

Additional senior housing is built along Middlebelt

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special writer

Micropolis Village is a new addition to senior housing in Farmington Hills.

On Middlebelt Road south of 11 Mile, the 68 ranch-styled units are clustered together on a 12-acre site to simulate a small city which is exactly what the Greek word "micropolis" means.

The homes are designed for seniors, featuring optional first floor laundrys and full basements for storage. Basement ceilings are high, designed for easy, drop-ceiling finishing.

Admission requires that one resident in each home must be at least 62 years of age.

"Everything is very concisely laid out to give as much mileage as possible," said Michael Parrott, marketing director.

THE TWO-BEDROOM condominiums are available in four floor plans and start at \$98,900. An attached one-car garage is available

This new Farmington Hills community for seniors is designed to simulate a small city, which the Greeks call a 'micropolis.'

with some homes as well as a carport option.

Developer Peter Zervos, president of Zervos Development in Southfield, is proud of the park-like setting of the units. A one-mile walking/bicycle path will allow residents to exercise without leaving the grounds. Outside, five gazebos provide meeting places for social gatherings.

"Basically what we're trying to do is facilitate seniors," said Zervos.

Walkways are lighted and free of vehicles. "We want it to be comfortable for seniors to walk around even at night. The lights will be on all night," he added.

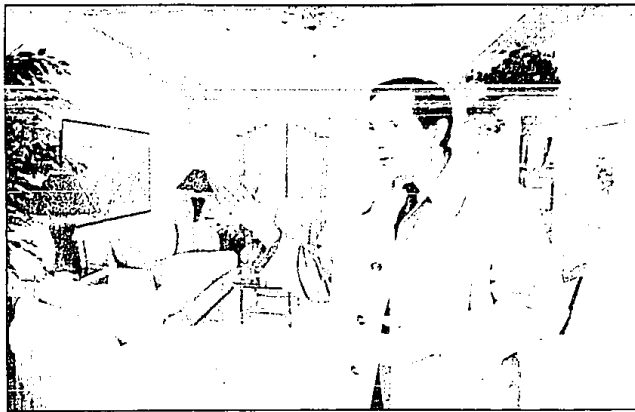
Exterior post lamps are in front of each home. In addition, post lamps are placed in landscaped open areas. An interior security system is available.

OTHER FEATURES include: double thick walls for added privacy, copper plumbing and wiring, solid wood doors, block glass basement windows and individual heating and air conditioning.

The floors are Trus Joint Floors, often called the "Silent Floor" which are engineered to resist warping, shrinking and other problems common to ordinary lumber, therefore resulting in no squeaks. Builders say squeaky floors result when the floor has separated from an uneven joist. When stepped on, the floorboard will squeak as it rubs against the pulled nail.

About 30 persons have expressed an interest in the units since the models opened just recently, said Zervos.

For further information, call Michael Parrott, marketing director, 473-8180.



Peter Zervos, architect for Micropolis Village in Farmington Hills, shows an interior view of one unit.



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Micropolis Village, on Middlebelt Road between 11 and 10 Mile roads, is designed with seniors in mind.

Boy Scouts go international

Boy Scout Troop 179, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills, held its annual International Dinner at Farmington High School Jan. 10.

Troop 179's four patrols and Leadership Corps prepared and served traditional recipes from India, Italy, Mexico, Korea and China.

Included were pakora, an Indian breaded potato disk; an Italian prosciutto and melon hors d'oeuvre; Mexican green chili bites; Korean bulgogi, a barbecued beef teraki and a Chinese vegetable and beef stir fry.

Troop 179's Moose patrol, under patrol leader Doug Dillman, won top honors for the best food and table presentation at the dinner.

David Kianuja, a Moose patrol member, provided advice on the preparation and presentation of Indian food.

"Every year we're getting better, expanding our abilities to understand the different countries and their ways of living and cooking," said Rae Bodo of Farmington Hills, the mother of three Eagle Scouts.

TROOP 179, with 37 Scouts, is led

by Scoutmaster Chuck Williams and senior patrol leader Kevin Walter.

Its annual International Dinner provides an opportunity for the troop's families to meet in fellowship as well as for the Scouts to fulfill one of the requirements for Citizenship in the World Merit Badge.

Troop 179 meets every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church, on Farmington Road near 11 Mile.

Boys who are interested in becoming Scouts are invited, along with their families, to attend the meetings.

Biblical story told in musical

St. Fabian Catholic Church in conjunction with the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of Bread for the World will present the musical, "Lazarus" at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 5 in the church.

The play "Lazarus" is the biblical story of the rich man and the beggar

based on the Gospel of Luke (Chapter 16:19-31). Using contemporary musical styles, "Lazarus" brings Luke's narrative into today's world — to any place where extreme wealth and poverty rub against each other.

The church is at 32200 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

The purpose of the musical production is to highlight the problems of hunger and poverty in the dual contexts of biblical faith and the modern world.

A free-will offering will be taken up to benefit the works of Bread for the World.

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