

Baptist Manor opens major expansion

By DIANE HUBEL

FARMINGTON—The second phase of development in what will eventually be a 450 unit community for the elderly was recently completed with the opening of the Beta homes.

The Beta homes, a group of seven duplexes, are the newest addition to the Detroit Baptist Manor, 30253 W. 13 Mile.

Detroit Baptist Manor is a community sponsored by the Detroit Area Baptist Churches for people 62 or older who like the independence of living in their own apartment but still enjoy the security and social advantages that come with living in a planned community with others their own age.

According to Rev. Joseph Bogar, Assistant executive director of the Manor, the community eventually hopes to offer apartments for all sections of the economic sphere.

BOGAR SAID the new duplexes were designed for the upper economic levels.

The two-bedroom duplexes have a kitchen, dining and living room and two baths. Each duplex also has its own garage and patio.

The duplexes which were built by Terra Homes Inc. took eight months to complete.

A special dedication and open house was held Sunday, July 14.

All 14 of the apartments in the duplex complex have already been rented, all but two are already occupied.

The apartments are leased on a life lease basis, with the cost of the lease

being determined by the life expectancy of the individual.

The entire cost of the life lease is paid when the lease is drawn up. Except for a monthly fee which covers maintenance, taxes, and utilities, the tenants do not pay any more rent for as long as they live in the apartments.

They also have a woodworking shop, and candlemaking, ceramics and needlepoint rooms.

THE RESIDENTS of the Manor do not receive any supervision or health care from the administration. They are entirely independent.

"Many of our people have moved here from the inner city where things were difficult because of the social conditions," Rev. Bogar said. "However, they still want to maintain their independence, and then, of course,

they enjoy the social aspect of living in a community with their peers."

The community does provide recreational, and hobby facilities for the residents.

There is a lounge and a community room which the residents can use for group or private parties.

A TRAVELING librarian from the Farmington Public Library visits the Manor every week so the residents can use the library facilities without traveling too far.

The next group of development will be a 150 unit apartment complex

which will have a community dining room.

Although each of the apartments in the new complex will have a self-contained kitchen, the dining room will be provided for people who do not want to cook an entire meal just for themselves.

"A lot of these people who live all alone just don't bother cooking a well balanced meal just for themselves," Bogar said.

"Many times these people suffer from malnutrition, so we might require the residents of this new complex to have at least one meal a day in the dining room."

EVENTUAL PLANS also call for the development of one and two-bed-

room fourplexes and health care facilities for the residents.

When the entire 30 acres are developed the community should be able to offer housing to between 600-800 people, in approximately 450 living quarters.

Although the community is sponsored by the Detroit Area Baptist Churches, membership in the Baptist church is not a requirement for residency.

"We have no rules about race, creed or sex," Reverend Bogar said. "Our only requirement is that residents be 62 or older, or in the case of more than one member of a family living together in the same apartment, at least one of them must be 62 or older."



Rev. Joseph Bogar and Reverend Howard Howarth, directors of Detroit Baptist Manor in front of the duplexes. (Evert photo)

Film at library

FARMINGTON—King Kong is the main attraction for teens and adults at the Farmington Public Library auditorium, 32337 W. 12 Mile, Thursday, July 25, at 7 p.m.

On deans list

Michael Piechocki, 32230 12 Mile, Farmington, has been named to the dean's list at Butler University in Indianapolis for the second semester.

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Road rally is on Saturday

FARMINGTON — The Three-hour Phrankly Phun road rally, will start at Metro Bank-Farmington Road, south of 12 Mile, Sunday July 28 at 1:31 p.m.

Registration begins at 12 o'clock. According to rallymaster Bob Phair (322-8179) the event is not a road race.

"There is no requirement for speed at all," he said. "The entrants will have to arrive at the finish point (the

Nugget Restaurant on 12 Mile east of Orchard Lake) by a maximum time limit which contains a very generous allowance for straying off course at normal driving speeds."

The roads are 95 percent paved for the "O," Observer class and 93 percent paved for the "X," Experienced class.

THE OBSERVER class will be asked to answer questions along the way to prove they have followed the route correctly.

Phair said the observer class trail should be challenging but that entrants do not have to worry about getting helplessly lost.

For those who do stray off the trail there are several restart points provided along with a map.

Members of the experienced class will also answer questions along the way but the most important part of their effort will be the accuracy of the mileage report.

Phair said, "The experienced class driver will need a car with a good odometer reading to 0.1 miles."

The winning teams will each get a prize from the Nugget management, good for up to four meals.

There are also cash prizes proportional to the total entry including equitable interclass competition.

Free maps courtesy of Automobile Association of America will be provided.

There is a uniform entry fee of \$4 per car. There is a 60 car limit for the event.

YMCA is offering studying course

FARMINGTON — "How to study in college," a four night study skill and college adjustment course will be offered at Oakland Community College for prospective college students.

The course, which is offered by the Farmington YMCA, was developed by Purdue University professor Howard Murdock.

Murdock will be teaching the course at Oakland Community College, Aug. 5-8. The class will meet from 7-9:30 p.m.

Topics covered include: how

students learn, why they forget, the art of listening, how to take usable lecture notes, motivating for maximum performance in college, how to plan a study schedule, basic study techniques, principles of review, preparing for and taking tests and examinations, and personal problems and adjustments to college living.

For further information contact the Farmington YMCA.

William Hultz new ZBA member

FARMINGTON HILLS — William Hultz, 54, 32235 Middle Belt Rd., was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the seat vacated by newly-elected Mayor Frederick Lichtman.

Hultz, an engineer at Ford Motor Co., has been active in the Franklin Knolls Assn., and was active in the consolidation and incorporation of Farmington Township drives.



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