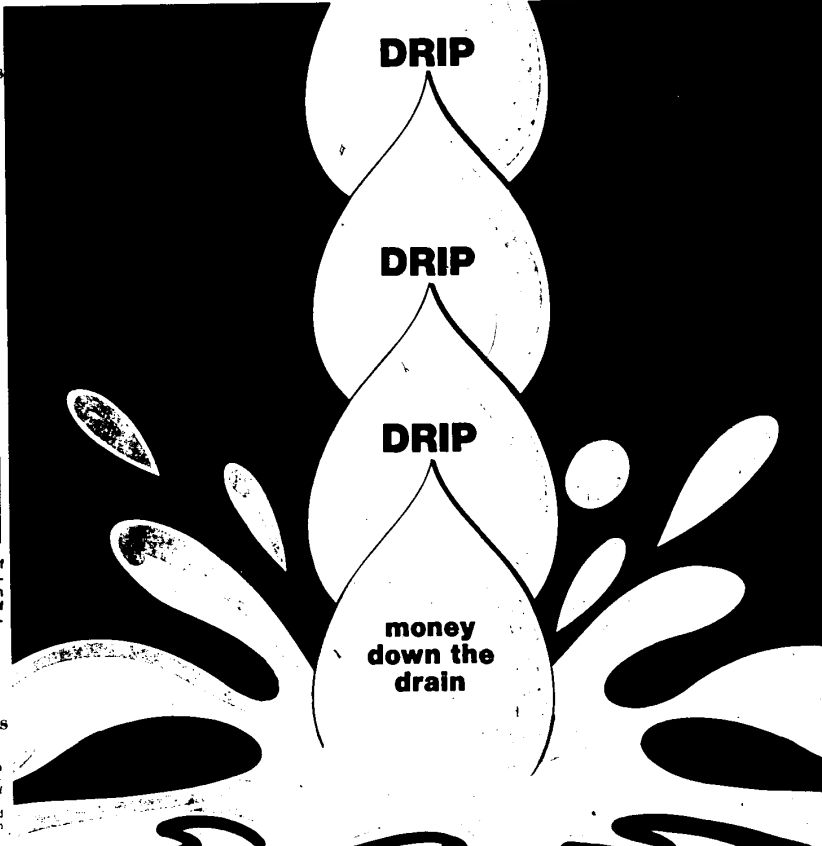


Earl Fortin, vice-president of Metropolitan Savings Association, Farmington, has been elected to the 1976-77 Board of Governors of the Michigan Manufactured Housing Institute.

Clancy gets a post in insurance leaders

William Clancy, an agent for Canada Life Assurance Company, was elected a director of the Life Insurance Leaders of Michigan.

The Farmington Hills resident attended the 38th annual meeting of the group in Southfield, recently.



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