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\$162M Ponte Vedra retirement community set to break ground next year

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A new Ponte Vedra retirement community announced Wednesday plans to break ground in early 2021 after receiving state approval.

Vicar's Landing at Oak Bridge plans to begins Phase I of its construction by mid-2021. Phase I includes the first 76 units and a 21,000-square-foot clubhouse, with a goal of having a total of 235 units,

The \$162 million project is being done by Vicars Landing, the eighth largest retirement community on the First



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A conceptual rendering of Vicar's Landing at Oak Bridge, a new retirement community planned for Ponte Vedra

Coast according to Business Journal research. Combining the 325 beds at the original campus with the 235 planned beds would make it the fourth largest.

"We have experienced a significant increase in demand in recent years and have a waiting list of more than 280 people," Vicar's Landing CEO Bruce Jones said in a statement. "Furthermore, factors such as the public health crisis of 2020 have likely heightened seniors' desire for safety, security, and access to high-quality health care. The Vicar's Landing lifestyle provides this and so much more with our team's exceptional service and numerous activities so residents can continue to live life to the fullest.

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The project, a private and gated community on approximately 42 acres of land, is located next to Sawgrass Village off of State Road A1A.

Vicar's Landing at Oak Bridge received approval from the State of Florida in October to commence construction on the project. Partners on the project include Clark Advisory Services, Danis Construction, Dostie Homes, Prosser Engineering Consultants and RLPS Architects.

The community will include 175 independent living units, 42 assisted living units and 18 memory care units. The independent living units feature floor plans that range from 1,400 to 2,400 square feet, and are available as duplex and triplex cottages or four-story apartment buildings.

"The residential units at Vicar's Landing at Oak Bridge will be slightly larger than our existing campus, and the design will complement the area's existing aesthetic," Jones said. "Residents at both locations will have access to all of Vicar's Landing's convenient amenities, existing and forthcoming."

Future phases will include construction of the remaining independent living units, the assisted living units and the memory care units. Current project estimates put the total investment at \$162 million, and approximately 100 jobs are expected to be added to the area.

Clubhouse amenities include a club room, fitness center, aerobics room, card room and hair salon. Outside of the clubhouse, the community features a heated swimming pool, a variety of dining options, access to Vicar's Landing's flagship campus and transport between campuses and off-campus day-trips.

The community also features on-site healthcare, to include a wellness clinic and assisted living and nursing care.

The community is 50% sold out, the organization said. The tentative timeline for resident move-ins is by mid-2022.

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