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Waterford at Fairway Village



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Waterford marking decade with million-dollar renovation and opening of art gallery

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Waterford at Fairway Village is marking its 10th anniversary by completing a \$1 million renovation, opening a community art gallery and holding a variety of celebrations during the week of Oct. 6. Waterford is located at 2909 S.E. Village Loop in Vancouver.

The renovation includes new carpet, paint, furniture and window treatments throughout the 154,799-square-foot main building. The café was expanded and completely refurbished; new features include a glass-mosaic tile wall, Internet access and three computer stations. The beauty salon also got a new look.

Five flat-screen televisions provide news and information throughout the community, with the living room set used for Nintendo® Wii competitions. The primary dining room will soon boast an open fireplace. New light fixtures provide improved lighting. The bold, contemporary colors and patterns are described as “boutique hotel” and are considered transitional, creating a bridge between traditional and modern design.

The Waterford Art Gallery’s launch features artwork by Vancouver-area artists Bev Birdwell, art teacher and owner of the painting studio Arts Desire; wildlife painter Mark Butler; and Leith Zeuterharst as well as Waterford residents Van Gibson and Virginia Johnson. Additionally, four residents loaned pieces to the gallery. In all, there are 17 items displayed. The new gallery will be open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A committee composed of six residents oversees selection of the artwork, which will rotate quarterly and include various media, such as oils, watercolors, acrylics, photos and weavings.

Other anniversary celebrations include:

- A barbecue on **Oct. 8 over the lunch hour** when residents and staff will thank local emergency responders, including representatives from Vancouver police and Fire Station 89.
- A discussion of local history and a look into the future on **Oct. 8 at 3 p.m.** by Vancouver Council Member Pat Jollota, who previously served as curator for Clark County Historical Museum and is the publisher of two books about Clark County’s history.

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- A reminiscence of 10 years on **Oct. 9 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** as a panel of residents and staff share their memories and photos of living and working at Waterford. A number of staff and residents have been part of Waterford for 10 years, including Margaret Zuke, who placed a deposit on a cottage in 1996, and Retirement Counselor Linda Schorr, who worked with Zuke and all of the new residents then — and still does today.
- Two invitational events are scheduled: On Tuesday, friends and family members will join residents and staff for an open house and dessert social, and on Friday evening, community leaders, including Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard, will help culminate the week-long celebration.

“Since it opened in 1998, Waterford has been known as the premier retirement community in Clark County,” says Executive Director Jay Leo. “This renovation — along with our well-regarded service and staff, award-winning Life Enrichment/Wellness program and Health & Fitness Club — maintains that position.”

He goes on to say the new art gallery embodies Waterford’s mission: To enrich people’s lives. “We promote whole-person wellness, and one of the components of that is encouraging people to expand their knowledge, skills, and talents. The Waterford Art Gallery showcases the area’s talented artists, and we invite people to visit and enrich their lives.”

Waterford’s parent company, Touchmark, oversaw the interior design and construction, headed by Director and Vice President of Architecture Joseph Billig, AIA, with assistance from Rudi Suminski, project manager, Touchmark Development & Construction Company. LRS Architects served as interior designers.

Since it opened 10 years ago adjacent to the Fairway Village 55-plus community and public golf course, Waterford at Fairway Village has grown tremendously. In 2002, assisted living and memory care services were added as well as additional apartments and a health and fitness club. Today, Waterford is home to more than 295 people and provides jobs to approximately 220 staff members. The community offers a range of homes and lifestyle options. A health and fitness club is open to anyone over 40 and features a variety of fitness classes, specialized equipment and a 75-foot pool. More information is available at WaterfordVancouver.com and by calling (360) 254-2866.