

Relating to Uxbridge's history

An October completion date is expected for several model homes at Uxbridge's newest residential development, Quaker Village.

A construction trailer is now at the site of the former Carnaby Farm, which borders the north side of Brock Street West, the west portion of Centre Street and east side of Conc. 6.

"Construction of the model homes will be commencing shortly," according to Gerry Michael, manager of Uxbridge's Family Trust real estate branch.

A pre-construction open house is scheduled for Aug. 23 and 24 on-site and in the Family Trust office at the north-east corner of Brock and Toronto Streets. Advance bookings will be accepted at that time.

The Seaton Group project has received draft plan approval from Uxbridge Twp. Council and is to be phased in over the next several years.

Master plan

Plans call for a comprehensive form of development consisting of 263 single-family, multi-family and estate residential homes, plus a small convenience store, park, pond and open-space system. The master plan also includes sites for possible municipal, school, church and heritage museum buildings.

Construction will be carried out by the Foxbridge Corporation, a firm with extensive experience in Richmond Hill, North York and Unionville.

Foxbridge expects to start building homes in Quaker Village's 86-lot first phase this fall, with first deliveries prior to Christmas.

The developer and its building partner are confident the subdivi-

sion is the type of project that's needed in Uxbridge.

Alternative

According to Seaton president Jack Grant: "In Quaker Village, we are trying to create a valid alternative to conventional residential subdivisions. The houses will vary in price and size and will be styled in order to meet the needs of a range of future residents."

The homes of Quaker Village have been designed by two Toronto-based architectural companies — Allan Rae Architects and Fliess, Gates, McGowan, Easton. The firms have been requested to design houses with a traditional Victorian appearance, as commonly found in many smaller Ontario communities.

The designers were also asked to avoid placing garages at the front of the homes, instead setting them back so they're less dominant. In some cases, garages are to be detached from the houses altogether.

Heritage important

The heritage aspect is a key part of the project and the developers have considered the property's historical importance.

An original Quaker settlement which was the birth place of Uxbridge founding father Joseph Gould, Quaker Hill is now home to Uxbridge-Scott Museum.

One of the project's architects, Allan Rae, said it "offers a unique identity in housing that relates to Uxbridge's history. The project is also a community of today... What makes it different from normal modern subdivisions however, is that Quaker Village responds to a contemporary lifestyle in a historical context."

And designer John Davies

added: "Quaker Village respects what Uxbridge is all about. The short streets, large lots, the parks and creative architecture will combine in a manner which reinforces the rural image and the particular needs of Uxbridge."

Phase one will feature homes ranging in size from 1,700 to 2,700 square feet, and will include a variety of floor plans and two-

storey models. The builder is also interested in the possibility of incorporating bungalows in the initial stage.

Preliminary prices begin at \$128,000 and range upward to \$190,000. Many of the lots, averaging 58 by 140 feet, are either on private cul-de-sacs or back on to a proposed park/open space system — or both.

About 50 priority registration applications were received during and since plans were unveiled in May at the Uxposition '86 trade and home show.

The first phase will include a 1.11-hectare (2.75-acre) pond and another 1.62 hectares (four acres) of parkland.

For more information on Quaker Village call 294-1372, ext. 246.



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include a variety of floor plans and two-storey models. Prices range from \$137,900 to \$189,900. Model 'D' (above) is 2,040 square feet.

Sales centre opens Friday

The upcoming Celebration of the Arts/Steam Threshing Days weekend promises to be a summer highlight in Uxbridge.

To go along with the variety of events planned for Aug. 22 to 24, the Quaker Village housing development, located beside Uxbridge Arena, will kick off its sales campaign.

Beginning the evening of Friday, Aug. 22, a Preview Sales Centre will open at a location on Brock Street, west of the arena and ball diamond.

Finalized house plans, price lists and complete design and feature details will be available for public inspection. The centre will be open Friday

from noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Further information can be obtained by calling 852-3443 or 294-1372.

Quaker Village is a joint venture project involving the Seaton Group and The Foxbridge Corporation.

Italian cuisine arrives in Stouffville

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Continental Italian cuisine has arrived in Whitchurch-Stouffville with the opening of La Villetta Restaurant.

And while the establishment is

brand new, its owners have long been part of the area's dining scene.

Two of the La Villetta partners are brothers Peter and Rocco Auciello, who formerly operated Stouffville's P&R Burger and now

run the food concession at the Sales Barn.

Frank and Peter Cassano of the Villa Italian Bakery (located in the same Edward Street mini-plaza) are also involved, as are Guido Abate and Joe Auciello.

The 75-seat restaurant is situated in a part of the bakery complex that used to house a grocery store.

"We're definitely a family restaurant," said Peter Auciello, noting that La Villetta offers a separate children's menu and lower-priced luncheon selections along with the regular dinner entrees.

Chef Aniello Diano of Toronto uses his many years of kitchen experience to good advantage preparing food that is primarily 'Continental' in style.

Italy's staple meat of veal figures prominently in an extensive menu that includes taste bud-tantalizing recipes like Sorrento, Piccata, Al Limone, Scaloppine, Parmigiana, Cordon Bleu and Milanaise. Generous servings of either vegetables or fettuccine with red sauce accompany each veal selection.

Other main courses are sirloin and pepper steak, barbecued back ribs and roasted chicken.

A full slate of pasta dishes — including spaghetti, cannelloni,

manicotti, fettuccine, gnocchi and ravioli — is also available, as is pizza.

And a special delux hamburger is offered for luncheon diners who remember the mouth-watering burger and wedge fries made famous at the Auciellos' now-defunct P&R outlet.

Dinner entrees are in the \$8.95 range while lunch selections of sandwiches, pasta or meat dishes average between \$3.50 and \$6.50.

The licensed facility, featuring an attractive decor complete with a fireplace, has a fully-equipped bar with a standard wine list. The menu also contains soups and salads, appetizers, pastries and desserts.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

La Villetta also has a take-out service (with a separate entrance that stays open later than the dining room) and a downstairs banquet hall for 125 people.



Stouffville Mayor Fran Sainsbury (centre) was on hand Aug. 12 to officially open La Villetta Italian Restaurant at 67 Edward St. in Stouffville. Partners in the new business are (from left) Peter Auciello, Frank Cassano, Guido Abate, Joe Auciello, Ross Cassano and Rocco Auciello. — Chris Shanahan