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A winning development

Belle Plaine Commons takes Livable Communities Award

Belle Plaine Commons is a major part of the North Center Senior Campus that recently received national recognition as a winner of one of four nationwide Livable Communities Awards from AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) in 2009.

"AARP co-sponsors the Livable Communities Awards to recognize companies that go above and beyond in designing homes that significantly improve the quality of life for residents of all ages," said Bob Gallo, AARP Illinois state director.

The Belle Plaine Commons condominiums, 2335 W. Belle Plaine, is nestled at the north end of the five-acre North Center Senior Campus bounded by Irving Park Road, Western Avenue, Oakley Avenue and Belle Plaine Avenue in the heart of the North Center neighborhood on Chicago's North Side.

"The North Center Campus absolutely embodies what is important when assessing whether or not a community is livable," said Elinor Ginzler, senior vice president for livable communities at AARP in Washington, D.C. "The community has features that promote successful aging."

"The neighborhood's dreams and hopes came together at the North Center Senior Campus," said Ald. Eugene Schuler (47th Ward), who said his goal to build a senior campus to enable long-time residents to remain in the community was a team effort.

"North Center Senior Campus is one of the most unique developments of its kind in the United States," Schuler said. "It is a solution



AARP praised Belle Plaine Commons, winner of a Livable Communities Award, for its layout, amenities and ties to the North Center community.

to gentrification ... people from all walks of life live here. Seniors have the option to stay in their neighborhood in decent, quality housing."
"With affordable housing, nearby health care and a green environment, Belle Plaine Commons condominiums and the North Center Senior

Campus epitomize what a livable, senior-friendly community should be," said Rena Appel, development coordinator for North Center Associates LLC, the developer of Belle Plaine Commons.

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