

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

New enriched living housing to open by July

By Rob Cullivan
Staff writer

The Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, a joint effort of the Roman Catholic and Episcopal dioceses of Rochester, is planning to open Brentland Woods, an enriched living facility for senior citizens, in Henrietta.

The planned opening is by July 1999, on a 27-acre plot behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3825 E. Henrietta Road.

Ground-breaking ceremonies took place Oct. 27. In addition to state and federal officials, attendees included James Breese, supervisor of the Town of Henrietta, and Bishop William Burrill of the Episcopal Diocese.

Bishop Sheen is a not-for-profit corporation that both improves and provides housing for low-to-middle-income

families and individuals.

The new facility will offer 51 apartments to seniors, 65 and older, at \$1,800 a month, according to Marion H. Shapiro, marketing coordinator for The Episcopal Church Home, and spokeswoman for the Bishop Sheen foundation on Brentland Woods.

In addition to the cost of renting the apartment, Shapiro said the monthly fee will include three daily meals; personal care and medical services; recreational activities; transportation; and house-keeping services. She added that comparable housing and care at other area facilities could run as high as \$3,000 a month.

"The mission of Bishop Sheen is clearly to provide affordable housing for se-

niors," Shapiro said. "Why should folks only with means have access to these types of needed facilities? Why shouldn't this be open to a wider group of people?"

Although Brentland Woods is intended for people with low- and middle-class incomes, Shapiro stressed there are no income requirements for any tenants. All potential tenants will be evaluated on a first-come, first-serve basis, she said. However, Brentland Woods will take into account the means by which a tenant can pay the rent.

Brentland Woods' level of care will stand midway between the care a senior would receive from a home health aide and the more intensive care a senior would get in a nursing home, Shapiro

said.

"It is for people who are unable to live independently," she said of Brentland Woods. "This really gets the folks who are kind of lost in-between (home care and nursing homes)."

Construction of Brentland Woods is expected to cost \$4.8 million. LeCesse Corporation is the general contractor for the project; Barksstrom & LaCroix, architect; and Passero Associates, engineer.

Shapiro added that any resident of Brentland Woods who eventually needs nursing home care would be first in line to be admitted to the Episcopal Church Home in Rochester.

"They would be offered a bed before someone outside the system," she said of Brentland Woods tenants.

Tournament accepting bowlers' registrations

Marcel's Olympic Bowl and the Monroe County Office for the Aging are sponsoring the 24th annual Senior Citizens Bowling Tournament, Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Marcel's, 1350 Scottsville Road, Chili.

The event is open to all individuals 50 or older. Sixteen different prizes will be awarded.

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