

# Horticultural society helps

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Horticultural is a word which represents a large field of activities for many people. Now there are more than 55,000 horticultural society members in 252 horticultural societies in Ontario. There is no minimum or maximum age to belong — just the desire to enjoy horticulture and share the secrets and experience of growing plants. Members represent all livelihoods. Perhaps the senior citizen in the next apartment is a member. This contagious activity fulfills the lives of people in all walks of life.

Many school students have been organized into Youth Garden Clubs sponsored by horticultural societies. Several community gardens, usually a joint effort by municipalities in cooperation

with horticultural societies, become challenges for members, especially young people. Vegetables and flowers in abundance are grown to perfection in plots allocated to each member. When show time rolls around, their harvest of prize plants become entries to challenge neighbors and friends.

Several horticultural societies combine their efforts into flower and vegetable shows held in conjunction with fall fairs.

Activities and programs of horticultural societies are varied — many feature development of new public gardens and parks in respective communities. Some organize short courses for local residences. Nearly every society meets monthly, at which time specific horticultural subjects are featured.

Beautification competitions

are useful projects to encourage merchants to spruce up their premises and neighborhoods to plant trees. Annual clean-up/plant up campaigns are equally beneficial.

The lives of people in many communities have changed dramatically because of their horticultural interest. The attractive appearance of several Ontario communities can be traced to the dedication and efforts of horticulturally minded people who realized the need to create pleasant surroundings to provide a better life and environment.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent each year by horticultural societies in their efforts to encourage horticulture through their programs.

For many years, the Ontario government, through

the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, has provided incentives in the form of grants to help horticultural societies maintain local horticultural interest.

Every municipality is permitted to have a local horticultural society and earn the generous grants to help enhance the community. Likely the local library, municipal office, chamber of commerce in your community, will know when and where the horticultural society meets. If there isn't a local organization, write for particulars to O.M.A.F., Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Branch, Legislative Buildings, Toronto and ask for instructions and requirements to form your horticultural society.

## Town houses started at M'tview — River Dr.

River Run, a 139 townhouse development, is under construction on land just south of the John St. apartments and north of River Dr. in Georgetown.

The development, by Abode 1, will eventually include 139 spacious townhouses and tennis courts, swimming pool and a well-equipped recreation centre all for the private use of residents.

Construction has started on the first 89 units and Abode 1 has opened a sales trailer so that local people will have the first chance to purchase the homes. Some are expected to be ready in August.

Townhomes in the first 89 unit phase will be priced in the mid-\$40,000 range. Abode 1 is one of the last projects to qualify for the government's 1977 AHOP home ownership. AHOP includes a non-repayable grant to the town and an interest free loan from the government to the buyer.

There are two models in Phase 1. Model "A", a two storey three bedroom split level, contains a 16' 6" master suite across the back of the house with access to the main bathroom. Model "B" includes a huge 16' kitchen with a breakfast and snack area

and a window at the front. There is a 20' 4" living room in this two storey, three bedroom home.

Both models have an attached garage, sliding door walkout to a garden and a two piece washroom on the main floor.

Nine years have passed since the development was first proposed to council under the name of Garthdale Developments.

Libero DeCarlo is president of Abode 1. Architect is Melvin Satok.

A large woodlot on the banks of the Credit River at the site will be preserved.

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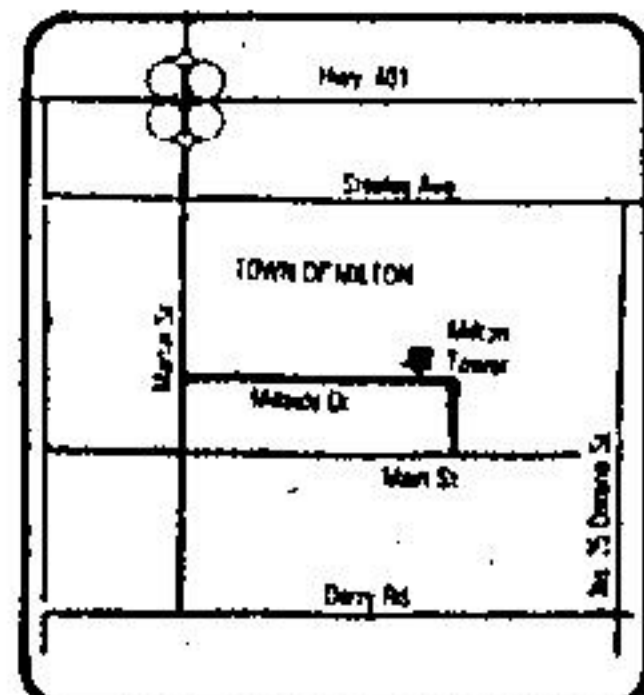
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