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Waterford at Harwood Groves



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Public invited to Waterford's Grandest Opening

FARGO, N.D. — Nine years ago, Waterford at Harwood Groves opened its doors and held a grand opening. On Tuesday, November 27, Waterford is holding its *grandest* opening to mark completion of an expansion and extensive remodel—and the public is invited. Visit Waterford at 1200 Harwood Drive from 3 to 7 p.m. and participate in the festivities.

Guests will be treated to appetizers from Italy, France and America, delicious desserts (tiramisu, chocolate mousse and cheesecake), beverages (including champagne) and tours of the new cottages and apartment homes. The F-M String Quartet will entertain guests, and valet parking will be available.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony with the FM Chamber of Commerce will be held at 4:30 p.m., followed by an ice-carving demonstration by Kim Brewster, owner of Ice Art, Inc. Door prizes will be given away.

There is no charge for the event. For more information, people can call (701) 476-1200.

Executive Director Deb Magnuson has been with Waterford since it opened in 1998. “Watching Waterford grow from an empty building to a community rich with amazing residents and staff has been one of my great joys,” she says. “There is warmth and caring within these walls.”

Sixty new apartment homes as well as four cottages were added to the popular resort-style retirement community. The new apartment homes range from 715 square feet to more than

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1,500 square feet and offer a variety of designs — from one bedroom and one bathroom to two bedrooms, two bathrooms with a den. Some homes include a fireplace, and a patio is available with some. The three-story expansion includes an attached enclosed parking garage.

The new cottages feature four floor plans ranging from more than 1,300 to nearly 1,900 square feet. Each home includes two bedrooms and two bathrooms, gas fireplace and a two-car garage. Some homes also have a den or sunroom.

Residents of both the cottages and apartment homes enjoy housekeeping services, restaurant-style dining, membership in the Waterford Health & Fitness Club and Waterford's Life Enrichment/Wellness program.

During the construction, Waterford's lounge and dining areas were remodeled, and the Memory Care residences were enhanced and a secure exterior courtyard added. In addition, a new Health & Fitness Club was built. It features a 25- by 50-foot pool, therapeutic spa, aerobic studio and strength-training and other equipment. Services include health and wellness screening, fitness assessment and personal training.

"The Health & Fitness Club is an exciting addition to our campus as well as to the entire area," says Magnuson. "This club is designed specifically to meet the needs of people 40-plus years; it provides many ways for people to enhance their balance, strength, flexibility and cardiovascular health. The pool is proving especially popular with people."

YHR Architects designed the \$13 million expansion. Weiss Contractors oversaw construction.

Waterford provides resort-style retirement and a range of homes and lifestyles. It is currently home to more than 125 people.