

Built-out Elmhurst's last subdivision

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There's been a lot of talk about the real estate market being in a slump these past months. But Tom and Tim McKenna haven't seen it.

Five years ago they attempted to obtain zoning to build on an acre of land they owned in unincorporated Yorkfield. But the county wasn't excited about approving spot zoning variances in the area because of the non-conforming use of several of the adjacent properties. So they decided to acquire those contiguous mixed-use properties and to develop the entire 5-acre parcel.

In May of 1991, they began application for a zoning variance to develop a 12-lot subdivision. Several lots sold within a month of beginning the project and now all but three of the 12 homesites are sold. By the end of this month the subdivision development will be completed and construction of several homes will have begun.

newly constructed road and sidewalk, and a tall wooden fence separating the new subdivision from the adjacent properties. But soon, hopefully by October, Cler's first homes will be completed.

Typically, the homes will be those designed to appeal to the second time home buyer. Most will be quality-built three- and four-bedroom two-story Colonials. The custom-built homes will include living areas designed on a great-room concept, fireplaces, whirlpools and other amenities typically sought by the established property owner in a permanent residence. The 2,400-square-foot structures will sit on lots ranging from 10,000-16,000 square feet. Buyers can expect the homes to cost between \$245,000-\$300,000.

New residents in this subdivision are very specific about what they're looking for. In fact, Tom McKenna said that all of the purchasers of these properties have lived in the immediate area — within



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Tim McKenna, left, of McKenna Construction, and Bob Cler of Wise Investment Builders, for a 12-home subdivision on the south end of Elmhurst, while bulldozers regrade the