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Rice Eventide breaks ground on new 55+ community known as Fairing Way

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More than 150 South Shore seniors and businesspeople recently gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of a new community for 55+ active adults, Fairing Way.

Construction begins in late June on the innovative senior living community, which will include a total of 216 independent living apartments (104 in the first phase), a two-story clubhouse, and the Dwyer Home, a Health Center with skilled nursing.

The community is expected to open in November 2015. Half the apartments already have been reserved.

The groundbreaking ceremony looked to both the future and the past. Fairing Way's sponsor, the non-profit Rice Eventide, opened the South Shore's very first retirement community 88 years ago. Executive director Joyce Haglund used a shovel from the 1935 groundbreaking of the existing Rice Eventide Home to kick off the organization's next evolution, Fairing Way.

"Fairing Way is truly at the forefront of providing better living for those who are entering this next phase of their life," said Duamarius Stukes, director of housing and assisted living certification for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Shown (from left) are: Bob Dwyer, Rice Eventide board member; Richard Meade, president, Rice Eventide board of directors; Amy Ross, treasurer, Rice Eventide board of directors; Don Powell, LeadingAge Massachusetts; Joyce Haglund, executive director, Rice Eventide; Jamie Seagle, president, Rogerson Communities; Duamarius Stukes, director of housing and assisted living programs at the Executive Office of Elder Affairs; John Sheskey, Sheskey Architects; Matthew Barry, VP of development, Starwood Land Ventures.

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