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Burned: This mobile home at the Woodmont Trailer Park on Inkster Road was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The fire also damaged other units and an automobile.

No one injured in mobile home fire

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An investigation by the Farmington Hills Fire Department was continuing this week into the cause of a Saturday night fire that destroyed one mobile home and damaged several other units and an automobile.

No injuries were reported in

the fire at the Woodmont Trailer Park, 21395 Inkster Road.

The fire in a trailer occupied by the James Cini family was reported at 10:51 p.m. The family was home at the time, according to the fire department.

Firefighters said when they arrived the unit was fully involved; there was heat and flame damage to an additional four trailers and power lines

were down and arcing.

Fire units were back in service by 1:15 a.m. Sunday.

Detroit Edison and Consumers Power were called to the scene to secure the power lines and gas meters.

A 1991 Chevrolet Corsica sustained about \$1,200 in heat damage, according to the fire department report.

Groundbreaking marks years of planning

On Monday, Dec. 13, there will be an event in Farmington Hills that is more than your ordinary groundbreaking ceremony.

Actually, when Pipefitters, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Service Local 636 plus friends and local dignitaries gather at the Northwestern Highway site, it will be the culmination of years of careful thoughtful planning for the new century.

Scheduled for 10 a.m., the event will officially initiate construction on Local 836's new administrative offices, according to Business Manager Jim Lapham.

Originally purchased in 1998, the site - based on the Local's

demographic studies - was centrally located for the Local's 2500 members and over 120 mechanical contractors who employ them, especially in years to come, says Lapham.

In 1997, the architectural firm of Allen & Laux, Detroit, was hired.

That meant not only a functional structure of 10,200 square feet, but also one that would also represent the Local's good citizenship. For example, over half of the trees on the densely wooded site are to be saved. And of the remaining 41 that have to make room for the new structure, all will be replaced by new trees.

Also included is site restoration involving extensive landscaping, including earth berms and screen walls to shield neighboring residential properties from the building's parking lot as well as Northwestern Highway.

The building itself, says Lapham, will feature a burnished concrete block base, champagne colored metal and patinated copper siding, and a gently sloping roof.

Construction on the new offices is expected to be completed by September of 2000, when the Local will move from its current quarters on Meyers Road in Detroit.

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