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43-unit affordable housing complex under construction in Port Townsend

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Crews from Bainbridge Island-based Clark Construction are busy building a 43-unit affordable housing complex at Seventh and Hendricks streets in the Castle Hill neighborhood of Port Townsend. The 53,000-square-foot, two-story development — called 7th Haven — is being developed by nonprofit Olympic Community Action Programs. Third Place Design Cooperative and Terrapin Architecture make up the architectural team.

When complete, 7th Haven will be the first affordable multifamily housing project to be constructed in Jefferson County in over 14 years. It is costing \$15.4 million and is funded by an \$11.3 million state Department of Commerce grant plus contributions from local organizations.

The building is intended to house 130 people, including 35-40 children, from low- and very-low-income brackets. All units would be for households making below 50% of the area's median income (\$32,200 annually for a family of four). The preliminary apartment mix is six studios, 18 one-bedrooms, 15 two-bedrooms and four three-bedroom units intended for families. Up to four ground floor units will be live-work art spaces.

In addition to low-income families, people with developmental disabilities, individuals diagnosed with chronic mental illness, those recovering from substance abuse, families escaping domestic violence, and families who have been homeless will be prioritized for the units. There will be on-site support services for residents provided by Olympic Community Action Programs in coordination with partners at Discovery Behavioral Health, Dove House and Olympic Neighbors.

The project will include an on-site early learning facility that will serve 33 children and be operated by the Olympic Peninsula YMCA. It also will have a sheltered courtyard, children's playground and recreation area, and a covered parking area with one space per housing unit plus



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Work is expected to be completed in spring 2023.



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Crews are currently installing the project's large solar array.

staff and guest parking. The project is designed to meet ultra-high energy efficiency standards and is targeting net zero. Sustainable features include a large rooftop solar array, which is currently being installed.

Local art will also be incorporated into the building design. As first reported by The Leader, this will include murals and mosaics that depict the natural ecosystems and wildlife of Port Townsend and the Salish Sea by Washington artists Jean Bradbury and Jennifer Kuhns. There will be two murals of nautical and land animals on the north and west facades, along with a medium-sized mosaic on the front entryway. The two artists were selected following an application process with a local panel made up of the developer and other project members.

Ground was broken on 7th Haven in June 2021, and work is expected to be complete and the first residents moved in next spring.

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