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**HAVING FRIENDS AS NEIGHBORS MAKES LIFE FUN**  
**FOR HARBORS AT HAVERSTRAW RESIDENT**

*Friends were so impressed they also bought at this Hudson riverfront community*

**VALHALLA, N.Y.** (Nov. 11) – Michael Ekizian knew his friends would like his new home at The Harbors at Haverstraw when he moved there last year, but he didn't know they would like it so much they'd also buy homes and move there, which is exactly what happened.

Four of Ekizian's friends have moved to The Harbors during the past year. As a matter of fact, one longtime friend – also named Mike – bought the condo directly above Ekizian's. The group, ranging in age from 30 to about 40, represents part of the vibrant "youth movement" that makes The Harbors the Hudson Valley's premier new neighborhood for people of all ages.

"My friends came down, visited my place and thought 'I have to move in here, this is amazing,'" said Ekizian. "Now four of them are living here, including three in the same building I live in. It's been great, we see each other all the time."

Martin Ginsburg, founder and principal of Ginsburg Development Companies, the Valhalla, N.Y.-based company building The Harbors, said many of the buyers there have been friends and relatives of residents.

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“We’ve had a number of people fall in love with The Harbors and buy homes there after visiting friends and family,” said Ginsburg. “There are at least two or three instances where empty nesters and their grown children live near each other in The Harbors. There’s no better testimonial to how happy our buyers are than the fact that their friends and relatives also buy homes at The Harbors.”

Ekizian lives in The Harbors’ Club Building, which derives its name from the 16,000-square-foot clubhouse and fitness center on the first floor. The lifestyle center features a gathering room, a game room with card tables and a billiards table and a 28-seat theater with stadium-style seating and surround sound. The fitness center has a half-court gymnasium, an exercise room with cardio and weight equipment, locker rooms and a spa with saunas and private rooms for massages and beauty treatments by appointment.

The lifestyle center and amenities that include an outdoor pool, kayak launch, waterfront promenade and sculpture trail, Ekizian said, were key factors in the decision to move to The Harbors.

“The pool is unbelievable. The gym is unbelievable. They have a game room where they have a Thursday night poker game,” Ekizian said, admitting he usually doesn’t fare too well in the friendly, low-ante contests. “I love having the convenience of being able to use whatever I want. You have everything you want. You have the gym. You have the theater with Friday night movies. You can do anything.”

Ekizian and his circle of friends are part of a community that now has more than 230 households ranging from young singles to families with children to empty nesters. The mixed ages are integrated throughout the neighborhood. The Bayside condos, for instance, have attracted many young buyers seeking an affordable first home as well as empty nesters who are downsizing from large houses and desire convenient, one-level living.

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The Harbors has a full-time concierge and activities staff that coordinates events such as neighborhood barbecues, yoga classes, speeches by local artists and historians and a Halloween party for the children.

The Harbors' pedestrian-friendly setting has won national and regional awards for its design and site planning. The National Association of Home Builders gave The Harbors seven 2006 "Nationals" awards, including national citations for Best Master-Planned Community, Best Landscape Design for an Attached Community, and Best Sales Environment. The Harbors also received a "Best of American Living" award from the NAHB for the Best Community Recreation Building or Clubhouse.

Prices start in the \$300,000s for well-appointed condominiums and in the high \$400,000s for two- and three-bedroom townhouses. When it is completed, The Harbors will have nearly 800 residences served by two clubhouse complexes with pools, lifestyle centers and shops selling sundries and food.

The Harbors' sales center is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be reached by calling (845) 786-5600.

Current GDC communities include AVANT Chelsea (New York City); Riverwatch at Greystone (Yonkers, N.Y.); Harbors at Haverstraw (N.Y.); Hudson Pointe (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.); The Fairways at Wallkill (N.Y.); Christie Place (Scarsdale, N.Y.); Ridgewood at Middlebury (Conn.); The Greens at Gillette Ridge (Bloomfield, Conn.) and Quaker Green (West Hartford, Conn.). To place your name on GDC's priority list for future communities, log on to [www.gdc-homes.com](http://www.gdc-homes.com), click on to "future communities" and then "name of development" or call 1-866-GDC-4466.

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Ginsburg Development Companies (GDC), established in 1964 and based in Valhalla, N.Y., is one of the nation's premier full-service real estate design, development and management companies. Martin Ginsburg is the president and chief executive officer. GDC has developed more than 10,000 residential units during its 40-plus year corporate history. GDC's residential sales Web sites are [www.gdc-homes.com](http://www.gdc-homes.com) and [www.gdcmetro.com](http://www.gdcmetro.com). Information about GDC's commercial ventures, corporate activities and charitable foundation is available at [www.gdcllc.com](http://www.gdcllc.com).