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Trolley Station affordable housing opens for business



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Canandaigua Supervisor Pam Helming and DePaul President Mark Fuller tour the new Trolley Station Apartments on County Road 28. PHOTO PROVIDED



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Officials take a tour of DePaul's 48-unit project in Canandaigua.

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CANANDAIGUA — Move-in day for many occupants of the DePaul Trolley Station Apartments is next week.

But Thursday was a chance to celebrate the completion of the \$14.4 million project. Several members of the community attended an open house and got a chance to poke around the apartment complex on County Road 28.

In all, the complex offers 44 one-bedroom units and four two-bedroom units in a mix of affordable and supportive housing that offers residential services for low-income individuals and residents with behavioral health issues.

DePaul President Mark Fuller said he is thrilled the agency is part of the Canandaigua community, which many perceive as an affluent community because of the lake.

"But there actually is a need for affordable housing," Fuller said.

Canandaigua Town Supervisor Pam Helming said not only do the apartments fill a need, but the project also helps the town fulfill its goal of providing housing for all ages and abilities.

"We are one step closer to meeting that goal," Helming said.

The state Office of Mental Health provided \$450,000 in grant funding and nearly \$3 million in interest-free construction financing and low-income housing tax credits to help make the project happen.

Each of the apartments features a fully equipped kitchen with appliances; a wall-mounted, flat-screen TV with basic cable service; and spacious closets and storage areas.

Tenants have access to a computer lab; a laundry room on each floor of the two-story, smoke-free structure; and community room.

Rent for the one-bedroom apartments is \$700; \$850 for the two-bedroom.

And anyone driving by can see another interesting feature: a rooftop solar system and free-standing solar panels, which also receive state assistance.

The sidewalks around the complex serve two purposes, one for use by the residents.

But Helming said the sidewalks also will help connect town parks by a trail system, making for a walkable community.

"It is exciting to see this come to fruition," Helming said.