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Area clubs updated on old hospital site

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CORNING - Work on a three-story, 96-unit residential building at the century-old Corning Hospital site is expected to break ground next spring.

David Riedman, president of Rochester-based Riedman Companies, who will construct the residential building, said he hopes work to be underway in early-to-late spring of 2018.

"Having said that, we don't control that process entirely," Riedman said Tuesday at a luncheon held at the Radisson Hotel Corning by the Corning Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. "There is demolition work as you have all witnessed, and as a part of the demolition there is environmental remediation."

Riedman said everyone involved is working very hard towards the early-to-late spring timeframe.

"But it might get tripped up along the way," Riedman said. "Who knows."

Once work on the three-story residential building is underway it will take about 15-months to complete the project.

Riedman said when completed eight percent of the rooms will be studio apartments, under 600-square-feet, 55 percent will be one-bedroom apartments, 750-to-1,000-square feet, and 37 percent will be two bedroom apartments, 1,080-to-1,350-square-feet.

The cost range will be from the high \$800 a month to about \$1,400 a month, Riedman said.

"We want to take advantage of probably the most important amenity that we can offer, and that is the community of Corning," Riedman said. "We want to create a very strong length between the redevelopment of this property and Market Street and downtown Corning as a whole."

The large residential building will also feature wellness rooms, a movie theatre, a room dedicated exclusively to bicycles and garages that can be rented, Riedman said. The outside area will have a grilling area and a dog park.

"We're very focused," Riedman said. "We do projects that are well planned, economically viable and have a positive impact on the communities in which they're located. Those are guideline principles."

The next phase at the project site is the construction of a three-story 35-unit residential building that will face East First Street, Riedman said. The construction timeline for that project has not yet been set.

Riedman said a separate parcel on the old Corning Hospital site will likely house a bank. The future of the other plot at the site is undecided.



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