

Gateway Senior Housing construction on schedule, projected to open in June

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WAYNESBURG — Driving into Waynesburg on High Street, residents have watched the four-story Gateway Senior Housing building go up on 330 Nazer Street.

Groundbreaking of the site was a little over a year ago, May 1, 2015, and the facility has an expected opening date of June 17.

“There are only three or four other places for senior living in the Waynesburg area,” said Jason Temple, Gateway Senior Housing site manager. “There is a very large need for senior housing in Waynesburg, and that is why we have really worked to get this project done.”

The facility will have 52 rooms: 31 one-bedroom apartments and 21 two-bedroom apartments, with every room consisting of a full kitchen plus a dishwasher, a walk in closet, a controllable central air and other handicap amenities.

Laundry facilities will be located on the second and fourth floors, along with a wellness center, a computer room and a community room with a porch for residents to use.

There will also be two offices in the building: the realtor and an office to help residents with any needs they might have, such as transportation, questions and concerns.

“The project has been smooth sailing so far,” Temple said. “The winter wasn’t as harsh as expected, which helped to keep things on schedule.”

The apartments are designed to meet the housing needs of persons aged 62 and older



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The four-story Gateway Senior Housing building, located on the corner of Nazer and Greene streets in Waynesburg, has an anticipated opening date of June 17. Groundbreaking of the site was held a year ago last week. (Photo by Steve Barrett)

by providing affordable rental housing and support services to the residents.

Besides the requirement of being 62 or older, there is a max income limit will apply.

“The fact that it is just for 62 and older — I think it has, and will, help our applications to the apartments,” Temple said.

“There’s no mixed generations, which can lead to more companionship and a stronger community feeling, especially at first arrival.”

With a quick glance of the site, parking might look like a problem — with Nazer Street and a row of houses to the north and High Street to the south — but there will be 52 spots for residents. Visitor and staff parking has not been designated yet, but Temple does not foresee an issue.

The row of houses on the other side of Nazer Street, some of which have been vacant for a while, are currently being managed by the Redevelopment Authority County of Greene (RACG).

“We want to address the blight in this area, and locate and relocate people to a place that suits them best,” said Dave Calvario, executive director of RACG. “We are trying to revitalize and stabilize a neighborhood that has a need.”

There are eight houses on the north side of the Gateway facility, which RACG is working to rehabilitate and remodel while the construction project is going on.

Applications for apartments started Jan. 19 and are still open.

“I feel confident that the building will be almost full by the time we are ready to open,” Temple said.

Inquiries and/or about income limits can be made by calling 724-880-0373 or by visiting Gateway Senior Housing’s temporary office at 93 E. High St. Office #216, in Waynesburg.