

Big changes are in store for Sacred Heart Monastery

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The peace and quiet of the Sacred Heart Monastery in Lisle will be disturbed for the next year or so during renovations and construction of a senior residence.

When the projects are complete, this spiritual campus will be enlarged to serve people of all faiths during the many stages of their lives. The plans include a renovation of the chapel and the residence of the Benedictine sisters, and new housing for seniors who wish to live independently or need assisted living.

A service to bless the grounds and the workers was held Sunday at the west side of the monastery, 1910

Maple Ave., Lisle.

Plans for the chapel, originally built during the Depression, include air conditioning, new lighting and sound, new furnishings and paint.

"This is a spiritual place built on a monastery. The chapel is our focal point," said Glenn Trembley, CEO and administrator of Villa St. Benedict, the incorporated ministry of the Benedictine sisters.

The inner space of the chapel will change with the addition of a new baptismal font, but it still will offer seating for 350 worshippers. The choir stalls where the Benedictine sisters chanted will be removed for the addition of seating.

Trembley said the renovations will take care of the sisters' prayer needs,

as well as those of any residents who wish to attend daily Mass. The changes will make the chapel more comfortable, even during the hot, steamy summer, and the new lighting will set off the chapel's attributes and help brighten everything.

"It's a beautiful building with beautiful stained-glass windows," Trembley said. "But it has been hard to use the chapel in the summer without air conditioning."

The Benedictine sisters' residence also will be renovated. When the work is complete, there will be living quarters for 45 sisters in the east end of the building, along with a new dining room and space for meetings and prayer. Plans also include a new administrative area for the sisters and

their own entrance into the new living area.

The rest of the building will be living quarters for 51 people in need of assisted living, along with 14 rooms for memory care or those living with dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

Major construction includes a new four-story building with 136 independent living apartment units and a smaller four-story building with 36 apartment units. Sixty-six villas, duplexes and four-plexes also will be constructed for independent living. Residents in these units will have access to amenities, including a bank, deli, post office, library, fitness center, health clinic, woodworking shop and craft area, as well as a full-

service dining room in the larger four-story apartment unit.

"We are building a full-service community within a community," Trembley said.

Outside landscape plans include parks, walking trails, a sunken garden with contemplative area and benches. Residents will be able to enjoy natural areas and green space, and Trembley said they hope to attract birds and other wildlife.

"This is a fairly spiritual place. We want to make it a safe and comfortable place for our residents," he added.

The housing is open to all, not just Catholics. Trembley said the goal is to keep residents independent.

Because of the community's affilia-

tion with Benedictine University, residents will be able to audit classes and attend student functions on campus. Those who wish to take classes for credit will have to pay, but there will be no fee for those who audit classes.

The community's health clinic will be affiliated with Edward Hospital in Naperville. Pastoral care will be offered by chaplains and ministers.

During the winter, preparations for the construction will begin with new roads and the movement of utilities. Construction will begin in the spring, and Trembley predicts that the first occupants will be in residence by next fall. The project is scheduled to be completed by late 2004.

For details, call (630) 852-0345.

Time capsule to be buried in Wheaton for year 2052

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What will Wheaton be like in 50 years?

Will the Popcorn Store still be tucked away on Front Street while Starbucks sells cappuccinos on the corner? Will the Gap and Old Navy have gone the way of gasoline-powered cars?

The future is anyone's guess, but one thing is certain: Wheaton residents in 2052 will have a pretty good idea of what suburban life was like in 2002 when they open a time capsule that will be buried in Adams Park Thursday afternoon.

The time capsule is part of the 100th anniversary celebration for the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce.

Local businesses, schools and residents have been donating items for several weeks.

Many of the donations are flyers

and videos from local businesses. The VFW donated a few items, including an American flag and a poppy in honor of hospitalized veterans. Brighton Gardens Assisted Living Community opted for a brochure and a pair of Depends.

Wheaton North students went all out, creating photo montages of popular actors, singers and others in the news. They also created CDs with songs by Eminem, the Dixie Chicks, Britney Spears and many more.

Hubble Middle School students dreamed of how their school would look in 50 years. If Hubble's students of today are correct, the students of the future will enjoy an indoor pool, fast food in the cafeteria, larger lockers, massage chairs and personalized scooters to get them from class to class.

Others chose to donate items representing teenage life today. Perhaps

most appropriately, one group enclosed a shopping bag from Abercrombie & Fitch, a chosen store of teenagers across the country.

Many students also wrote letters to future residents detailing what life is like in 2002. Krispy Kreme doughnuts, West Nile virus and Britney Spears figured prominently.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the one-year anniversary also were mentioned by many students.

"I hope that, for you guys, you still have some of the things we have. I hope you never have to go through things like we did Sept. 11," Wheaton North sophomore Sarah Sorenson wrote in her letter.

Wheaton residents Chuck and Roberta Ready included a copy of their 50th anniversary party invitation and two pins with photos of their granddaughters.

Although it's unlikely the Readys

will be alive in 50 years, it's quite possible their grandchildren and many of the students who participated could be on hand when the time capsule is dug up in 2052.

All the donated items have been catalogued by the Wheaton History Center, placed in special plastic envelopes and sealed in a 1-foot square, 4-foot tall copper box.

The time capsule, created by Wheaton resident Jerry Wilson who works with Bremer Sheet Metal, will be placed in a large plastic tube for further protection before being buried.

In an era of constant development and change, Adams Park was chosen as the locale because its deed requires it remain a city park in perpetuity.

