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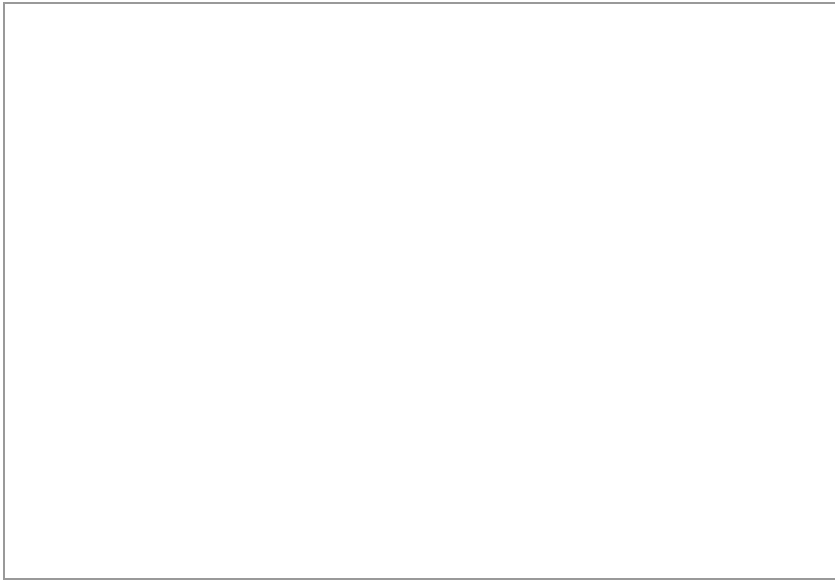
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City marks progress on \$20M elderly housing development

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Mayor Menino was on hand Saturday for the ceremonial cornerstone laying for the Mount Pleasant Home project.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

To mark the progress of a \$20 million renovation and expansion project at a neighborhood elderly housing development, Mayor Thomas Menino and local residents took part in a ceremonial cornerstone laying.

The three-phase project to upgrade the 84-year-old facility Mount Pleasant Home development on S. Huntington Avenue received a \$1.75 million contribution from the city and is expected to be completed by December 2011, according to the mayor's office.

The development will serve mixed-income seniors with 60 single-room units, common areas, and a medical facility staffed by Brigham and Women's Hospital.

"First, I want to congratulate Mount Pleasant Home for having provided housing stability to our senior citizens for over 100 years – that's an incredible contribution to our community," Menino said at the development's 15th

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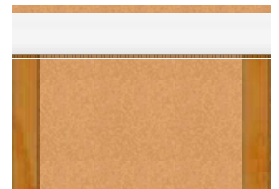
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Annual Backyard Party Saturday, according to the release. "Now, the substantial renovation of this property will help preserve this development for many more years to come, offering residents convenient access to the services they need in a place are proud to call home."

Once renovations are complete, 31 units will be available for rent by individuals earning 30 percent or less of the area median income, with seven units set aside for formerly homeless seniors with an income at or below 30 percent of the area median income. The remaining 22 units will rent at market rate.

In accordance with the city's Green Affordable Housing Program, the development's renovation will utilize several environmentally sensitive designs, including the installation of a photovoltaic system to convert solar energy into electricity for the building, funded through a \$450,000 grant from the Mass. Clean Energy Center.

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