

Woodmont, city officials open 220-unit rental project in Bayonne

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Woodmont Bay Club, a new 200-unit luxury rental community in Bayonne developed by Woodmont Properties

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Woodmont Properties has opened the doors to a new luxury apartment complex in Bayonne, its latest residential property and one of many redevelopment projects underway in the city.

Known as Woodmont Bay Club, the four-story community includes 220 apartments and a host of amenities, including a sky lounge with sweeping views of the Newark Bay, Manhattan and the Bayonne Bridge. The project off West 54th Street has redeveloped the

former site of a well-known catering hall and night club, completing a plan that had stalled before Woodmont became involved around three years ago.

Company executives joined city officials on Thursday to officially open the property.

“Woodmont Properties promised and delivered an incredible community,” Bayonne Mayor James M. Davis said. “We now have a thoughtfully designed luxury community which not only enhances the beautiful natural landscape of Bayonne but directly benefits its residents, and — of course — the people of Bayonne.”



Executives with Woodmont Properties joined Bayonne city officials on Thursday to officially open Woodmont Bay Club.
— Courtesy: Woodmont Properties

Woodmont Bay Club features layouts ranging from studios to three-bedroom homes of up to 1,500 square feet, the firm said. Amenities include a sky lounge with views of the surrounding waterways and the adjacent Richard A. Rutkowski Park, along with a pool and sundeck, a modern strength and cardio center, game room and golf simulator, among others.

Also on hand Thursday were Woodmont Properties CEO Eric Witmond, President Lewis Zlotnick, Executive Vice President and General Counsel Stephen Santola, Senior Vice President Steven Varneckas, Chief Financial Officer Daniel Miller and Senior Vice President of Construction Howard Irwin.

“We’re thrilled to officially open this sensational community, which not only offers a modern living experience but caters to residents’ desire to enjoy Bayonne’s beautiful landscape and green space just outside their doors,” Zlotnick said. “Woodmont Bay Club provides a unique blend of luxury amenities in a stand-out location, which offers convenient access to 140 acres of outdoor recreation including a three-mile waterfront walkway and scenic nature trails.”



A model unit at Woodmont Bay Club in Bayonne. — Courtesy: Woodmont Properties

Woodmont is also providing residents with shuttle service to the PATH train, while touting the site’s accessibility to the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail and major highways such as Interstate 78, Route 1 and 9 and the New Jersey Turnpike. The property is among several projects that have been completed or are in the pipeline in the Hudson County city, which has largely lacked the type of redevelopment seen in other waterfront communities to the north.

But Santola on Thursday highlighted Bayonne's efforts to attract new investment and team with the private sector to help revitalize sites such as the former Hi Hat catering hall and night club.

"I think that is such a testament to what leadership can do and what vision can do when those two come together," Santola said, noting that Woodmont is now pursuing a plan a second project adjacent to Woodmont Bay Club.