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## Senior Horizons opens in Town of Newburgh

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Twenty-five senior citizens have already moved in, and there should be no trouble filling the rest of the units at Newburgh's Senior Horizons on South Plank Road. The brand new apartments have every amenity, including dishwasher, spacious living room, bedroom and bath. There are laundry rooms on every floor, and the buildings have community rooms and libraries. There is even a model railroading room.

They even have nice kitchens, says Elsie Feduchka, who moved in to her apartment on October 1. "It's very quiet," she said. "I love it here."

Gladys Hall did the opposite of what many senior citizens do - she moved here from Florida. Her daughter, Debbie Rank, lives nearby. Hall is delighted with her new apartment, and proudly showed it on Thursday, the day of the ribbon cutting. "Everything is so compact and convenient," she said.

Peggy Bennett can't wait to move in. She already knows where everything will go, right down to the dishes in the cupboards. Planning ahead is one of the things she learned from growing up in a large family, she said. Peggy was the very first person to sign up for the apartments, and she says she got exactly what she wanted. She's got a view of the front so she can watch for company, she's close to the laundry room, lounge, elevators and stairs.

Lt. Governor Mary Donohue seemed almost as excited as the seniors when she spoke at the ribbon-cutting.

"How do you like your new apartments?" she asked, "I see lots of smiles out there."

Donohue thanked the senior citizens for the contribution they have made to their communities.



Lt. Gov. Mary Donohue welcomed seniors to their brand-new apartment complex. State, county and Town of Newburgh officials, as well as Key Bank representatives joined her at the podium.

"You people deserve our best attention," she remarked, "and our most affordable housing."

State Senator William Larkin told the senior residents, "Housing for you is my top priority."

Assemblyman Tom Kirwan congratulated Regan Development Corporation for building the housing so quickly, especially, he said, when you compare it to the way the state gets things done, i.e., the budget. Kirwan said that he was on hand when the first shovelful of earth was turned to break ground

for the apartment complex.

"If this had been a state project, we would just be getting to the second shovelful," Kirwan quipped.

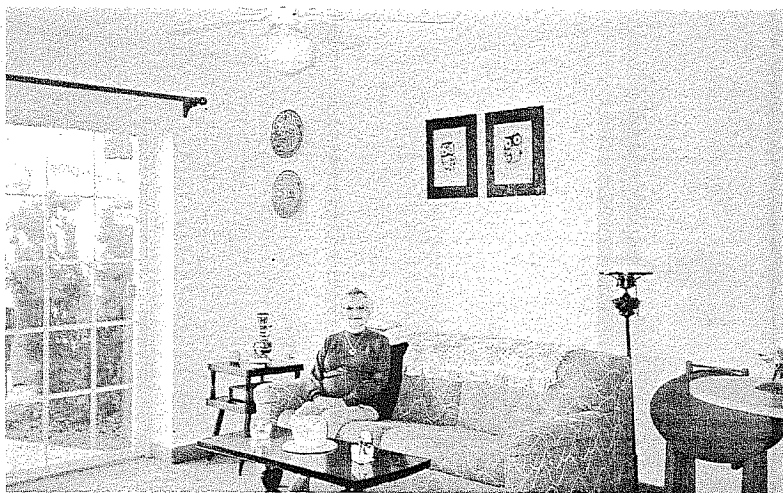
Supervisor George Buccì said he had trouble controlling his excitement when Larry and Ken Regan of Regan Development first presented their proposal for the senior citizen housing around 18 months ago.

"Senior citizens would come to me and say that they were going to have to leave town," Buccì said. "When I would ask why they were moving after 50 or 60 years in the community, they would say they could not afford to live here any more."

The new housing will make it possible for more senior citizens to stay in the community, Buccì said.

Larry Regan introduced the honored guests. He said that he and his brother, Ken, built Senior Horizons because they "wanted to create a sense of community." Regan Development also built Liberty Square, affordable housing in the City of Newburgh, converted the White Plains Armory into senior citizen housing, and built units in upstate Amsterdam. They are working on an 84-unit senior citizen complex on Silver Lake in the Town of Wallkill.

Senior Horizons is located at 353-355 South Plank Road (Route 52) near the intersection of Neversink Drive. There are four one-bedroom and 10 two-bedroom apartments for seniors whose incomes are at or below 50 percent of the area median. Fifteen one-bedroom apartments and 40 two-bedroom apartments will to tenants whose incomes are at or below 60 percent of the median. There are two libraries, an exercise room, gardening areas, laundry facilities, and a superintendent's unit. The apartment complex also has one building especially for senior citizens with pets. Call 566-5750 for an application or information on rentals.



Gladys Hall loves her new apartment.

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