

Grand River Village - Where Living is a Vacation

If you're a person who wants to count your retirement years as being among the happiest years of your life you'll feel right at home living at Grand River Village retirement community.

This community of active adults is located at 36550 Grand River in Farmington Hills. Grand River Village is entering its eighth successful year.

"We're a retirement community that offers lots of services for residents including meals, house cleaning and lots of activities," said Marguerite Casey, Executive Director. "We're a real active community."

Some of the activities seniors can engage in include bingo, current events, playing cards and seeing the various entertainers who visit the center. In addition to these regular activities, there are lots of special events too.

For example, the center is currently preparing for its fourth annual senior prom. The student council of Farmington High School sponsors the event and treats the seniors to a band, munchies and the chance to get dressed up for a gala dance.

"It's a wonderful event," Casey said. "Everyone really looks forward to it every year."

Other special events include a Hawaiian Luau, Vegas night and a Valentine's Day concert at Temple Beth El.

There are 174 residents currently living in the 164 apartments at the Village. Eighty percent of the apartments have cooking facilities, Casey said, noting that the typical apartment has a living room, kitchen, bedroom and bath.

"They also all have a small screened-in patio which residents really love," Casey said. "We also allow pets, which is something they really enjoy."

There are many things that make Grand River Village stand out as a special place to live.

"I think we have a warm, friendly, homey atmosphere here," Casey said. "To me, my residents are just like my extended family. People become very good friends."

People interested in moving to Grand River Village can call Casey at 476-7478.



Marguerite Casey, Executive Director of Grand River Village

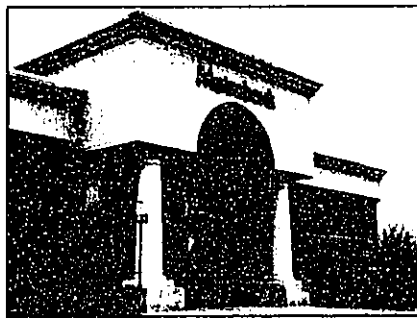
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"This is one of the few remaining independent community banks and the future for banks like us looks very promising," Heinrich said. "We've grown more than the industry has

where they know the key decision makers," he said.

"Most of the business we get is referral business," he said. "Many of the people come to us from the big banks because they aren't happy with the level of service they're getting. We're small enough that we can offer a superior level of customer service."

"The future is alive and well for the community bank," he said. "Over the next 10-15 years I think there will be more mergers among larger banks so the end result will be few large banks, a large number of small community banks and not many in-between."



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grown because customers are discovering that small banks are like small businesses.....they're people friendly and service oriented."

"People come to us from the big banks where they feel they've been treated like a small fish in a big pond," Heinrich said. "People like the personal attention and the quality service they receive by going to a small town bank."

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Metrobank focuses on the retail and small business customer. "Many small business customers look to us for a lot of advice beyond granting them a loan," he said. "Often they're looking for assistance in other financial areas, like cash management or investments. Because of the time we can spend with them, they get to know their loan officers on a personal basis. They're almost like financial advisors to their company."

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