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Construction moves forward for Bellport affordable housing

Construction progresses for Gleneagle Green on Atlantic Avenue



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A rendering of Gleneagle Green at Bellport.

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The \$30 million Atlantic Avenue Gleneagle Green at Bellport project was progressing nicely last week. One of the apartment buildings was already up, with more to come.

Affordable housing units in Bellport have been a long time coming.

"It's an element of the Greater Bellport Sustainability Plan going back to our first community visioning meeting in 2007," said Greater Bellport Coalition chair John Rogers. "We had three workshops and a visioning weekend, and it was included in the town's land-use plan in 2014, so it was a key goal."

Developer and D&F Development Group LLC principal Peter Fleury confirmed there would be 70 units built; nine buildings would be constructed on the seven-acre site. The project is under Bellport Residences LLC. "They are two-story and a community center will be located in one of them," Fleury told the Advance. "LPD Management, the management arm of D&F, will manage the property."

"The superintendent will report to a property manager; he will not be on-site every day, but the superintendent will, and that person will report to the residents and the manager. We're developers, builders and managers, and so we take it all the way through the process and remain in ownership and management for at least 15 years of when a project of ours is built."

Fleury said there would be a structured playground area, landscaping, and sitting areas. It will be gated.

"We'll be planting trees and they'll have quite a bit of landscaping, similar to Highland Green Residences in Melville," he added. While there will be no guard, there will be plenty of surveillance cameras. "Every time we've ever built in an area, it's always had an uplifting effect to the area."

Fleury also mentioned its proximity to the Boys and Girls Club of the Bellport Area and Robert Rowley Park.

The project broke ground this May; May 2022 is the expected completion, Fleury said.

Greater Bellport Coalition co-chair Regina Hunt said that Fleury arranged for interested community members to see his units in Melville.

"We sat with his staff on how he would make it affordable and that they would have staff at the grounds," Hunt said. "People actually opened up their apartments so we could see a one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedroom. The apartments are absolutely beautiful. We went three times; the last time was last December."

New York State assisted with funding; Suffolk County was providing funds on infrastructure.

Fleury said Hardiplank was being used as a higher-end siding. "We're very proud of the design," he said. "Six months before we complete the project, we'll start the marketing process on how the lottery works."

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