



A rendering of what a house in The Cottages at Malvern Hills will look like when it is complete.

Cottages coming to Pittsford

Construction of the 27-house development started in September.

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Mary and Bob Hastings purchased a home built by the Pittsford-based Ketmar Development Corp. in the **Malvern Hills** development in 2002.

They saw Ketmar's latest project, The Cottages at **Malvern Hills**, across Route 64, as an opportunity to have maintenance-free home ownership and a smaller home in a location they like.

"We love the home and we're very satisfied with the work that they do," Mary Hastings said from Osprey, Fla., where the couple live about seven months a year. "When we heard about this, we thought we would try a maintenance-free home."

The Hastings purchased the first of 27 houses to be built in the 23-acre plot of land that sits among Thornell Road, West Bloomfield Road and Route 64. The two cul-de-sac streets will be named Hawkstone Way and Tor Hill.

A homeowners' association will maintain the 11 acres of green space and each of the lots. Services include landscaping, fertilization, lawn mowing, seasonal clean-up, snow removal from driveways and walkways, trash removal and irrigation maintenance.

"We're envisioning the people who want to live here will be busy or tired of maintaining their own property," said Marie Kenton, president of Ketmar.

A home in The Cottages at **Malvern Hills** starts at about \$700,000. Homes will be between 2,600 and 3,600 square feet.

Kenton said the two developments will be similar in terms of quality and finishes. "What we're trying not to do is try and look like cookie cutters, so they have the same garage, same facade," she said. "We developed three different garage placements and different outside textures."

The Cottages will have a walking path that runs around the perimeter of the development and will connect across Route 64 with the walking paths in **Malvern Hills**, which also connect to the paths on Sunrise Hill and Woodstone Rise.

Part of the paths would be open to the public along Thornell Road and Route 64.

Three ponds in one corner of the development will be aerated in the warm weather to keep them fresh, instead of filled with cattails. It will also be stocked with fish.

Hastings said she hopes her new home will be finished in May. Kenton said the development will be complete in three to five years.