

Phase 1 Construction Complete on Benchmark's 'Sturges Ridge of Fairfield' Senior Living Community

Local leaders and residents recently gathered to get a sneak peek at construction progress on Fairfield's first assisted living and memory care community.



Current residents of Benchmark's Edgehill community in Stamford, Conn., Joan Weisman and Spencer Wallin, joined Benchmark CEO Tom Grape and Fairfield First Selectman Mike Tetreau for the construction celebration for Sturges Ridge of Fairfield.

WALTHAM, MA – Oct. 3, 2017 – Benchmark Senior Living is pleased to announce the completion of Phase I of construction for [Sturges Ridge of Fairfield](#), a three-level, 85,000 square foot, state-of-the art assisted living and memory care community located in Fairfield, Conn., on property between The Carolton Chronic and Convalescent Hospital and Fairfield Ludlowe High School.

A gathering of town officials, community leaders, Benchmark associates and residents from neighboring Benchmark communities recently gathered to celebrate the building's progress and recognize the work of companies and individuals involved in the development.

Benchmark, founded by Fairfield native [Tom Grape](#), is a leading provider of senior living services in the Northeast. The property, at 400 Mill Plain Road, will be the first assisted living community in Fairfield and is slated for completion in September 2018.

"This project is very personal to me," says Grape, Benchmark's Chairman and CEO. "We are bringing the first assisted living community to the town where I was raised. Benchmark's attention to quality and our commitment to creating meaningful connections will be extremely important to the fabric of this special community. Sturges Ridge of Fairfield will allow local seniors requiring assistance as they age to stay in a town they love as much as I do, and they can even live next door to neighbors they've known for years!"

Key construction milestones of Phase I include the completion of the foundation and steel framing, as well as the installation of utility connections from the access road. Additional property features will include convenient underground parking and a rooftop patio. Apartments on the top level will have "luxury box" views of Fairfield Ludlowe High School football games!

In October, Sturges Ridge of Fairfield will open an Information Center at 1177 Post Road in Fairfield where the general public can view floor plans and room designs and submit applications and deposits. Those seeking information now may call 203-774-9740 or visit SturgesRidgeFairfield.com.

About Benchmark Senior Living

Based in Waltham, Mass., Benchmark Senior Living is a leading provider of senior living services in the Northeast. Founded in 1997 by Tom Grape and celebrating its [20th anniversary](#) in 2017, Benchmark operates 54 senior living communities offering independent living, assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. The company anticipates opening its first community in the state of New York, Whisper Woods at Smithtown, in 2018. Benchmark has been recognized by *The Boston Globe*, *Boston Business Journal*, *Connecticut Post*, *Hartford Courant* and *Hartford Business Journal* as a top workplace, and by the *Boston Business Journal* and *Providence Business News* as one of the healthiest employers. Visit Benchmark at BenchmarkSeniorLiving.com.



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Fairfield native and CEO of Benchmark Senior Living, Tom Grape, grew up playing baseball in Sturges Park across the street from where he's building the town's first assisted living community.