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Unveiling of Riverside Apartments set; building was once School 60



The former Buffalo School 60 in Buffalo's Riverside neighborhood has been converted into apartments.

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A renovation project that transformed defunct Buffalo School 60 to a sprawling 68-unit apartment complex will be unveiled Thursday when Riverside Apartments hosts its debut open house.

Mayor Byron W. Brown and other area officials will be on hand at 238 Ontario St. to speak during the open house and dedication ceremony, which runs from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

DePaul, a Rochester-based not-for-profit organization, renovated the former school building, which had been closed since 2002. The \$20 million project, which received city, state and private funding, salvaged much of the building's original architecture in the reconstruction.

The floor from the old gymnasium, chalkboards and granite from the school's bathrooms were reused and incorporated in the interior design of the complex, which also includes antique items donated by former employees, students and teachers.

"All city residents deserve a safe and affordable home, and today we continue to show our commitment to do whatever we can to provide quality housing options," Brown said. "It took vision and resolve to transform the former Buffalo School 60 building into these beautiful apartments that will further support area businesses, strengthen the fabric of community in Riverside and be a springboard for even more investment."

The renovation created 350 construction jobs at the complex, which will employ 40 permanent workers once opened.

All 68 units have been booked with residents.

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