

# ***FACT SHEET***

## **The Mather**

### **Overview:**

The Mather is a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) developed and operated by Mather LifeWays, a 60-year-old, unique not-for-profit organization. Both The Mather and Mather LifeWays are located in Evanston, IL.

The Mather is the Chicago area's newest and most comprehensive retirement community, offering a full continuum of care from independent living through skilled nursing care. It is the latest addition to a family of senior living residences created by Mather LifeWays that strive to offer older adults the opportunity to pursue engaged and active lifestyles.

The Mather will consist of two buildings, the first of which opened in October 2009. Construction of the second building will begin in early 2010 with completion and occupancy scheduled for late fall 2011.

As part of its commitment to implement sustainable environmental programs and practices throughout The Mather, Mather LifeWays is pursuing Gold Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for the second (south) building.

### **Location:**

The two buildings (425 Davis Street and 450 Davis Street) will be connected by The Gateway Gallery, a convenient, climate-controlled, underground corridor. The Mather is located in the heart of downtown Evanston, nearby Northwestern University, Lake Michigan, parks, transportation and wide array of cultural resources.

### **Architect:**

Solomon Cordwell Buenz (SCB), Chicago, IL.

### **Design:**

The Mather is a modern, yet classically designed, residence inspired by the grand buildings of the Beaux Arts tradition, providing a richness and high level of exterior detailing. The Mather blends traditional architecture with state-of-the-art amenities. The buildings feature mansard roofs, casement windows, pre-cast concrete balustrades, iron railings, and glass and metal canopies at the entrances.

### **Project Scope:**

Project cost: \$220 million  
Project scope: 603,000 gross square feet (496,000 above grade)

### **Apartment Homes:**

The Mather consists of 242 apartment homes and nearly 50 floor plan options. Homes range from one bedroom, starting at 830 square-feet, up to two bedrooms plus den at 2,635 square-feet. The first building of The Mather, 425 Davis Street, has 141 apartment homes. The second building, 450 Davis Street, will house 101 apartment homes.

A one-time entrance fee ranges from \$340,000 to more than \$1 million. The fee is 90 percent refundable upon move out. An additional monthly service fee is dependent on the apartment type, location, and service package selected.

- The Mather Life Centre:** The Mather offers a full continuum of on-site care. The Mather Life Centre includes 10 assisted living; 12 memory support; and 35 long-term care suites.
- Fitness Center:** Opening in 2011, The Mather will feature a 10,000-square-foot fitness center complete with a 20-meter indoor lap pool, whirlpool, sauna, steam showers, and the Cotton Spa™.
- The Garden:** Nearly two thirds of The Mather is dedicated to green space, with the gardens serving as a focal point view for interior spaces. Part of the green space is dedicated to “plant-your-own” garden plots as part of the two acre plan. The Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging staff collaborated with architects from the University of Wisconsin and the landscape architect, Daniel Weinbach & Partners, Ltd., to design the landscape plan.
- Dining Options:** That Mather will feature a wide variety of dining options, from casual to fine dining, all managed by the executive chef and the culinary team. The restaurant options will comprise seven dining venues and lounges, including rooftop dining with views of downtown Evanston, Lake Michigan and Chicago’s skyline. Restaurants include:
- Alonzo’s
  - 31
  - Patent’s Place
  - Patent’s Place Lounge
  - Burnham’s (al fresco dining)
  - Props (rooftop dining)
  - Top & Tail (Euro-style café and grocery – south building)
- Accolades:** The Mather was named the nation’s “Best Proposed Continuing Care Retirement Community” by the National Active Retirement Association.
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