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NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS TOUR SUMMerview SQUARE

**NCC Students Studying Construction Technology and Building Efficiency
Will Participate In A Walk-Through
At The Summerview Square Construction Site In Norwalk**

WHEN: Monday, December 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: Summerview Square, 4 Summer Street, Norwalk

WHAT:

The Construction Managers and Developers' representatives for Summerview Square, a 63-unit Townhome-style rental community in Norwalk will conduct a Walk-Through Tour of the second phase of development on Monday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m. at 4 Summer Street for students studying Blueprint Reading at Norwalk Community College.

As part of their final semester project, students in Norwalk Community College's BEST – Building Efficiency & Sustainable Technology Certificate and Construction Technology Associate Degree Programs will tour the framing taking place for the second phase of the community, which is scheduled to open in late spring 2011. During this tour, students will review and discuss the community's site plans, framing, building, mechanical, electrical and plumbing plans. The tour will include a Question and Answer period with Summerview Development Group, the Wilton-based real estate development and building company that represents the property owners, Seavest of White Plains, New York, William Ireland, Norwalk's Chief Building Official, and Norwalk architect, Raymond Sullivan of Sullivan Architectural Group.

Interviews will be available with Andrew LaSala, Jr., partner, Summerview Development Group, Prof. Eric Gribin, Norwalk Community College, and the SOAR Energy Initiative Regional Coordinator, NCC students, William Ireland and Raymond Sullivan.

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BACKGROUND:

Summerview Square has been named 2010 Community of the Year by the Home Builders Association of Connecticut (HBACT), the state's leading home building industry association. The HBACT has also awarded Summerview Development Group two HOBI – Home Building Industry Awards for “Best Rental Community” and “Best Rental Unit.”

Summerview Square is being built in four phases in the neighborhood surrounding West Main, Summer, and Jefferson Streets. The first phase, consisting of 13 one, two and three-bedroom apartments and townhomes, officially opened in August. The community is a combination of Shingle, Colonial and Victorian-style townhomes and multi-unit apartments, each with a front porch and a sidewalk that links the neighborhood together.

The development team has worked closely with The West Main Street Neighborhood Association to preserve the community's historic look and feel, and has hired local builders, sub-contractors, and service providers who are members of the Home Builders and Remodelers Association (HBRA) of Fairfield County, part of the National Association of Home Builders.

Located near I-95, each apartment home is equipped with energy efficient GE appliances, central air conditioning and heating, hardwood floors, walk-in closets, ample storage space, washer-dryers, and two bathrooms in the two- and three-bedroom units. Elevators are installed in some of the multi-level homes that are handicap and wheelchair accessible. All units have their own attached, one- and two-car garages and private entrances from secure common hallways.

Norwalk Community College's Building Efficiency and Sustainable Technology (BEST) Certificate Program prepares students for “green collar” jobs in sustainable building, building performance auditing and retrofitting and alternative energy technology. NCC students are able to earn the 26 credit BEST Certificate in just two semesters. The program includes well-established courses from the College's Architectural Engineering and Construction Technology programs as well as new courses in Building Efficiency Auditing, Sustainable Energy for Residences and Businesses, and Alternative and Renewable Energy. The BEST Program is designed for displaced workers and job-changers, as well as those looking to expand their knowledge and skills to become employable in the green energy field.

The BEST program helps prepare students to qualify for the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) and the Building Analyst Certifications – nationally recognized accreditations required to perform home and building energy ratings and audits. BEST also draws upon exclusive partnerships with local and regional businesses, and experts in the field of sustainable design, building, energy efficiency auditing and weatherization to provide internship/job-shadowing and

employment opportunities for program graduates. The NCC Construction Technology program provides technical knowledge for individuals interested in active participation in building our communities. Graduates are prepared for careers in the construction industry as construction managers, project superintendents, and building officials.

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Registration for all students begins on Tuesday, January 4. Check the Spring Class Schedule posted on the NCC website at www.ncc.commnet.edu for additional registration dates throughout the month of January. **Spring Classes begin on Friday, January 21, 2011.**

Financial aid may be available to students interested in the BEST Certificate Program, or they may qualify for a “Workforce Scholarship” toward tuition.

For more information on NCC’s new Building Efficiency and Sustainable Technology (BEST) Certificate Program, contact program director Eric Gribin at: egribin@ncc.commnet.edu, or visit the BEST website at: www.ncc.commnet.edu/aad/best.

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