
On the waterfront

Bluegill Lodge at Meredith Bay community in The Weirs opens three new condo model units

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THREE MODEL UNITS have opened at Bluegill Lodge in the Meredith Bay community along Scenic Drive in The Weirs. Bluegill Lodge is the first of four luxury condominium buildings planned by Southworth Development in the Meredith Bay community in Laconia.



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LACONIA — The first of four luxury condominium buildings in a 430-acre planned community under development by Southworth Development LLC along Scenic Drive in The Weirs has opened three models and started sales of units to the public.

Construction of the Bluegill Lodge in the Meredith Bay community began in November and includes models on four floors ranging from 1,400- to more than 2,000-square feet.

According to Southworth Project Executive Chris Duprey, the units feature picturesque views of Lake Winnepesaukee and offer two- and three-bedroom single-floor units.

"The best selling features of these units are the proximity to the lake and the beautiful views," Duprey said. "All of the units have the view of the lake and I think they are going to go pretty fast."



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Each unit in the Bluegill Lodge has an open-concept kitchen, dining and living areas, fireplaces and hardwood floors along with over-sized decks, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, custom fixtures and a heated underground parking garage and storage areas.

Elevators bring guests and residents from the parking garage to their respective units and lodge owners also have access to Meredith Bay's marina and private beach club with a sandy beach, a lakefront swimming pool, beach volleyball and a restaurant.

"The attention to detail is outstanding and consistent across all of our products," Duprey said. "Our product is unique because it's one-level living and we offer furnished and unfurnished packages as well."

Cindy Lawrence of Southworth Development said the Bluegill Lodges condominium units start in the mid-\$400,000s and the company is accepting reservations for units with delivery scheduled for April.

Lawrence said the three model units at Bluegill Lodge include three distinct design motifs.

The company's Urban Lodge model highlights a transitional design approach that creates a sophisticated fusion between city and country lifestyles, while its Modern Lake-Side model is inspired by cottage-style design setting a tranquil ambiance for a casual and relaxing way of life.

The Rustic Lodge model features Adirondack décor taking advantage of its lakeside surroundings.

Duprey said Bluegill Lodge is only the first of four condominium buildings to be built by Southworth Development in the Meredith Bay community.

"Our goal is break ground for those later this year," he said. "Interest has been very good and a number are under agreement already."

The Meredith Bay community will be bring a significant increase to Laconia's tax base, Duprey said.

"And for most of our residents, these are going to be second homes and so they will not be adding a lot of burden to municipal services," he said.

Lawrence said that the Meredith Bay community is being developed in a number of phases, with the first phase now complete and includes the neighborhood of Akwa Vista and the Akwa Marina and Beach Club.

The next phase consists of a collection of distinctive waterfront town homes and lakeview lodges with adjoining amenities and recreational facilities.

"At the end of the day, we're creating products we're extremely proud of," Duprey said. "I've worked on a number of projects for the company and we're doing something that nobody else is doing."

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