

# Kingsbury village on pace for Sept.

## Van Horn Real Estate Project nearing its completion stage

Van Horn Real Estate and Quasius Construction recently celebrated a major milestone in completing the foundation for Kingsbury Village Town Home Apartments. The 33-unit luxury apartment building, with fantastic views of the Sheboygan River, broke ground last October on the former Kingsbury Brewery Site at 10th Street and Wisconsin Avenue, Sheboygan.

"The project has been both challenging and rewarding from the beginning," said Chris Merklein, Director of Van Horn Real Estate. "The former Kingsbury factory was literally demolished and buried where it stood and soil conditions had poor bearing capacity." Developers prior to Van Horn were unsuccessful in designing a cost-effective foundation system, but the new team, including Quasius Construction and Distinctive Design Studio, were able to design a sequence of helical piers to provide necessary support. Now that the foundations are established, the framing of the buildings are mostly complete with electrical, plumbing, and HVAC work being finished in many of the units. Final color and material selections for the interior and exterior are complete and the underground storm water retention system has been installed. Chris Merklein adds, "With the structures going up, you can really see the courtyard take shape, and get a feel for what is going to be a beautiful campus."

Kingsbury Village will include three residential buildings with a total of 33



townhouse/luxury apartments. Each two-bedroom, two-and-half-bath unit features approximately 1,400 square feet of livable space and a 6-40 square foot 2+ car heated garage and flex space. Each unit provides private entrances and garages, with the only common areas being outside. The development also includes outdoor living spaces, with balconies, hardscape patios, and a central courtyard for outdoor gatherings, campfires and grilling. Residents will benefit from the property's proximity to downtown Sheboygan, Lake Michigan, and the Sheboygan River.

Hardhat tours of the mostly-finished units are available by reservation. Pre-leases and townhouse tours can be arranged by calling 920-400-1576. To see

floorplans and other townhouse details, please visit [www.KingsburyVillage.com](http://www.KingsburyVillage.com)

### About Van Horn Real Estate

Van Horn Development, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Van Horn Automotive Group, Inc. Our mission is to provide support in the development and management of unique and lasting real estate projects. The current portfolio includes single and multi-family residential, retail, service, industrial, and storage. As an employee owned company, you can be assured that our properties are designed, built and managed at the highest standards - providing our tenants with comfort, safety and enjoyment.

Quasius Construction, located in She-

boygan's downtown district, delivers innovative construction solutions and services to clients throughout Wisconsin. Established in 1891, Quasius assists clients throughout their entire project life cycle, from conceptual design through construction completion, helping clients make informed decisions and meeting challenging project demands and budgets.

### About Distinctive Design Studio

Since 2013, Distinctive Design Studio has been providing architectural and building solutions for clients looking for an innovative and creative approach to design. With a passion for creating lasting impressions in all of our client's lives, Distinctive Design Studio is an assembly of talented team members with distinguished experience in architecture and interior design. We're proud to have built a reputation as a leading architecture firm in Sheboygan Falls.

### About Van Horn Automotive Group

Van Horn Automotive Group, Inc. is a family born, employee owned automotive group with headquarters in Plymouth, Wisconsin. Founded in 1986 by Joe Van Horn as a single Chevrolet dealership, and purchased by his children: Chuck and Teresa, Van Horn Automotive Group has grown to include 17 automotive dealerships, a finance company, a real estate business and several insurance companies. The group employs over 580 people throughout Wisconsin and Iowa.

# Collecting coins will provide needed meals

Traveling along South Taylor Drive in Sheboygan, one can't help but notice the banners, lights and huge, pink pig flying in on the side of the road. They are meant to draw attention, create smiles, and guide drivers to the giant coin bank in the Fresh Meals On Wheels parking lot.

Bank First National, K/P Welding & Fabricating and Fresh Meals On Wheels are working together to get all the quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies sitting in people's change jars back into circulation. The effort is intended to help both local businesses dealing with coin shortages; and homebound, senior and disabled Sheboygan County residents dealing with food insecurity - in a way that brings a smile to people's faces.

