

Booming Cary area attracts more high-end apartments

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Northwest Cary continues to heat up with new development as land becomes scarce in the booming community.

ZOM Living, a multifamily developer based in Orlando, paid \$12.55 million for 19.21 acres along Carpenter Fire Station Road west of Highway 55 to develop a new apartment complex. The land will be used for Azalea at the Park, which will have 315 units, 15 townhomes and up to 5,000 square feet of retail.

The luxury apartments will be offered as studios, one, two and three bedrooms while the townhomes will have three bedrooms. The apartments will be between 575 and 1,250 square feet and the townhomes will be 1,500 square feet.

The 3-story townhomes will also have attached garages. The apartment buildings will be four stories. Zom Living declined to disclose the estimated rental range. Apartments in the area now start at \$1,349 for a one-bedroom unit.

There will be a 15,000-square-foot community gathering space, clubhouse, wellness and fitness center, a convenience market, remote work spaces and direct access to Morris Branch Greenway.

ZOM Living will break ground in early 2026 with an estimated completion in early 2028. The developer declined to disclose the cost of the development.

Azalea at the Park will be on five parcels — 7204 and 7216 Carpenter Fire Station Road, 114 and 132 Sanger Road and 121 Cransley Meadow Lane — near the Carpenter Fire Station Park and Northwest Cary YMCA.

“The constant influx of new, high-paying jobs in the Triangle makes it a great place to do business. And within the region, the Town of Cary has so many advantages,” said Ben Stevens, director of development standards at ZOM. “We are immediately adjacent to a great new city park and a state-of-the-art YMCA. We knew we could make a great place with this as the canvas we start with.”

The properties have a combined assessed value of about \$3 million. There are a couple of homes on-site, but it is mostly forested.

ZOM Living is also behind Maizon Durham, with 248 apartments at 500 E. Main St. Northwest Cary is

exploding with development, and despite the news about Apple (Nasdaq: AAPL) pausing its plans for a 3,000-job campus in the area, developers are pushing forward with plans for the area.