The ceremony for the time capsule burial will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in Adams Park, which is at the northeast corner of Wesley and Main streets, downtown Wheaton.

Firefighters share concerns with legislators at hearing

State legislators who are making the rounds in Illinois held a hearing Thursday in Addison on fire protection issues.

Fire department officials from Oak Brook, Itasca, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Winfield and Glenview testified on a range of issues.

Topics included funding, staffing levels, firefighter training, homeland security, revolving loans, equipment exchanges and bulk purchasing.

Legislators learned from Oak Brook that increasing calls and staffing are pinching the pocketbook, Addison Chief Tim Deutsche said.

Itasca testified that more frequent responses to state highways consume several hours, requiring

off-duty personnel be called back to cover the station, yet the department gets no reimbursement.

In Winfield, not-for-profit institutions require service, but they don't pay any property taxes, which strains the department. Firefighters also pointed out that protection districts are not exempt from paying vehicle motor fuel taxes, which could save a lot of districts money.

Deutsche also heard other departments request a revolving loan program, with little or no interest, be established for purchases of big-ticket items.

Once the suburban hearings are complete, the task force likely will compile a report and recommend solutions for the legislature to consider.

From the clubs

Glen Ellyn Kiwanis: The Kiwanis Club of Glen Ellyn will install the 2002-2003 slate of officers at an installation banquet beginning at 6 p.m. today at the Arrowhead Golf Club, 26W151 W. Butterfield Road, Wheaton. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail and social hour, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and then the installation. Following the official activities, magician John Measner will entertain.

Incoming officers are Robert Carlson, president; Gary Stills, vice president; Larry Matmueller, secretary; William Laing, treasurer; and Kurt Carlson, immediate past president. The incoming Division 9 Lt. Gov. Jay Wojcik will install the new officers.

The cost of the evening is \$29 per person, \$58 per couple. For reservations or details, call Denny Jamieson at (630) 668-1661.

Glen Ellyn Woman's Club: The Glen Ellyn Woman's Club will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, 535 Duane St., Glen Ellyn. The program will feature a German singalong with Fred Moore, a retired high school teacher of 33 years in Illinois. Refreshments will follow the program. For details, call (630) 858-9204.

Wheaton Woman's Department Club: The Wheaton Woman's Department

Club will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Loretto Conference Center, 1600 Sommerset Lane, Wheaton. The program, presented by Gail Conidi of Wheaton, will feature her company, "Soappause!" For details, call (630) 668-7698.

Homeowners of Wayne Center: The Homeowners Association of Wayne Center will hold a seminar about gypsy moths at 10 a.m. Oct. 26 at Bartlett High School, Schick and Petersdorf roads, Bartlett. Joerg Schmidt-Bailey, entomologist of the University of Illinois Extension Service, will conduct a workshop on the identification, control and prevention of the gypsy moth in this area. For details, e-mail Bob Babyar at babyar.bb@juno.com

Wheaton Kiwanis: The Kiwanis Club of Wheaton will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Memorial Park Building, 208 W. Union Ave., Wheaton. The Tuesday evening catered supper meetings are open to the public, but require reservations. First-time prospective members may attend at no charge. For details or reservations, call (630) 653-5686.

Glen Ellyn Kiwanis: The Glen Ellyn Kiwanis Club meets at 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays at the Bavarian Inn, 430

Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn. For details, call (630) 790-0060

The Democratic Party of Milton Township: This group meets the second Wednesday of every month at Arrowhead Golf Club, 26W151 Butterfield Road, Wheaton. For more information, call (630) 771-5548.

Glen Ellyn Lions Club: Meetings take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. every first and third Tuesday of the month at the Bavarian Inn, 430 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn. For details, call (630) 790-1030.

Rotary Club of Wheaton AM: Meetings take place at 7 a.m. Wednesdays at Cantigny Golf & Tennis, 27W270 Mack Road, Wheaton. For details, call John Harrell at (630) 665-6778.

The Kiwanis Club of Central DuPage County: Meetings take place at noon Thursdays at the Bavarian Inn, 430 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn. For details, call (630) 547-5240 or (630) 790-4387, or call (630) 790-0060.

Community events

Here's a list of upcoming events and programs for adults interested in their community, businesses, entertainment and sports.

Character Counts: WeGo for Character Counts will host Dr. Gary Smit, superintendent of Lombard Elementary District 44, at 7 p.m. Thursday at West Chicago Middle School, 238 E. Hazel St., West Chicago. The presentation is free. Smit will address interested parents and community members on what Character Counts can do for schools and communities. For details, call Becky Koltz at (630) 293-6000, Ext. 201.

Clothing sale: The Warrenville Fall/Winter Children's Clothing Sale will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Warrenville Fire Station 1, 3S472 Batavia Road. Drop-off of items to be sold will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Children's clothing, baby items and equipment, toys, games and books in good condition will be

sold. The clothing sale will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Half-price sale will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Supervised children are allowed at the sale on Saturday only. For more information, call (630) 393-7768.

The Flag Speaks: The West Chicago Public Library will host "The Flag Speaks" at 7 p.m. Thursday at the library, 118 W. Washington St.

The Rev. Dick Anderson will perform this first-person monologue about the history of America, which will include patriotic songs. Anderson is an interim Presbyterian minister who sang opera in Germany for many years.

He has performed at Carnegie Hall, on the Ed Sullivan Show and before the United States Congress. For more information or reservations, call (630) 231-1552, Ext. 4.

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