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## Lafayette Eden Housing Project Takes Shape

Although it took a while to get the financing together, the affordable senior housing project on Mt. Diablo Boulevard is rapidly making progress. The construction site is humming with activity as crews from L & D Construction build 45 units, on a 0.8-acre lot that stretches back to the Post Office annex.

It takes more than a village to be able to support this low-income housing project. Funding is provided by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development, Contra Costa County Department of Conservation & Development, Bank of America, Union Bank of California and the former Lafayette Redevelopment Agency.

"The project is right on schedule," said Woody Karp, Senior Project Developer of the nonprofit Eden Housing; he estimates that it will be complete Dec. 16. "It'll be a very desirable place to live - extremely affordable." He recommends that prospective seniors call the main number at Eden Housing, (510) 582-1460, and ask to be placed on an interest list. With a substantial number of people on the list already, Karp said there will be a lottery for qualified applicants to determine who will get an apartment.

Just down the block, crews are working on the foundation of the mixed-use Merrill Gardens market-rate senior apartments that will feature retail shops on the ground level. C. Tyson

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