



Township of Lyons senior apartments near completion

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La Grange, IL — Occupancy of a four-story, 70-unit apartment building for Township of Lyons seniors might begin as early as September as construction crews appear to be working ahead of schedule.

The finishing touches are being installed at Countryside Senior Apartments, 6406 Joliet Road, Township Supervisor Russell Hartigan said. The apartments are available to township residents 55 years of age or older, with an income of less than \$42,200 if occupancy is for one person and less than \$48,250 if occupancy is for two people.

Rent is expected to range from \$345 a month to \$800 a month depending on a tenant's income.

Each one-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment has about 560 square feet of living space and includes carpeting, window treatments, ceiling fans, Energy Star appliances and central air conditioning. A laundry room is located on each floor of the building. A large community room with a fireplace is on the ground floor providing a place for residents to read, watch television, socialize and attend special events. There is also a patio in the rear of the building and courtyard overlooking a pond.

There will parking available for about 100 vehicles. The project is a collaborative effort of the township, Illinois Facilities Fund, Community Memorial Foundation, and Mercy Housing Lakefront.

Illinois Facilities Fund is a nonprofit corporation and community development financial institution serving low-income communities with affordable financing for capital projects. It negotiated the land with the township, put together the financing, and also provided \$1.3 million. Illinois Facilities Fund also obtained \$8 million in federal tax credits and \$3.45 million from county home funds.

The Community Memorial Foundation is providing pre-development financing and a \$600,000 grant.

Mercy Housing Lakefront is a national organization that acquires and develops program-enriched housing for low-income populations, including families, seniors and people with special needs.

Liz Reyes, director of housing development at Mercy Housing Lakefront, said an information reception is being held from 1 to 4 p.m. today, May 19, at The Flame restaurant, 803 Joliet Road, in Countryside.

Information on the units and the application process will be provided. More information is available by calling (708) 246-0101.