

Another care center planned

By Mary Lou Callaway
special writer

A sixth adult foster home care facility in West Bloomfield is proposed for the Pleasant Lake Highlands subdivision.

The township was notified by the Michigan Department of Social Services that an application was made for a license to locate at 5635 Bryden.

The applicants are Ronald and Therese Haight. The home will be called Pleasant Lake Manor.

The area is served by sewers but has a well instead of a tap into the Detroit water system.

Questions or comments concerning the planned foster home care can be addressed to Michael Swajanian, Michigan Department of Social Services, 300 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing 48909.

But while the proposed site is under review by the state for licensing, local officials continue their call for changes

in the law concerning foster care facilities.

"We want it (foster home regulations) under local ordinances so we (the township) can have control," said township Clerk Betty Sue Dupree.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS, during the licensing process for the other five foster care homes in the township, have resented the state mandating where homes should be located. The township, they point out, is not even authorized to make health or safety inspections.

Supervisor John Doherty believes the township could better control such facilities by creating a special use district, such as is being adopted for senior citizen housing.

"These places (foster care homes) are run by 18-year-olds with only two or three weeks training. They're just out for a buck," he charges.

"Let's treat them (retarded) right. It's OK to create small groups, but they

should be in an area where they have space, like clusters. Safety, adequate care and nearby medical attention are needed," said Doherty.

"I'm no psychologist, but I know people's cares and concerns. We're recognizing, for example, senior citizens need special care," he added.

DOHERTY SAID neighbors complain about the occupants of all the township's foster care homes except the Green Lake House at 3450 Green Lake Road.

The other facilities are Freedom Adult Foster Homes, 2722 Littleell;

Excellence for Developmentally Disabled, 2451 Chata Street; North Pine Home, 2344 N. Pine Center; and Dawn House, 4112 Dawn Lake. Clerk Dupree mailed notices to residents within 1,500 feet of the proposed home on July 1.

She also will ask State Rep. James DeFebaugh, R-Bloomfield Township, to introduce legislation requiring petitioners for a foster care home to pay the costs of notifying neighbors.

"The current case involves notifying some 495 people. The cost to the township in this case is estimated to be \$200, plus township staff time," she said.

Salesmen can help

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chase agreement. The owner thought it was a great idea.

Just when we grew tired of inspecting amateur plumbing, "finished" basements and 20-year-old roofs, we found it.

BRICK BUNGALOW. Three bedrooms. Quiet street. It looked as though it would stand for a few more years, and had space for a darkroom. I was sold.

Susan is more cautious than I, but it looked good to her, too. We held a short conference in the backyard and decided to call in the pros.

My folks drove 75 miles, Susan's changed their plans for the evening, and we all met at the house. The owners were very gracious about having

seven people troop through.

The house passed the acid test. The only casualty was my mom. Every time someone mentioned interest rates, she reached for the smelling salts. You see, my folks have a 5.75 percent mortgage that will be paid off this year. To their generation, a paid-off mortgage is a good thing.

Moving is not my favorite pastime. Thanks to the efforts of a crowd of friends spurred on with chili and beer, moving took a few short hours.

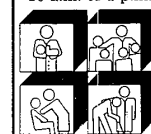
We are settled. I'm learning the wonders of lawn. Susan keeps coming up with grand decorating ideas. We have added a new member to the family, courtesy of the Humane Society.

By the way, you're all invited to a big party. Mark your calendar for April 5, 2011.

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Candidates for this year's council

were selected by last year's members on the basis of leadership skills, fund-raising abilities and enthusiasm. Past participation in MSU activities is also an asset.

The only required criteria are that applicants attain senior status before or during the term they apply, and that they be enrolled for all three terms of their senior year.

Bock, son of Harvey and Betty Bock, 2357 Longacre, is a junior majoring in office administration.

He is a 1978 Farmington High School graduate.

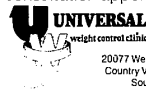
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