

## **State of the Art Dedicated Memory Care Unit Breaks Ground in Bethel, CT –**

Maplewood Senior Living along with the Bethel Chamber of Commerce officially marked the commencement of construction for Maplewood's newest assisted living and memory care community with a Ground Breaking Ceremony on Wednesday September 25th. The property, located at 46 Stony Hill Road in Bethel, will be known as Maplewood at Stony Hill. The community is positioned on a six-acre development site in Bethel, Connecticut, along the Route 6 corridor and scheduled to be completed by Fall of 2014. Upon completion it will be the first stand-alone assisted living facility in the area to be dedicated exclusively to memory care.

In attendance at the groundbreaking were Town First Selectman and Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker and Richard Straitton and State Senator Michael McLachlan, along with representatives from Maplewood Senior Living, the Bethel Chamber of Commerce, and The Alzheimer's Association: Connecticut Chapter. Perkins Eastman is the architect for the project and was represented by associate principal Alejandro Knopoff, the project's principal-in-charge, and by associate Meredith Taubin, project manager.

Maplewood at Stony Hill has been designed as an 84 unit, state-of-the-art assisted living community, fully dedicated to offering memory care to Northern Fairfield County seniors. The building will consist of a mix of private, deluxe studio and one bedroom apartments for residents living with early, mid stage, and late stage Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Maplewood is utilizing the "small house" concept in designing the building, incorporating smaller neighborhoods, each with its own services and amenities, which will resemble more of a naturally occurring, true to life, social model versus a larger, more institutionalized concept.

Maplewood has designed its signature high standard amenities into the property, featuring libraries, light filled lobbies and luxurious spas, in addition to outdoor gardens, terraces and porches, where residents and families can enjoy views of the surrounding countryside and water views. The neighborhood will also house a family and community Alzheimer's and Dementia Education and Learning Center, filled with information, community support and resources for individuals seeking the much needed support to face Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. Maplewood will bring its signature farm to table dining experience to residents and will utilize "green design" in its approach to building the community and its environment.

Based in Westport, Conn., Maplewood Senior Living is known for its upscale assisted living and memory care residences, offering a broad range of premier services, amenities and care to its residents. Professionally trained staff provides care and attention to those residents needing a supportive environment, as well as specialized care for those with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Other locations include Danbury, Newtown, Orange, East Norwalk and Darien. For more information, please visit [www.maplewoodseniorliving.com](http://www.maplewoodseniorliving.com) or call Andrea S. Ellen at [203-557-4777](tel:203-557-4777).