

ALERT TOP STORY

Gallery: Officials celebrate opening of Port Byron Apartments

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New York state and local officials gathered in Port Byron on Thursday to celebrate the opening of Port Byron Apartments, a \$28 million affordable and supportive housing development in the village.

Developed by DePaul Properties, of Rochester, the project was **supported** by \$16 in low-income housing tax credits from the state and \$8.7 million in subsidies from its affordable housing agency, Homes and Community Renewal. The 69-unit, three-story development replaces the 39-unit Church Street Apartments that occupied the former Port Byron Central School, which was **demolished** in November.

The residents of 30 of the development's units are eligible to receive on-site health and education support services administered by the New York State Office of Mental Health, and most of the other 39 units are occupied by former residents of Church Street Apartments. The new development also features a pet park, walking paths, a community garden, a playground and free high-speed internet.

"It is absolutely crucial that every individual has access to a safe and supportive place to live," state Sen. Rachel May said in a statement.

"The Port Byron Apartments will play a vital role in transforming the lives of dozens of people, offering them shelter and a solid foundation from which they can receive comprehensive services to help them create a brighter future. Thank you to Gov. Hochul for her unwavering support for central New York and commitment to ensuring that every resident has a comfortable space they can call home."



The opening of Port Byron Apartments is celebrated on Thursday.

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Resident Carol Thompson is one of several speakers at an opening celebration for Port Byron Apartments on Thursday.
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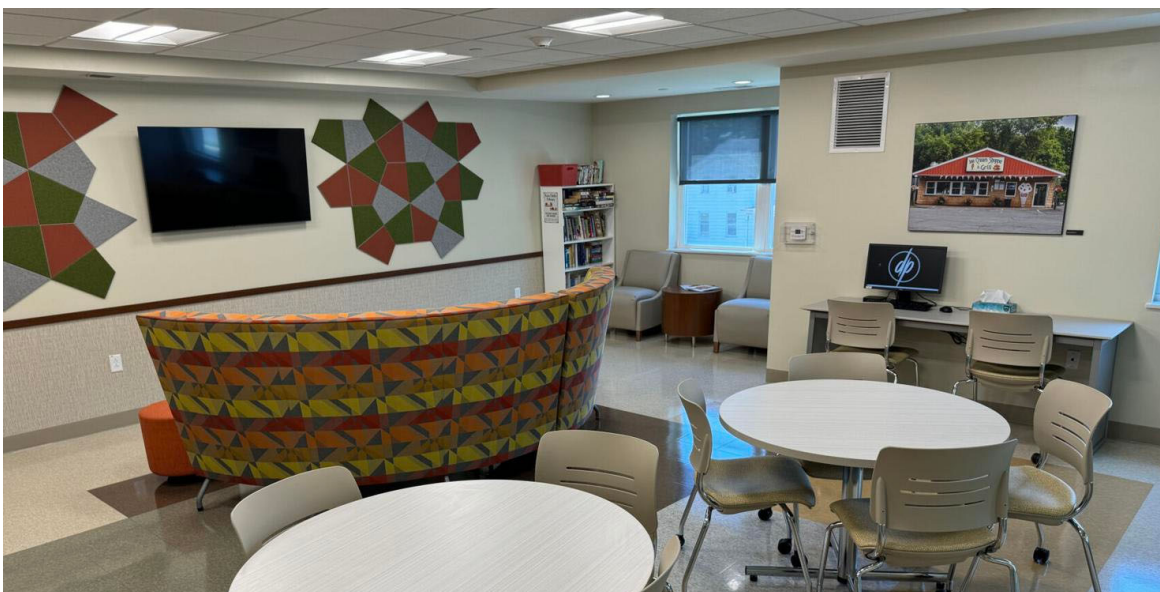


Guests gather to celebrate the opening of Port Byron Apartments on Thursday.
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A community gathering space at the new Port Byron Apartments during a tour there on Thursday.
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A kitchen at the new Port Byron Apartments during a tour there on Thursday.
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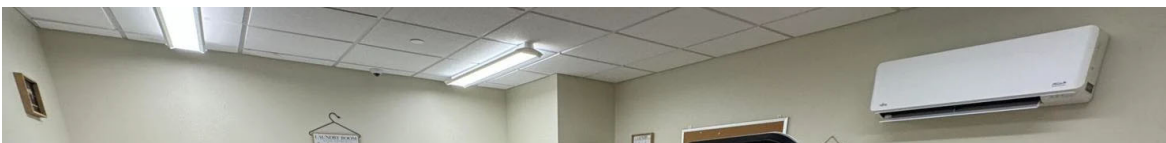




A bathroom at the new Port Byron Apartments during a tour there on Thursday.
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A gathering area with computers at the new Port Byron Apartments during a tour there on Thursday.
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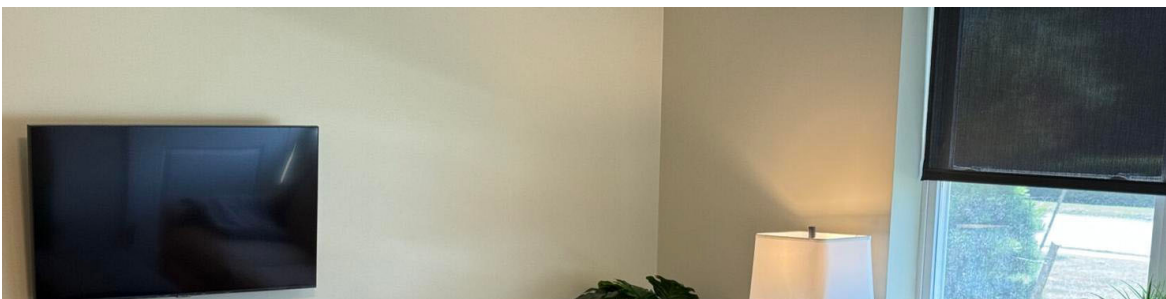




A laundry and exercise room at the new Port Byron Apartments during a tour there on Thursday.
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A bedroom at the new Port Byron Apartments during a tour there on Thursday.
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A living room at the new Port Byron Apartments during a tour there on Thursday.
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