

Legionnaires' found in Brighton

The Friendly Home verifies one case, takes precautions to control.

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A resident at The Friendly Home nursing home in Brighton has tested positive for Legionnaires' disease, an illness that made recent news after a devastating outbreak at a Toronto nursing home.

Legionnaires' disease, a type of pneumonia, is contracted after directly inhaling mist or vapor contaminated with Legionella bacteria — mist that typically emanates from a shower, hot tub or large air conditioning system.

The bacteria, commonly found in water, causes illness in between 10 to 14 people in Monroe County per year. The disease can be serious, causing death in 5 percent to 30 percent of people who contract it. However, the chronically ill and elderly are most susceptible. The disease is not contagious.

Bill Kouwe, chief operating officer of The Friendly Home, said the resident is the only case of Legionnaires' that has surfaced there. The nursing home learned the resident had the illness Oct. 3.

Representatives from the

To learn more

For information about Legionnaires' disease, go to: www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/legionellosis_g.htm

New York state Health Department tested water from the nursing home's hot water tanks, showerheads and faucets Friday for signs of the bacteria. Kouwe said

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Corn Hill developer hints at other projects

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With the \$20 million Corn Hill Landing residential and commercial development slated for completion in December, developer Mark IV construction is turning its attention to similar projects in Monroe County.

Mark IV President Anthony DiMarzo said his company has two other waterfront sites on which it plans to build. He declined

to identify the locations but said announcements should be coming in the spring.

"We think this is a real opportunity ... developing on the waterfront," he said. Corn Hill, with its 127 apartments in the shadow of the new Interstate 490 bridge, is among the largest residential developments along the Genesee River and Erie Canal.

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks said

Mark IV had to wait for a \$15.8 million loan guarantee from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development before getting started.

Corn Hill is a model for other canal improvements, as it also incorporates environmental and harbor improvements, a pedestrian-bicycle trail and a combination of public and private financing, said Carmella R. Mantello, director of the New York State Canal

Corp.

Appointed four months ago, she is expected to report to Gov. Pataki by December on how to create the Erie Canal Greenway that incorporates a regional approach to development.

"We learn from each other," she said. But communities must work in concert because canal projects are "being done in a fragmented approach." □

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For Fairport chaplain, relief effort offers real hope

When I reached her cell phone in mid-September, Sue Shady had just arrived in Baton Rouge, La., to help with the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

She was a bit overwhelmed as she spoke by cell phone, waiting to head off to the River Center shelter for another shift.

Shady, a lay Catholic chaplain from Fairport, is home and re-



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cult thing to do if you have to find a way to charge your cell phone

And after three days, she hadn't had a shower because she couldn't use the showers set up for evacuees. "She didn't want to put out her family by asking them to find her a basin and a washcloth," Shady says, "so I was able to find those things for her. She was so grateful. She said, 'I have my family and I have God. That's enough.'"

She recalled an elderly man, a

by so many people, will make a difference."

At the shelter, Shady says, the people with resources and contacts were the first to leave, while the poorest and those with no real resources were left behind.

And it is jarring to come face to face with the lives and the daily indignities they endure. The lack of privacy. The struggle to find a place to wash clothes. Having no

Details

■ When finished, the development will include restaurants, a wine shop, dry cleaner, exercise center, bakery and optician.

■ Of the four buildings, apartments in one are almost fully leased, a second is half full and Mark IV is taking reservations on the rest. Rents range from \$700 for a studio to \$2,400 for a four-bedroom apartment.

■ Construction on a separate, 15,000-square-foot office building should begin in fall 2006.

"This isn't an issue that 60-year-old people are go-

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seven to 10 days. But City Councilman Adam McFadden said "the older generation" needs to get out of the way on this one.

City leaders want to capitalize on public attention focused on street violence to enact long-term solutions. With more than 40 homicides in the city this year, six involving victims younger than 18, there is a desire to move quickly and a fear of squandering an opportunity for meaningful action.

McFadden, who has lobbied for a curfew, expanded the idea Monday to involve

ing to fix," said McFadden, 34, who is drafting his own proposal. "This is an issue that the older generation is going to have to let go and let us (young parents) fix this. This is our kids out there."

would help, by keeping children off the streets late at night. Others say a long-term solution is what is needed.