

Construction to begin on second phase of Liberty Trails

OKLAHOMA CITY -- The second phase of construction for the Liberty Trails residential housing development at Interstate 240 and Sooner Road is scheduled to begin today, officials said.

Developer Richard Tanenbaum, chief executive of the Gardner Tanenbaum Group, purchased the 93-acre tract in 2003 with plans to develop family neighborhoods. Tanenbaum's initial efforts resulted in the sale of 127 of the 138 available homes. Phase II will include 68 more homes with eight already sold.

Project Director Carol Williams pointed to the development's proximity to an already active housing market: "We are five minutes from Tinker, and we cater to the needs and time lines of the base personnel," she said.

Most of Liberty Trails' residents have relocated from other cities, officials said. To help minimize home-buying frustrations, Liberty Trails offers on-site lenders and an office open seven days a week.

The development features five floor plans which include 9-foot-tall ceilings, covered patios and storm shelters. The community plan also includes walking trails, a playground and homeowner's association.