

University Commons, an active senior community

This is Living!



Residents Jeff Stross and Tom Mast.

Even a brief shower did not dampen resident enthusiasm during the **Independence Day Barbeque** at University Commons. Over 75 Commoners with their family and friends joined in this community cookout which was held in the Café and Terrace. The barbeque was one of the many social events that took place at University Commons during the summer.

In July, residents **Bob and Sally Fleming** filled in as speakers when one of our scheduled panelists cancelled due to illness. The Flemings provided many humorous and entertaining stories of their days in the UM President's House during the 1960's and 1970's.

This month, UC residents visited the **Rodin and Kamrowski** exhibits at **The University of Michigan Museum of Art**. The group toured both exhibits after viewing a video about the making of Auguste Rodin's 'Gates of Hell'. The Rodin exhibit included over 60 sculptures that spanned the entire career of the 19th Century French sculptor. 'The Worlds of Gerome

Kamrowski: Surrealism and Beyond' featured works from all periods of his life. The influential American painter is a pioneer of the Surrealist and Abstract Expressionist movement. Kamrowski, a retired member of **The University of Michigan** faculty, continues to teach and paint in Chelsea, Michigan.

Bay Design

Bay Design is our interior designer for the University Commons model homes. Currently we are featuring the **Woodbridge B Model** and the **Woodbridge C Model**, both of which were designed by Bay Partner **Jim Kunstel, ASID**.

Susan Bay has run a well respected interior design practice here in Ann Arbor for over a quarter of a century. Specializing in residential design, the award-winning firm was subsequently joined by partner Jim Kunstel. Together the two designers have based their collaborative efforts on a recognition of similar design philosophies and complimentary skills.

Phyllis Letts, Susan Bay's mother, was so impressed with University Commons and Bay's design work that she purchased a home here.



Woodbridge A Unit Model

UC Community Directors



Claire Turcotte (left) and Alisande Cutler (right).

University Commons is a unique active adult community, a place where residents can share intellectual pursuits, artistic performances, recreation and dining. **Houghton Hall**, reminiscent of the Michigan League, is the focal point of the community and provides over 17,000 square feet of common facilities. The main level features a beautiful Library and Lounge, fully equipped Fitness Center, Seminar Rooms, a Workshop and Art Studio for pursuing creative interests and also a Wellness Center for visiting doctors and nurses.

Alisande Cutler, Community Director, and **Claire Turcotte, Program Assistant**, facilitate and coordinate the many concerts, lectures, seminars and events that are a vital part of the University Commons everyday life. In addition to planning regular cultural events, they also take care of the many resident details required to run this vibrant community. Alisande and Claire provide support for the many UC committees and coordinate **Zingerman's** dining service.

Alisande, an attorney, has a UM Bachelor of Arts Degree and prior to joining University Commons was the **Director of the Washtenaw County Bar Association**. Alisande's many years of involvement with community theatre and several Ann Arbor musical organizations lead to her career change and position with University Commons. Claire has completed three UM degrees including a recent PhD in Urban Planning. Claire has been involved with University Commons since 1998 when she was a Marketing Consultant for **Blue Hill Development**.

She has also been active in the Ann Arbor community for several decades serving on many Civic and Philanthropic Boards and Committees including the **University of Michigan Medical Center**.

In a community designed with active residents in mind, Alisande and Claire are essential to providing quality programs and a fulfilling cultural experience and lifestyle. They are deeply rooted in the Ann Arbor community and the Michigan Tradition. **Alisande and Claire are truly THE LEADERS AND BEST!**

Featured Home

This fall University Commons is featuring the **Woodbridge C Model**. This two bedroom, two bathroom home is on one level and features a large open living room/dining room. Opening off the dining room is a beautiful **year around sunroom** which offers spectacular views into our **woodland preservation area**. One of the available homes also offers a **private patio** which is accessed from the sunroom.

The Woodbridge C home also features an open kitchen and large master bedroom suite that includes a private bathroom and walk-in closet. Additional features include a second bedroom/study, laundry room and a full second bathroom with shower.

For a tour of this beautiful model home, please stop by our sales office or call 734.663.2500 for an appointment.



Meet UC Residents Ed & Cathy Marcus

Ed and Cathy Marcus shared the University Commons philosophy of **Lifelong Learning** long before they moved to UC from Dearborn, Michigan. They were taking a wide variety of courses at The University of Michigan-Dearborn campus through the “**Retired Persons Scholarship Program**”. It was their intellectual curiosity and their desire to retire in a college town with art, culture and amenities that lead to their home purchase at University Commons. Their son-in-law, an architect with **Hobbs+Black** the architectural firm of record for University Commons, was also a factor in their purchase. Not only was he pleased with his firm's design work, he was very much impressed with the quality of construction and selection of finish materials.

