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New affordable housing apartments being built

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More affordable rental housing is coming to east Gainesville, thanks to Jennings Development Group Inc., which has partnered with HKW Enterprises to build a 96-unit apartment complex just north of Hawthorne Road on SE 24th Street.

Tiger Bay Court, expected to be completed by the end of the year, is being built for residents who meet the income guidelines for affordable housing communities as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, according to Rhonda D. Stroman, director of real estate development for Jennings Development.

Due to the nature of the income limits, the owners can't verify income yet, but they are keeping a list of potential applicants who contact the property at (352) 376-6787, said Stroman.

"We continue to meet the housing needs of the community in the community," said state Rep. Ed Jennings Jr., D-Gainesville, who owns Jennings Development Group.

Jennings' company and HKW Enterprises also own Lewis Place Apartments on NE 15th Street and Eden Park Apartments on NE 39th Avenue.

Tiger Bay will have 64 three-bedroom/two-bath apartments and 32 two-bedroom/two-bath apartments. The three-bedroom units will consist of 1,133 square feet of space, and the two-bedroom units will be 981 square feet, according to site plans.

Stroman said Tiger Bay will feature a computer training lab, a state-of-the-art fitness center, a full-size basketball court, a volleyball court, a pool and sundeck, a children's playground, a community center and a clubhouse.

The cost of the project is \$12.4 million, according to Stefan Davis, president of Davis and Sons Construction Inc. LLC. Davis and Sons is the general contractor on the project.



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By the end of the year, Gainesville will become home to Tiger Bay Court, an affordable rental apartment complex being built near the Alachua County Health Department. Sixty-four three-bedroom/two-bath and 32 two-bedroom/two-bath units are under construction.

