



Breaking Ground On Senior Housing

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Town officials, community leaders and the developer of The Club at Melville officially break ground on the 261-unit Melville affordable senior community Tuesday morning.

The developer of The Club at Melville joined town officials and community leaders to break ground on the 261-unit affordable senior community in Melville Tuesday morning.

Groundbreaking on the project was the second milestone event in a three-day span at the 18-acre parcel on Deshon Drive in Melville. On Sunday, the BAPS, a Hindu sect, hosted a religious ceremony to formally lay the brick foundation of a new mandir, which will be built on 5 acres of the site. The Club at Melville will be built on the remaining 13 acres.

"Today's groundbreaking marks the celebration of the cooperation between so many parties," said Jane Gol, president of Continental Ventures Realty. "Today is the culmination of the efforts of so many people."

CP Development Partners, a joint venture of Manhattan-based Continental Ventures Realty and Pinewood Development, will build the project, which the developer said will boast "lush gardens, wooded areas, a pond and gazebo" and a 4,000-square foot clubhouse including a fitness center, common room with fireplace and a lounge.

The project will replace buildings once owned by Newsday, which are now in piles of concrete rubble near the work entrance to the parcel. Unit sales should begin "any day now," and the first move-in dates are scheduled to come next fall, Gol said.

"We plan to create a community that will be a new paradigm of quality and affordability in the Township of Huntington," Gol said.

The units will be two-bedroom, two-bathroom units ranging in size from 900 to 1,200 square feet, with the majority around the 1,200 square-foot mark, officials said last year. The most affordable units will cost about \$212,000, while the middle tier is to be approximately \$318,000 and the top tier \$365,000. Per a covenant attached to the property, the units must remain affordable. Energy-efficient appliances will be standard in the units.

A complex land-swap deal between the BAPS and the developer, which also included 5 acres of development rights being transferred from Meyer's Farm to Deshon Drive, made the three projects possible.

Supervisor Frank Petrone, who championed the arrangement, said the long partnership with the BAPS – nearly 11 years – helped forge a strong bond with town officials and community leaders like Alissa Taff, president of the Civic Association of Sweet Hollow, who worked closely with him.

"It provided this opportunity for senior citizen housing. It provided the opportunity for the temple to be adjacent to it," Petrone said. "It provided an opportunity for us to become creative – what we should be doing in government."

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