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Construction begins on senior complex

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GARDNERTOWN - Developers and town officials lifted shovels and broke ground yesterday on the Town of Newburgh's first senior citizen apartment complex.

Construction will begin immediately on the \$6.2 million Senior Horizons of Newburgh and last about a year. The 70-unit complex will be built on seven acres off Route 52, about one mile west of Route 300. The back of the property will have nature trails and gazebos.

Planning studies have identified senior housing as one of the town's greatest needs.

"For too long, our parents and senior citizens were forced to leave the Town of Newburgh when they retired," Newburgh Supervisor George Bucci said. "That was a true shame. They now have an opportunity to remain in the Town of Newburgh at a cost they can afford."

About 10 seniors came to the groundbreaking, and a few even got a chance to turn over a few shovels of dirt with Bucci, Sen. William Larkin Jr., R-C-New Windsor, and Assemblyman Tom Kirwan, R-Newburgh.

"I think it will be very good," said Jane Fasciano, who has lived in Newburgh since she was a baby. "It's a good thing for Newburgh."

The developers, Larry and Ken Regan, said it couldn't have happened without Bucci's support. Larry Regan called Bucci the project's "number one cheerleader... If it wasn't for his efforts to push this forward, we wouldn't be here."

The Regans handed out plaques thanking Bucci and more than a dozen other officials, from town Planning Board Chairman Michael Fay to a representative of Orange County Executive Joseph Rampe.

The development is being built with a combination of tax credits and low-interest state and federal loans.

The development is open to seniors 62 years and older, from inside or outside the town. Rentals range from \$468 to \$567 for a one-bedroom apartment to \$559 to \$677 for a two-bedroom apartment, including heat and hot water. The maximum income for single residents is \$22,080; two-person households, \$25,200; and three people, \$28,320.

Applications are being taken now. Contact Newburgh Seniors LLC at 376-1069.



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Jeanne Seils of the Town of Newburgh, along with fellow seniors involved in the senior citizens group out of the recreation department in the Town of Newburgh, attend a groundbreaking for Senior Horizons of Newburgh, a housing complex for seniors.