

Ginsburg Development Companies

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GINSBURG DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES
CELEBRATES ITS 45th ANNIVERSARY

*Award-winning designs, resort lifestyle neighborhoods
and a commitment to the future are the keys to GDC's success*

VALHALLA, N.Y. (April 4) – In 1963, Martin Ginsburg, then a young architect, and his two brothers Sam and Jerome decided to build a single-family home in Hartsdale, N.Y. In the 45 years since that endeavor, GDC, under Martin Ginsburg's leadership, has developed more than 10,000 homes in award-winning neighborhoods in New York City, Westchester, Rockland, Orange and Dutchess counties in New York and in Fairfield and Hartford counties in Connecticut.

Over the years, the company has demonstrated a unique commitment to design and integrity, creating communities that live well for generations. Now, as GDC celebrates its 45th Anniversary, that same commitment to the future is still evident in every new home and every new GDC community. And the same man, Martin Ginsburg, is still very much at the helm.

GDC has thrived and led the market for all these years because of his vision, his unique design sense and his extraordinary attention to detail. From impressive, landscaped entries and the preservation of challenging sites to the development of exciting, resort-lifestyle neighborhoods and classic yet innovative architectural design, GDC continues to create dynamic, exciting, unique places to live such as Harbors at Haverstraw, Fairways at Wallkill, Christie Place in Scarsdale, N.Y., and AVANT Chelsea in Manhattan.

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Committed only to this region of the country, GDC is one of the most seasoned, well-respected homebuilders in the Northeast. Neighborhoods developed decades ago are still proud to be known as GDC-built. Through the ups and downs of the residential real estate market, GDC has remained privately held and has successfully completed every community it has begun. Today, the history and strength of GDC is exemplified by its ongoing commitment to current communities such as Ridgewood at Middlebury, Conn., The Greens at Gillette Ridge in Bloomfield, Conn., Quaker Green in West Hartford, Conn., and Riverwatch in Yonkers N.Y., and to planning and processing future neighborhoods like Harbor Square in Ossining, Saw Mill Lofts in Hastings, the Abbey in Peekskill, StoneHollow at Cornwall and The Hamlet at Gillette in Bloomfield – just to name a few.

“It has been quite a journey from building that one single-family home to designing and developing resort-style, master-planned communities and revitalizing downtowns along the Hudson River and in resurging suburban locations,” said Ginsburg. “Throughout my 45 years I strived to build high-quality homes and neighborhoods that respect the land and benefit the community they are part of. As the company has evolved and grown our mantra remained as it was 45 years ago – ‘Always with Integrity’ – we are committed to our buyers, the communities we work in and our own core values. We will always build neighborhoods to last for generations and take personal pride in how we do what we do.”

Utilizing his background in architecture and planning and blending strong in-house development and design expertise with outside professionals, Martin Ginsburg has consistently created award-winning communities that offer the buyers special places to live. Known for sensitive development, GDC seeks to preserve the natural contours and assets of its sites. This approach has garnered awards from The American Institute of Architecture, The National Association of Home Builders, The Connecticut Home Builders Association as well as the Builders Association of the Hudson Valley.

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In the past two years, for instance, The Harbors has received a Best in American Living award for Best Community over 151 homes, was named a Community of the Year by the National Association of Home Builders and was given a Pinnacle Award by the Builders Association of the Hudson Valley. In 2006, Marbury Corners in Pelham, N.Y., received a national “Smart Growth” award.

In Connecticut, The Greens at Gillette Ridge and Ridgewood at Middlebury were named Best Cluster Community in 2006 and 2007, respectively. In Orange County, The Fairways at Wallkill was cited as Best Townhome Community by the Builders Association of the Hudson Valley.

“It is always an honor to receive awards from your peers.” said Martin Ginsburg. “Most importantly, it validates our belief that our homes and communities go beyond the norm both in terms of the value we offer and our stewardship of the environment.”

Martin Ginsburg has been a leader in the Hudson River resurgence. He has focused on developing in the river towns on both sides of the Hudson and in making the river itself active and alive again with ferries, marinas and human activity. In 2004, GDC embarked on the construction of Harbors at Haverstraw, a master-planned community incorporating townhomes and condos and lifestyle amenities along the river, including an award-winning lifestyle club, a public promenade and sculpture trail, a marina, a kayak launch and a commuter ferry dock. Today it is a lively, thriving riverfront neighborhood that attracts people of all ages. GDC also built a riverfront promenade at Ichabod’s Landing in Sleepy Hollow, and is planning another at Harbor Square at Ossining.

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Ginsburg was recently named to the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commission, a state agency that is organizing events to mark the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's journey up the river that bears his name.

"The Hudson River is one of the world's most beautiful waterways and the 400th anniversary of Hudson's discovery provides a wonderful opportunity to inform people around the globe about the beauty of the Hudson Valley and the historic towns along its shores."

Ginsburg is the creator and the lead sponsor of the annual Hudson River Ferry-Go-round (scheduled for Sept. 14, 2008) a day long event where thousands ferry between Ossining, Tarrytown, Peekskill and Haverstraw. Each town has fairs and festivities on that day. In addition, he organized the Historic River Towns of Westchester Flower Village Program which gives grants to the towns for the most attractive landscaping and public gardens.

Ginsburg and GDC have a long history of supporting charitable groups and arts organizations, having donated more than \$2 million to groups in Westchester, the Hudson Valley and Connecticut. He has served as president of the Builders Institute of Westchester and Putnam Counties and was inducted into the Westchester County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame in 2003.

With Martin Ginsburg's history and commitment to excellence in all he does, it is clear why GDC has succeeded for 45 year and has lead the market in design and innovative planning while still providing great value for homebuyers.

All GDC communities will be celebrating this momentous anniversary with events and extraordinary programs for the first 45 buyers.

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Current GDC communities include AVANT Chelsea (New York City); Riverwatch at Greystone (Yonkers, N.Y.); Christie Place (Scarsdale, N.Y.); Harbors at Haverstraw (N.Y.); Hudson Pointe (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.); The Fairways at Wallkill (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, click on to "future communities" and then "name of development" or call 1-866-GDC-4466.

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 and www.gdcmetro.com. Information about GDC's commercial ventures, corporate activities and charitable foundation is available at www.gdcllc.com.