

BETHANY LIFE COMMUNITIES---WHAT'S NEW?

Bethany Life Communities provides a continuum of living options, and the array of choices is expanding. New living arrangements are being offered at both Cedar Place and Timberland Village. These BLC choices will afford more people the opportunity to live in a home environment while utilizing assistance and amenities tailored to their personal needs.

CEDAR PLACE---New Assisted Living Apartments

Last year we profiled Cedar Place, which is a complex of 50 apartments adjacent to Bethany Manor. This housing option is Federally funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and it provides affordable housing to income qualified seniors and handicapped individuals.

Cedar Place is almost finished with a very cumbersome remodeling project. With assistance from a HUD grant, 22 of the apartments have been converted to assisted living units. This has required a continuous string of temporary moves for many existing residents as the extensive remodeling was completed.

The remodeled units now have walk-in showers, bathroom safety grab bars and wider doorways for improved accessibility. Walls were moved and a few units have kitchen modifications that allow wheelchair access to the sink and stovetop.

There are also three levels of living assistance available to complement the baseline offering of the noon meal, 24 hour emergency response, one shopping trip per week, a daily "I'm OK" check and daily activities. Based on individual needs assessments, residents can subscribe to additional meals, laundry service, housekeeping service, medication management, personal care, etc.

For detailed information on living arrangements now available at Cedar Place, give Darlene Sweet a call at 515-733-2904. She will be happy to answer your questions or provide a guided tour!

TIMBERLAND VILLAGE---New Twin Homes

Another housing option is nearing completion on the Timberland campus. Two twin homes (duplexes) will be ready for occupancy in early May. Two of the four units are already committed.

The new twin homes will have about 1,500 square feet in each unit. They feature two bedrooms, two bathrooms, separate living and dining rooms along with a two-car garage. The kitchens feature ample space and an island along with a range, refrigerator, dishwasher and disposal. A covered entry porch, atrium and outdoor patio add to the ambience. A washer and dryer and connections for telephone, internet and cable television are provided. The Village Twin Homes are complete with streetlights and quality landscaping. A monthly maintenance fee of about \$200. covers interior and exterior care, including lawn and landscaping care as well as snow removal.

To occupy one of these homes will require an original investment of about \$200,000. Ninety per cent of this will be returned when the twin home is eventually vacated. For more information or a tour, contact Marsha Taylor at 515-733-6500.