

The White's Corner entrance of the new commercial building at Harbor Place. (WHAV News Photograph.)

The city has set an October date to draw the names of the first affordable housing tenants to live at Harbor Place, Merrimack Street.

The lottery takes place Wednesday, Oct. 19, 11 a.m., at Haverhill Public Library, according to Mayor James J. Fiorentini. As WHAV first reported last week, Community Development Program Director Andrew K. Herlihy told city councilors Aug. 9 more than 50 units of affordable housing will be available through a lottery now taking place through Oct. 4. There is a preference for either existing Haverhill residents or people who work for Haverhill businesses.

The lottery, conducted by Peabody Properties, includes 33 two-bedroom, 17 one-bedroom and six three-bedroom apartments, Herlihy said. He said the housing project is exciting since "no one lives on Merrimack Street right now."

The apartments at 44 Merrimack St., divide affordable units between a "Merrimack Project" and a "Riverfront Project," with six units. All other apartments will be rented at market rates.

For those interested in learning more, there will be informational meetings Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 4 and 6 p.m., at Haverhill Public Library. A model apartment is expected to be available for public viewing in September, Herlihy said.

Applications for the affordable-housing apartments must be postmarked by Tuesday, Oct 4, Fiorentini said. Applications are available in the mayor's office and community development division at Haverhill City Hall; Haverhill Housing Authority, 25 Washington Square; the Hayes Building, 14 Granite St.; or online at www.LiveHarborPlace.com. Applicants may also call 781-794-1000, or for more information, e-mail harborplace@peabodyproperties.com.

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