"With the relentless disruption and uncertainty people are faced with these days, we at Fresh Meals On Wheels wanted to create a vibrant, happy spot that would make people smile," said CEO Kelly Anderson. "So please, be part of the change - nickel and dime Fresh Meals On Wheels, we would greatly appreciate it!"

Fresh Meals On Wheels Board President Saunders Kohn came up with the idea of a coin collection. He and his crew at K/P Welding including Brett Daniels and Nic Vugrinovich designed, engineered, and manufactured the big black bank with a pig on the front that sits in the Fresh Meals On Wheels parking lot near the flying pig. Coins may be dropped off any time day or night.

After the coins are collected, Bank First National will count them and put them back into circulation. The value of the collected coins will be credited to Fresh Meals On Wheels to feed Sheboygan County senior and disabled residents who are most at-risk of COVID-19.

"We have tried to combine fun and philanthropy in a safe, socially distant way. We hope people enjoy the result," Anderson said.

Fresh Meals On Wheels is located at 1004 S. Taylor Drive across from Aldi. For more information, call 920-451-7011.

### About Fresh Meals On Wheels

For 50 years, FMOW has provided tasty, nutritious, home-delivered meals to Sheboygan County's senior, disabled, and homebound residents. Since 2012, meals have been made in FMOW's Christopher Family Kitchen using fresh, local ingredients from the FMOW gardens, or donated by local farmers and gardeners. During the COVID-19 pandemic, FMOW has gone to no-contact, weekly meal delivery. Volunteer Caring Callers regularly check in with clients by phone, providing peace of mind for clients and their families.

Fresh Meals On Wheels of Sheboygan County has no waiting list or income restrictions. For more information, call 920-451-7011 or visit [www.freshmealsonwheels.org](http://www.freshmealsonwheels.org).



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Fresh Meals On Wheels Board President Saunders Kohn of K/P Welding stands in front of the flying pig after he installed the "piggy" bank his team made for the Meals On Wheels coin drive. People are encouraged to empty their change jars into the Fresh Meals On Wheels piggy bank to support Meals On Wheels while helping local businesses facing coin shortages. Bank First National will count the coins and get them back into circulation, and credit the value to Meals On Wheels.



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# Holiday lights show to continue

With many events cancelled due to COVID-19, there is one event that already had social distancing as a foundation of operation; the drive-thru holiday lights show Making Spirits Bright. The component that does have group gathering, Quarryview Center, will not be a part of this year's event.

The need for Making Spirits Bright is greater than ever. While admission is free, food pantry donations are requested. Those items are delivered to the Sheboygan County Food Bank each night and their volunteers disburse to food pantries throughout the county. With the significant increase in people needing help with basic necessities, the event has historically brought in thousands of pounds of donated items each year. In addition, people are looking forward to any options that allow them to participate as usual prior to the Covid challenges.

Purchase of the Memory Ornament has become a tradition for many people. While orders won't be able to be placed in person at Quarryview Center, the event web site ([www.MakingSpiritsBright.com](http://www.MakingSpiritsBright.com)) and newspaper ads will feature an order form.

Making Spirits Bright at Evergreen Park in Sheboygan, will feature hundreds of thousands of twinkling lights in displays choreographed to music aired on the dedicated 89.1FM radio setting.

The show will be open to the public from 5:00 to 9:00 PM starting November 27 and running through December 31 (closed Christmas Eve, December 24). So

there may be 34 total nights to drive the 1.1 mile route.

The unknown at this point is whether sufficient people will volunteer to operate the event each night. The volunteer committee is diligently contacting those groups, companies, and organizations that have expressed an interest or previously volunteered. In addition they are developing guidelines in compliance with Covid social distancing and safety measures for any volunteers in the park. If you or your organization wants to volunteer please email [volunteers@makingspiritsbright.com](mailto:volunteers@makingspiritsbright.com).

This will be the event's ninth year and each one gets bigger and better. And, while Quarryview Center won't be open, the drive-thru lights show "must go on."

For more details visit [MakingSpiritsBright.com](http://MakingSpiritsBright.com).

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