

# Groundbreaking held for Davis' New Harmony

A groundbreaking ceremony was held by the Sacramento|Yolo Mutual Housing Association for its New Harmony development in Davis on Friday.

The 69-apartment community will have 1, 2 and 3-bedroom flats for families of modest means, according to a spokeswoman for the nonprofit group.

Each flat will have a private patio, energy-efficient appliances, environmentally friendly building materials and finishes as well as high-quality indoor air filters. The apartments will be wheelchair accessible, have free Internet access and minimal utility bills.

The complex is located at 3023 Albany Ave., in Davis, adjacent to the New Harmony site.



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New Harmony is an energy-efficient development with a solar-powered community building where financial education and ongoing workshops and classes will be held. Like most Mutual Housing communities, New Harmony residents will have a computer lab.

“At New Harmony, Davis families will soon have the option of moving to a green, healthy home,” said Rachel Iskow, Mutual Housing’s executive director. “That families of modest means will be able to live comfortably within their budgets in Davis should be a source of pride for this great community.”

Since the community is next to Owendale – one of Mutual Housing’s four other communities in Davis – residents will be able to share open space, a children’s playground, a basketball court and community garden. Redwood and evergreen trees will be part of the landscaping. When completed, it will be connected to the city greenbelt/bike path.

Part of the green design was funded by a \$75,000 grant from the Home Depot Foundation, that included evaluating costs and benefits of various green building options. Mutual Housing staff is aiming for 100 green points, 30 above the 70 required for such projects in Davis. Saving energy or water, improving air quality and access to public transportation all qualify for points.



*The first shovelfuls of earth were turned at the New Harmony Development in Davis on Friday. Among those participating were Bob Kuchman, Kuchman Architects PC; Donny Sunseri, Sunseri Construction; Andriana Jimenez, Owendale Community resident; Wendy Carter, Mutual Housing project manager of New Harmony, as well as a number of Davis city officials.*

This vacant parcel was one of the few multifamily-zoned lots left in Davis.

Funding for the new community came from partners such as the city of Davis Redevelopment Agency, California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, Merritt Community Capital Corporation, City of Davis HOME Program, Bank of America and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta.

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