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## **City introduces Romney Meadows; speaks to property transformation, new amenities and enhanced quality of life initiatives.**

LAFAYETTE, IN - October 25, 2016 - Last September, the City of Lafayette along with the Lafayette Police Department launched a strategic, comprehensive community-driven approach to neighborhood safety and crime prevention. Over the last 12 months an outpouring of dedicated citizens, organizations and businesses have come together with the city to express unity and help implement initiatives dedicated to supporting local law enforcement and creating a positive, secure culture for the community.

One such initiative involves the Claystone at the Crossing transformation. Hard work and perseverance have resulted in note-worthy progress since Integra Property Group acquired the property late last year. The city, together with Integra, shared completed property renovations today, along with newly formed resident quality of life programs, as well as revealed the new name and branding for the property. Claystone at the Crossing is now Romney Meadows. The affordable housing community has undergone a variety of renovations both inside and out. The comprehensive upgrades include upgraded roofing and windows, front entrances with defined porches and awnings, as well as back porch areas with dividing walls. Lighting has improved throughout the property with more, brighter LED lighting fixtures, and security cameras are currently being installed throughout the property that feed directly to the police department. Each of the 326 units was upgraded with new kitchens and appliances, along with new flooring and paint, as well as upgraded insulation and ventilation. With the renovations, now 18 of the 326 units are completely ADA compliant. The sidewalks, parking lots and through-streets have been repaired and resurfaced. Construction of the new leasing office and playground is set to be complete by the end of 2016.

Romney Meadows' new property manager LaTonya Fleming, with American Apartment Management Company Inc. (AAMCI), lives on the property and is available to meet the needs of residents with an upgraded, engaging style of leadership essential to helping Romney Meadows become a place of choice for low-income families. AAMCI is a member of NAHMA (National Affordable Housing Management Association) and IRHP (Institute for Responsible Housing Preservation). Romney Meadows has also partnered with the Bauer Head Start Program to offer residents childcare and educational opportunities at no cost.

Along with new branding and upgraded amenities, Romney Meadows also has a new look online with the launch of their new website at [www.romneymeadows.com](http://www.romneymeadows.com). Romney residents and visitors can find property information, renovation details, resident testimonials, community news and more.

The city, along with the Lafayette Police Department, is committed to making sure Romney Meadows is a safe, community-focused environment. The Romney Meadows renovations and enhanced resident opportunities are a huge part of transforming this property, but it doesn't stop there. Ongoing strategies and education will continue to strengthen the property and ensure its residents and visitors are safe and secure. The transformation of Claystone is an essential component to the overall crime prevention and community safety initiatives announced last year. The community can be assured that work is being done on many levels and the protection of public safety is paramount. Once again we ask everyone to remain proactive, get involved and help send that important message that crime will not be tolerated. Together we can rise to the occasion and help meet the challenge.



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