

Aegis Living

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Aegis Living Breaks Ground on Northwest's First Chinese-American Senior Living Community and Chinese Cultural Center

Former Gov. and U.S. Ambassador to China Gary Locke, King County Executive Dow Constantine headline Aegis Gardens groundbreaking celebration

NEWCASTLE, Wash. – (July 30, 2015) – Aegis Living, a leader in assisted living and memory care, broke ground in grand fashion Thursday on [Aegis Gardens](#), the Pacific Northwest's first senior living community for Chinese-Americans and the future epicenter of Chinese culture on Seattle's Eastside.

The groundbreaking event drew several hundred attendees, including former Washington state governor and U.S. ambassador to China, Gary Locke, King County Executive Dow Constantine and Newcastle Mayor Steve Buri. Several Chinese dignitaries were also present, including Andy Chin, director general of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle, and Benjamin Lee, president emeritus of the Hong Kong and Greater China Business Association of Washington.

"Our vision extends well beyond building a premier retirement community," said Aegis Living CEO and founder Dwayne Clark. "We believe Aegis Gardens will serve as a Northwest hub for honoring, preserving and celebrating Chinese culture."

Nestled on a 7.47-acre waterfront site with access to Lake Boren, the resort-style, 110-home community is slated to open in 2017. When completed, Aegis Gardens' activity center will play host to civic activities, cultural exhibitions and more. The center will also provide daycare services to promote multigenerational engagement. According to Nielson, 92,000 Chinese-

Americans live within a 25-mile radius of the Newcastle location.

Aegis Gardens' community programming will include celebrations of Chinese holidays, traditional cuisine representing major regions of China, mahjong, calligraphy, cribbage, Tai Chi classes, a central Zen garden and a tearoom.

Twenty-four hour care will be provided by staff fluent in Cantonese, Mandarin and English. Additionally, Aegis Living's memory care staff is professionally trained to handle the challenges of those living with Alzheimer's and other types of dementia.

The development site in Newcastle, situated a block from the Bellevue city line, carries deep cultural relevance. In the late 1800s, immigrants from China mined coal there, contributing to Seattle's rise to prominence.

[Video, photos](#) and [project renderings](#) are available.

About Aegis Living:

Redmond-based Aegis Living is a national leader in the senior living industry, embracing innovation and creativity to provide the highest level of care and service to its residents. A private, family-owned company founded in 1997 by Chairman and CEO Dwayne Clark, Aegis Living is consistently ranked among the top companies in the nation for senior housing, with a strong record of growth, innovation and employer excellence. More than 2,200 Aegis Living staff members care for more than 2,000 residents across Washington, California and Nevada.

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