



Smith Crossing, a retirement community in Orland Park, is adding 14 assisted living apartments and 16 memory support suites in June.

DEVELOPMENT NOTES

Pulte to debut Park Ridge town homes

Pulte Homes is scheduled to open in June its newest town home community, Gateway Estates, in Park Ridge.

"This upscale row home community offers residents the rare opportunity to purchase new-home construction in prestigious uptown Park Ridge," said Steve Atchison, president of Pulte Homes' Illinois Division. "We look forward to opening our models and showcasing these unique row homes that blend the old with the new."

The community will offer five three-story floor plans, ranging from 2,527 to 2,643 square feet, all offering three bedrooms, two full and two half bathrooms, two-car attached garages and a balcony.

Among the standard amenities in homes at Gateway Estates are granite countertops in the kitchen, stainless steel appliances, wood flooring in the kitchen/kitchen nook, and master bathroom suites. Some of the optional features include an iPod docking station, home theater packages, in-home elevators and fireplaces.

Park Ridge is 15 miles northwest of downtown Chicago and is close to O'Hare Airport and major expressways. Gateway Estates is on South Northwest Highway between Washington Avenue and Berry Parkway. The development is within walking distance to a Metra rail station.

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Smith Crossing in Orland Park

Smith Crossing, at 10501 Emilie Lane in Orland Park, will open 30 new private



Gateway Estates in Park Ridge is Pulte Homes' newest town home community in the Chicago area. The development is set to open next month.

residences in June as it expands the retirement community's assisted living and memory support wings designed for seniors needing additional support.

Adding the 14 assisted living apartments and 16 memory care suites along the west side of Smith Crossing's main building completes the first phase of a two-part, \$35 million expansion program under way on the campus.

Construction will continue, ultimately increasing its capacity by 50 percent, as Smith Crossing prepares to add two more wings on the east side of its main building that will house 76 new independent living apartments as well as many new and larger common areas.

"We encourage interested seniors and their families to schedule a tour and appointment to learn more about how mov-

ing to Smith Crossing can improve their lives," said Frank Guajardo, Smith Crossing's executive director.

"We offer numerous programs and services, with the goal of ensuring residents' independence, well-being and enjoyment of life."

This first expansion since Smith Crossing was built includes 12 one-bedroom and two two-bedroom assisted living apartments and 16 memory support suites that feature 10-foot ceiling heights and views of a courtyard.

"Our shared commitment to providing a continuum of care so residents never have to move again has proven very appealing to our residents and their families," said Michael Flynn, chief executive of Smith Senior Living, the not-for-profit organization established in 1924 that sponsors Smith Crossing.

Illinois' southwest suburban region is seeing a dramatic increase in its population of older adults, said Guajardo. Market research shows that in the Orland Park area, the senior population is expected to top 67,000 by 2013, he said.

"Our challenge is to keep life interesting for this new generation of residents at Smith Crossing," said Guajardo. "So with our expansion scheduled to be completed in 2012, we have added more common areas for programs and activities, ranging from more dining options and a pub to theater and gallery spaces."

For more information about Smith Crossing, call 708-326-2300 or visit smithcrossing.org.

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