Ed, born in Brooklyn, New York is a graduate of **Columbia College**. He also attended **New York University Medical School** and graduated in 1950. Following his internship, Ed completed a two-year tour of duty with the army in Japan and Korea. He served in a M.A.S.H. unit, where his experience was very much like the movie, and was a physician in charge of North Korean and Chinese POWs on Koje-do Island just south of Pusan.

Ed's first **University of Michigan** connection was in 1955 when he was a resident and clinical instructor in the **Department of Pediatrics**. It was during this period that he met Cathy on 6 East Pediatrics at the old University Hospital and they were married in 1956. He received a **Master in Public Health** from **The University of Michigan** in 1958 and was briefly a Maternal and Child Health consultant for the Wayne County Health Department. Ed's life work was the practice of pediatrics in Wayne County until his retirement in 2000. His last title was Director of Pediatrics at the Fairlane Center of the Henry Ford Health System in Dearborn.

Cathy, a Detroit native, was awarded a 4-year scholarship to **Mercy College** in Detroit where she received a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 1950. Following graduation she was a social worker for the Bureau of Social Aid. She then left for Ann Arbor and received a **Master in Social Work** from **The**



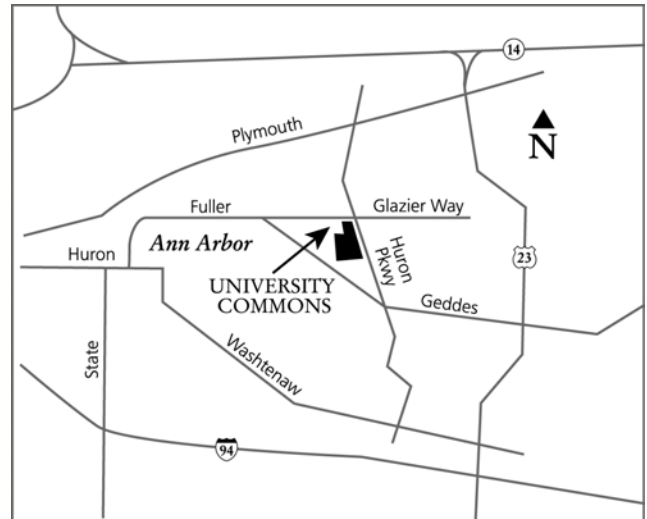
University of Michigan in 1954. Cathy also received her second degree from U-M, a **Master in Education**. She retired from social work at Dearborn's Edsel Ford High School in 1994 after 25 years.

In retirement, Ed is currently chairing **The University of Michigan Office of Lifelong Learning**. Although they are in the early planning stage, Ed envisions a very vibrant and stimulating program that continues the tradition of excellence at The University of Michigan. Ed is the **Treasurer** of the **University Commons Condominium Board** while Cathy chairs the **Fitness Committee**. Ed and Cathy also take classes through the Turner Senior Resource Center Learning in Retirement Program, many of which are held at University Commons. Recent classes include the History of Western Music and the History of Japan & Korea. They are both using retirement to catch up on their reading, particularly political science books and The New York Times. Ed loves playing the piano, theater, tennis doubles and crossword puzzles. Cathy enjoys collecting cookbooks, politics and dining out.

Cathy and Ed have three daughters Sheila, Jacqueline and Anne, and five grandchildren, all living in Michigan.

In Brief

- ◆ University Commons has **ONE** available **Whiting Villa!** The Villa is a detached 3,030 square foot home that features hardwood floors, cathedral ceilings, three spacious bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, study, large entertainment room, two car garage, and large basement. Visit our website at www.bluehilldevelopment.com and click “Home Plans” to view floor plans and pictures of available homes.
- ◆ Please join us on Tuesday, September 23 at 5:00 p.m. for U of M history presentation in the University Commons Recital Hall. For a complete monthly calendar of events please visit us online at www.bluehilldevelopment.com or call us at **734-663-2500**.
- ◆ Join us on Friday afternoons each week from 4:30-6:30 p.m. for “**Common Time**” in the University Commons Café. Common Time is an informal wine and appetizer gathering and is a great way to learn more about the community from our residents.
- ◆ The University Commons Sales Office is open from Noon to 5:00 p.m. daily or by appointment. Please call **Cristina O’Connor** at **734-663-2500** to arrange your appointment.
- ◆ **Susan Gartin** of Reinhart is our University Commons Sales Manager - she is a **Seniors Real Estate Specialist** designated by the National Association of Realtors. Susan is a caring and reliable source of real estate expertise for seniors buying or selling a home.



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