

Newest addition to Boone: Mountaineer Village Apartments now pre-leasing for fall

Mountaineer Village Apartments is set to open this coming fall semester and is currently pre-leasing available units, primarily to students of Appalachian State University. Construction is underway at the site on U.S. 421 South, just before leaving Boone city limits, by Mega-Builders of Greensboro.

"On the first phase there will be 72 apartments," Property Manager for Pickering Company Tami Shutt said. "On the second phase, there will be a pool, a clubhouse, volleyball courts and hiking trails."

Mountaineer Village Apartments is owned by the Pickering Company, whose corporate offices are also located in Greensboro.

"Pickering Company has been in business since 1991," Property Manager Kellie Mikesell said. "The company specializes in student housing."

Pickering was founded by Annette Pickering who is also the president of the company.

"She and her husband got the project off the ground in the early 90s. They started out in Greensboro and then spread to other cities," Mikesell said.

Pickering also owns student housing developments in Greensboro, Cullowhee and other sites in North Carolina, as well as sites in Virginia and South Carolina. They service students at UNC-Greensboro, Western Carolina, Coastal Carolina and Longwood College to name a few.

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Mountaineer Village Apartments will open in August and offer students all-inclusive three-bedroom, three-bath apartments.

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"This is good in case one person decides not to pay the rent or damages the building," Shutt said. "That way no one gets stuck paying for his/her roommate."

Rent will run each individual leaser \$400 a month, and there will be a \$400 security deposit residents are obliged to pay when signing a lease. Rent will include a \$75 utility allowance that covers electricity, Internet, cable, water and basically everything besides phone.

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"There will be professional staff located on the grounds," Mikesell said. "The property manager will be Mike Rinker, who is transferring here

Mountaineer Village Apartments

FEATURING:

- Intrusion alarms
- Washer/dryer provided
- \$75.00 utility allowance
- Cable included
- Internet access
- State-of-the-art kitchen
- Spacious floor plans

Location: 1621 US Hwy. 421 N. Boone, NC 28607

Phone: (828) 262-9962 or (888) 859-8908

Web site: <http://www.mountaineer-village.com>

Directions: Take Hwy. 421 South. After last redlight in Boone, turn left across from Boone Ridge Building (street not named yet). We are right behind a Christmas tree farm.

from Longwood College. This is good so that students can have someone on-site to talk to if they have a problem with their apartment."

You can get in touch with Moun-

taineer Village about renting an apartment by calling Mike Rinker at (828) 262-9962 in town, or toll-free by dialing (888) 859-8908. His fax number is (828) 262-0858.

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