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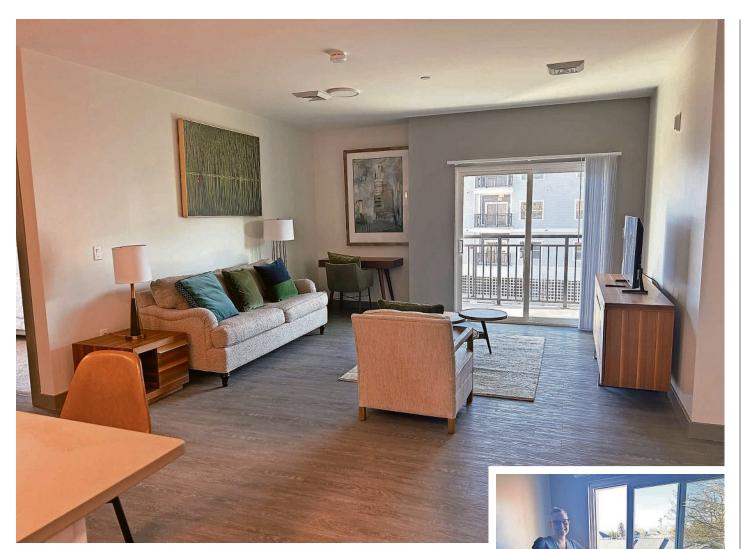


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Lyberty Green

Once planned as a hotel, 'walkable' apartments in Falmouth to open

Zane Razzaq Cape Cod Times | USA TODAY NETWORK

FALMOUTH — Lyberty Green, a new 104-apartment housing development, is preparing to welcome residents after ten years of legal and regulatory wrangling including, in 2015, an attempt to build a Marriott hotel on the downtown land.

One benefit for potential residents is that the property is just steps from the center of town, according to the developers.

"The parade goes right by," said property manager Melissa Fodor.

The apartments at 556 Main St. will be two three-story buildings with groundfloor parking. One building will house 40 residential units and the other 64. At the time of the interview, Fodor expected the town to soon issue a certificate of occupancy.

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apartment at Lyberty Green.

TOP: Lyberty Green, a new 104-apartment housing complex in Falmouth, is preparing to welcome residents after ten years of legal and regulatory wrangling including, in 2015, an attempt to build a Marriott hotel on the downtown property. In the photo is a living room area in one of the apartments, photographed in December.

PHOTOS BY ZANE RAZZAQ/CAPE COD TIMES

U.S. launches strikes on IS in Syria

Attacks follow killings of service members

Michael Loria

USA TODAY

The U.S. military launched airstrikes on several suspected Islamic State group targets in Syria on Dec. 19, following the deaths of two U.S. soldiers and a civilian interpreter Dec. 13.

"This is not the beginning of a war – it is a declaration of vengeance," Secretary of War Pete Hegseth said in a post on X. "The United States of America, under President Trump's leadership, will never hesitate and never relent to defend our people."

U.S. forces struck "ISIS fighters, infrastructure, and weapons sites," Hegseth said. The Pentagon chief said the attacks were a "direct response" to the deaths of Sgt. William Nathaniel Howard, 29, of Marshalltown, Iowa; Sgt. Edgar Brian Torres-Tovar, 25, of Grimes, Iowa; and interpreter Ayad Sakat, of Michigan, in Palmyra, Syria.

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President Donald Trump salutes as members of the military carry a transfer case Dec. 17 during a dignified transfer of the remains of two Iowa National Guard members killed in Syria. NATHAN HOWARD/REUTERS

Neighbors Fund helps family with heating and utility bill

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For families relying on seasonal employment, careful budgeting is key, especially when the shoulder months can mean even less hours and less pay. Add to this an unexpected event — like a child's illness — and families can quickly face a mountain of overwhelming bills.

When a Falmouth resident and single parent of two young children saw her hours cut at the restaurant where she worked, and then had a child fall ill, requiring her to take a few unpaid days off to care for him, she found herself strug-

gling to pay for heating oil and utilities. She reached out to the Cape Cod Times Neighbors Fund, which filled her



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oil tank and assisted with a portion of her utility bill. Generous donors made this relief possible, keeping the family warm and safe. As winter approaches, calls like this rise sharply, highlighting the growing need in the community.

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RFK Jr. turns spotlight to Lyme disease, 'gaslighting' of patients



Health Secretary RFK Jr. vowed this week at a roundtable to put more efforts into thwarting Lyme Disease.

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Heath Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is vowing to wage a war against Lyme disease, as he claims former White House administrations have ignored the ailment.

On Monday during a health roundtable, Kennedy asserted - without proof that officials at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services had claimed Lyme disease "did not exist."

Lyme disease - an ailment passed on by ticks - is prevalent in New England, with warnings issued nearly every spring by public health entities about

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