

# City Unveils Newest Senior Community

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NORFOLK, Va. - Norfolk has one of the biggest populations of seniors - 65 or older - living below poverty level.

Since elected 25 years ago, Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim has looked into establishing dignified, safe and affordable housing for the city's seniors.

The Retirement Housing Foundations (RHF) -- a non-profit affordable housing provider -- is helping the city reach its goal to provide affordable housing for older adults, low income families and people with disabilities.

A ground-breaking ceremony introducing Village Gardens, the city's newest affordable housing community, was held Thursday.

Village Gardens, will be located at 1225 W. 39th Street, and consist of 40 one and two-bed room apartments. The development is designed to enhance the quality of life for Norfolk's older adults. Those interested in the apartments may qualify for financial assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.