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Florida palm and barbecue mark The Palace Gardens' topping off

A construction tradition added a tropical touch to cap the fourth story of The Palace Gardens in Homestead, South Florida's newest and most modern assisted living community.

"Topping out" building's uppermost floor were a seven-foot Florida Sylvester palm tree and the American flag as Winmar Construction joined The Palace Group's team for an on-site celebration that marked completing the high point of vertical construction.

More than 100 builder and development personnel honored what ancient Germanic and Scandinavian era historians report as a semi-religious rite thought to ward off treedwelling spirits from a newly erected structure. Some claim a Pacific Ocean origin with a pineapple substituted for a tree to welcome guests.

Praising onsite workmen and sub-contractors, Winmar president Luis A. Leon expressed a special thank you to Winmar's Division III for the construction pace and The Palace team for its confidence in the company's ability.

"A special thank you to the construction subs and workers who have been committed to the goal of staying on schedule and exceeded our timetable," he said.

The Palace owner and developer Jacob Shaham congratulated Winmar's team on the project's pace noting, "There are so many people in Homestead waiting to move into the new Palace Gardens; we look forward to the delivery of our completed building."

Construction will continue on the 10-acre site located 3100 NE Eighth St. and, once completed, the \$34 million four-story Mediterranean-styled community will provide assisted living and memory care services. All of the 201 residences at The Palace Gardens will be private accommodations.

Opening in mid-2016, The new Palace Gardens will comprise 158,000 square feet and will have separate wings for memory care and assisted living residences. Landscaped courtyards, covered patios and terraces, a heated swimming pool and outdoor vegetable and herb gardens will add to the community's focus on creating an environment that is stimulating while tropical.

Built to be self-sustaining in hurricanes, the new community is located across from Homestead Hospital, a 142-bed facility of Baptist Health South Florida.

For more information, call 305-247-0446 or visit www.thepalace.org/palacegardens.

The new Palace Gardens, The Palace Group's 10th senior living community, will replace the existing Palace Gardens in Homestead in a new location. The Palace Group's continuum of care also includes the award-winning Palace Coral Gables and senior communities Kendall including The Palace Suites, a luxurious independent living community; The Palace Royale, a "catered living" community; The Palace Renaissance, an assisted living community; The Palace Nursing & Rehabilitation Center; and Palace Tel-Aviv, a continuing care retirement community in Israel.



Pictured atop The Palace Gardens are owners and developers Helen and Jacob Shaham.