

New subdivision a 'dream' for members of the Manarin family

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The New Tanner

Thirty years after a Toronto area homebuilder dreamed of building a community in Acton East, his son is making that dream a reality at the Honeyfield subdivision.

The 227-lot development, on the north side of Highway 7, between the arena and existing Churchill Road backyards, is a Monmar Homes project.

Company principal, Alfio Manarin, said it was worth the wait, but too late for his father John, who has passed away.

"This was his dream to have this community come to life and people have certainly have appreciated the amount of effort we've put into the design of the community," Manarin said on Friday, adding his father bought the land in the 1960s, believing development would occur in the early 1970s.

"Here we are in 2002 and it has finally come to fruition," Manarin said, adding the first closings are slated for this time next year.

At least 14 houses have sold in the 50-lot phase one of the development and more than 400 people attended pre-



Artist's conception of Honeyfield

registrations over the past few weekends.

They like what they see in both the town - small town atmosphere within an easy drive of large centres - and they like Monmar Homes' village collection plans Manarin said, adding the existing elementary and secondary schools, arena and new commercial plaza are important selling points.

Monmar is offering 30 de-

signs that feature front porches, decorative moldings and picket-fence style surroundings on 36, 45 and 50-foot lots. Smaller lot house prices begin at \$169,900 and houses on 50-foot lots begin at \$199,900.

"Honeyfield really harkens to days gone by with heritage architectural features and elevations reflecting homes in small towns at the turn of the century," Manarin said, adding

some of the houses will feature peaked gables, dormers, shutters and pillars.

Asked why he thought it took so long to see development occur in Acton, Manarin said it took a while for the infrastructure to be approved to support the development in Acton.

"It has required a lot of effort by the Town, Region and development community. That's good, and it's worth the wait."



NEW TAXI: Clair Dolson, driver, and John Angermann, left, have opened North Halton Taxi in Acton on Main St. N. beside Al's Barbershop. The distinctive yellow cabs are already being seen over town and area. - Submitted Photo

New taxi service opens on Main St.

Hailing a taxi in downtown Acton won't be difficult anymore as two entrepreneurs have opened their doors for business across from the old IGA store.

North Halton Taxi, owned by Clair Dolson and John Angermann, offer a 24 hour/7 day a week service for residents in Acton and the surrounding areas. The taxi company not only provides local service but also does out of town and flat rate airport service as well. Seniors receive a 20% discount at all times. Their bright yellow vans are highly visible, comfortable, and fully air-conditioned.

Angermann, who has been in the taxi business for 25 years in Milton and the Greater Toronto Area, says they are proud to be here. Acton is a growing community, he comments, and is underserved. "So far the people we have picked up are really enthusiastic."

What's more, he adds, is that people don't have to wait for a taxi from Georgetown anymore which could sometimes be as long as half an hour.

Both partners stress they like to look after their customers properly and are looking forward to a bright future in Acton. "It's a golden opportunity...and should be a win-win situation," suggests Angermann.

The company has been open for just over two weeks now and their business is spreading by word of mouth, advertisements and the fact that their vans are so visible, parked outside of 11 Main St. N.

Their phone number won't appear in the yellow pages until the new directory comes out next year but it's easy to remember: 853-3304. They are currently looking for more drivers.

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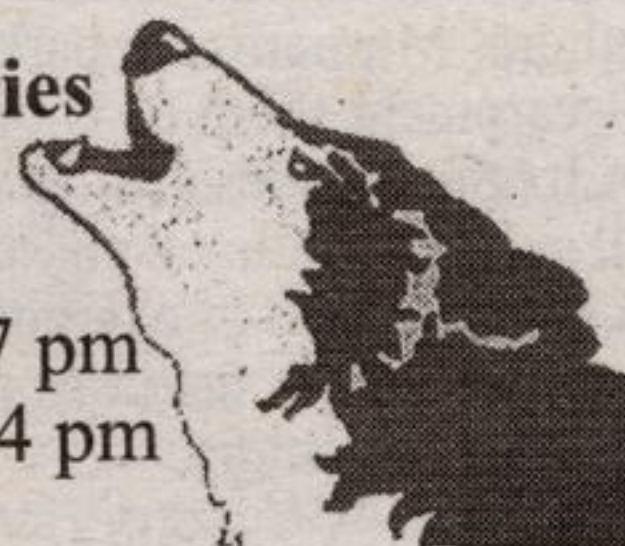
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