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ABOVE: A view of the pool area at the new College Park Apartment Homes development.
RIGHT: Construction continues on the retail center area of the College Park Apartment Homes. The center



New housing development opens doors to public

The College Park Apartment Homes development just across from the Claremont Colleges recently opened for business and is looking to fill up 448 units.

The 40-acre property offers residents luxury accommodations and amenities such as pools, a fitness room, a movie theater, a park and its own retail center.

Just off Arrow Route between Claremont Boulevard and Monte Vista Avenue in Upland, the project is strategically located near retail and transportation centers.

"We think it is an excellent location," said Developer Chris Felix, President of the Hutton Companies. "It's halfway between the 10 and 210 Freeways and there are transportation and shopping options very close by. You've got the Montclair Plaza, the Metrolink Station, loads of restaurants, big employers, all within walking distance."

The project began in 2002 when Hutton Companies first purchased the land. In December 2007, initial construction and grading began. It will be several months before some of the housing units are fully completed.

There are 6 wings of housing units which are named after its neighbors at the Colleges; Claremont, Harvey, Keck, Pitzer, Pomona and Scripps. The apartments are for lease only, ranging in price between \$1,345 and



The new College Park Apartment Homes are located near the Claremont Colleges between Claremont Boulevard and Monte Vista Avenue in Upland. \$2,355 per month.

There are one, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments. Sizes range from 753 to 1,336 square feet. Opened only a month ago, 10 tenants have moved in thus far and another 50 have signed leases.

"With all the amenities, it's very convenient living," said Jennifer Bedford, Area Manager for the property management company. "We're the number one premier community in the area and we offer a lot of customer service elements."

Developers worked closely with the cities of Upland

and Claremont and the Claremont Colleges to address some traffic and safety concerns that would be generated by the large scale project.

Hutton Companies agreed to widen Arrow Route, adding a center median and bike lanes. The traffic signal at the intersection of Arrow Route and Claremont Boulevard was also upgraded for safety purposes.

At the corner of Arrow Route and Monte Vista Avenue, a large retail center with room for about 20 businesses is under construction. Leases have already been signed by a handful of businesses including Subway, Legends Burgers, Fantastic Sams and a nail salon.

Mr. Felix said his company hopes to secure a convenience store, a couple of nice restaurants and a gas station at the center.

"We think it's one of the better master plan projects built in southern California for a number of years," Mr. Felix said. "It has everything a city planner or environmental landscaper would want with bike lanes, close public transportation access and hiking trails on the south side. It's really a textbook project that we're really proud of."

A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony with local city officials and Chamber of Commerce representatives is scheduled for Thursday, April 16 at 5 p.m. Tours are available daily between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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