



Newsletter March 2020

Dear ORCHARD EcoVillagers,

The breathtaking interest in our community continues in 2020. We have just 2 units available for purchase after which, we will be **SOLD OUT** for Phase 1! The team has been a buzz of activities as we complete sales, obtain all of our permits, and plan for the start of construction.

A number of you have messaged us to inquire about various topics, and I appreciate your enthusiasm and continued participation in all things

COMPLETION ESTIMATE

- We have obtained our Planning permit and are currently in the process of applying for our Phase 1 Building permits.
- This process by far, causes the most timing uncertainty as the Government Planning Department has a very large workload reviewing and approving or rejecting applications from every individual and company that wants to build anything on the islands, from small to large projects. With the current construction boom on the island, it is not surprising that this part of the process is the most time-consuming.
- By the most recent estimates, we expect to have our building permits by May and to begin construction soon after that. Our target for occupancy is 12 months after the start of construction so that puts us at **June 2021** for completion, although this is not set in stone due to any factors that are out of our control.

FLOOR PLAN MODIFICATION REQUESTS

- For those who requested some interior modifications, the construction team has now completed their assessment of feasibility and costing.
- We will be contacting each of you individually by **March 10** to provide the details and cost estimates for your modifications so that you have an opportunity to decide if you wish to pursue those changes.
- Your modification decisions are to be finalized and signed for by **March 31** so that the team can include them in the building permit plans

SELECTION OF INTERIOR FINISHES AND UPGRADES

- Planned roll out for **May through July**.
- Meetings will be scheduled with buyers individually.

SOLAR UPDATE

- As some of you may have read in the news recently, CUC announced in January 2020 that they have discontinued the CORE program through which CUC paid small-scale residential producers of rooftop solar energy via a rebate on the homeowner's energy bill.
- As our plans originally included the enrollment of ORCHARD homeowners in the CORE program, this announcement will directly affect us. In fact, the outcome is more favorable and could result in a more self-sufficient energy microgrid within ORCHARD.
- Our electrical team is working with CUC and evaluating various grid designs to maximize the benefits of solar energy for ORCHARD homeowners.
- More information on this topic will be forthcoming in future updates.

As always, please keep your questions coming. All enquiries about the team's progress, any specifics for your unit and contracts should be directed to the ORCHARD team.

For the fastest response, please use the contact form included in the [homeowners' web page](#). Check back on this web page often as we continue to add more content including pictures and videos of our progress.



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