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CIVIL ENGINEER HEAD

Richard F. Beaubien, transportation director at Hubbell, Roth & Clark, a Bloomfield Hills consulting engineering firm, is the new president of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

He has 24 years of experience in municipal traffic engineering, transportation planning, traffic system operations, and federal aid for highway planning and research.

His goals as ASCE president are to inform the public of the close connection between economic growth and investments in public works improvements and to promote awareness of civil engineering as a people-serving profession.

The registered professional engineer is past president of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

Beaubien is now working on a Hubbell, Roth & Clark project for MDOT involving plans for early deployment of advanced traffic management systems in metro Detroit.

SELECTS ARCHITECT

Kenneth Neumann/Joel Smith and Associates, a Southfield-based architecture and interior design firm, has been chosen by the Construction Association of Michigan to provide interior design services for their new Farmington Hills offices.

Meanwhile, Sherry Innes, ASID, has joined the firm as an interior designer. She has 18 years of interior design experience, including corporate, health care, municipal, government, educational and institutional clients.

Innes is certified by the National Council for Interior Design Qualification.

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Beaubien

Sense of community keys new sub

Affordable housing can be a subjective phrase. But three well-known builders have combined to offer what they say is a great deal for buyers in West Bloomfield. Their plan? Quality construction on 100-foot lots with sidewalks, tree-lined streets and a series of interconnected parks.

By DOUG FUNKE

Staff Writer

Put together new houses of 2,100 square feet in West Bloomfield with strict architectural controls at prices starting in the low \$200,000s and what have you got?

Spring Meadow, a subdivision developed and built by a partnership involving Ivanhoe-Huntley of West Bloomfield, S.R. Jacobson Development of Birmingham and MJC West of Macomb Township.

Ninety lots have been platted in the first phase of the development and 20 already have sold. An additional 62 houses are planned for phase two.

"It's unbelievable," said Gary Shapiro, Ivanhoe president. "There's nothing selling faster that I know of. The thrust of the development was to create a community, something different... a family-oriented community."

That includes sidewalks throughout the subdivision, three trees evenly spaced in front of every house to one day give a leafy canopy effect and several vest-pocket parks.

"Each of the parks is different," Shapiro said. "A nature preserve has picnic tables, barbecues, a trail around a pond where people can enjoy nature and a more passive use."

"English Oaks is a playground with swings and monkey bars. The third one has a quaint gazebo and a picnic table, barbecue and deck. All are geared for interconnected use."

Each of the partners has built one model at the sales center, but all



Inviting entrance: Landscaping is one of many amenities developers hope will draw buyers to the family/community lifestyle at Spring Meadow.

three can build any model and will do so on a rotation basis. All models offer several exterior elevations and a three- or four-bedroom option.

The partners combined outstanding elements of previous individual models into brand new offerings for Spring Meadow.

The Grand Cypress, constructed by S.R. Jacobson, has all bedrooms including the master suite and a second full bath upstairs. A living room, din-

ing room, kitchen, breakfast area, family room, library, powder room and utility room are on the main floor.

The three-bedroom model, 2,400 square feet, carries a basic price of \$218,500.

The Turnberry, built by MJC, has the same basic elements and configuration as the Grand Cypress, except it's a little smaller. The 2,150-square-foot, three-bedroom model is priced

at \$207,500.

The Augusta, erected by Ivanhoe-Huntley, places the master suite on the main floor, two bedrooms and a full bath upstairs. The main level also has a kitchen, breakfast area, dining room/great room and library. The model, 2,160 square feet, costs \$219,500.

Two other models — a two- or

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Hemlock's large porch greets you

Round columns support a welcoming front porch that spans the front of the Hemlock and wraps around to the left. One the second level, two decorative columns flank a dormer with a graceful arched window.

The entry is vaulted to the second-floor ceiling and brightened by the overhead dormer. An open balustrade on the right curves up to the second floor where a landing overlooks the foyer. Three bedrooms, each with a built-in desk, share a compartmentalized bathroom on this level. A linen closet, two storage closets and a clothes chute to the utility room below line the hallway.

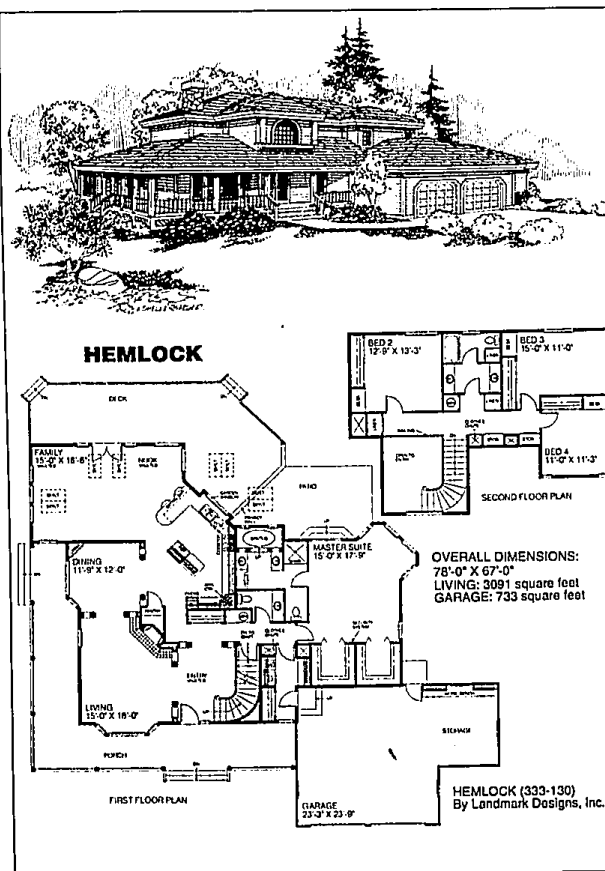
Stately columns similar to those on the exterior mark the passageways that separate the living room, entry and dining room from each other and from the informal living areas at the back of the home. The shape of the hearth mirrors bay windows in the dining room and living room.

The family room/kitchen is large and bright. In the family room, skylights add to the illumination provided by windows and French doors. Tropical plants thrive in the garden window in front of the sink and the nook is windowed on two sides. Other features in the kitchen include generous counter space, an appliance center, built-in appliances, a pantry and an eating bar.

The sumptuous master suite has a boxed-out sitting bay, ideal for reading, sewing or even a desk. Matching walk-in closets provide abundant storage for clothing. Luxury features in the master bathroom include an oversized shower, twin toilets, a vanity and a raised spa tub flanked by columns. Sliders open onto a private patio, separated from the deck by a privacy wall.

A small powder room is just a few steps away, across from a large utility room, complete with cabinets, a counter and a closet for hanging up freshly ironed clothes.

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