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## Affordable housing projects face major hurdles in Broome



A joint press conference was held after the Hooper Road Apartments ribbon cutting with New York State Senator Lea Webb and Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo highlighting housing resources in Broome County on July 8.

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### Hooper Road Apartments ribbon cutting held

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The Hooper Road Apartments in Endwell are complete and almost at full capacity as of July 8.

The Continuing Developmental Services 80-unit housing community is specifically for residents 62 and older who are earning up to 60% of the Area Median Income.

To ensure seniors can live independently, 40 units are reserved for resi-

dents in need of New York's Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative-funded supportive services which are provided through the YWCA of Binghamton and Broome County.

Funding for the project came from various sources including \$12 million from the Homes & Community Renewal Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, \$3.9 million in State Low-Income Housing Tax Credit equity, \$13 million in HCR subsidy, \$440,000 from the

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The CDS housing community features 80 apartments, a fitness room, computer lab, community room, and two laundry rooms.

## Endwell motel fire survivor suing county

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A Knights Inn resident who was displaced by a deadly fire at the motel is suing Broome County for allegedly breaching its duty to place unhoused people in safe living conditions.

In a complaint released on July 7, Kimberly Cooks, who has been a resident at the Knights Inn in Endwell since July 2024, alleged the county "failed to exercise reasonable care" in placing her and her child at the motel after she was left unhoused due to an abusive relationship.

The Knights Inn at 2603 E Main St. burned down on June 22, killing six people and displacing dozens. The motel has been used as emergency housing by the Broome County Department of Social Services to shelter unhoused people.

Tyler J. Russell, 24, of Endwell, has been charged with six counts of second-degree manslaughter and one count of fourth-degree arson in connection with the fatal blaze.

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## Phelps Mansion to hold event

Free tours, activities from 11 am to 3 pm

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The Phelps Mansion Museum in Binghamton will host a free Community Day on July 11, opening all rooms of the historic home for activities from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event is open to the public, with more than a dozen activities planned throughout the mansion and its grounds, according to a community announcement.

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## Binghamton man faces charges in drug case

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A Binghamton man has been charged with possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and crack cocaine following a federal investigation.

A grand jury indictment, which was

filed on June 26, accuses Robert Scott, 60, of knowingly and intentionally possessing the narcotics with the intent to distribute.

Scott allegedly possessed with the intent to distribute 40 grams or more of fentanyl and 28 grams or more of crack cocaine on Oct. 30, 2025, according to the indictment. He was on federal pro-

bation at the time of the offense, according to a U.S. Department of Justice press release.

If convicted, Scott is facing a minimum sentence of five years in prison and a maximum sentence of up to 40 years in prison, a fine of up to \$5 million and a period of supervised release of at least four years and up to life.



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