

Clearing of Old Structures Has Begun at Augustalee Site

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CORNELIUS, NC – An old motel which had long been a safety hazard has been demolished on the future Augustalee mixed-use project site in south Cornelius.

“Even though we’re not going to break ground with new construction for a little more than a year, we wanted to clean up the site, minimize liability, be ready to move quickly, and give the firefighters a chance to practice,” said Josh Rector, Senior Vice President of Cornelius Bromont, LLC, the developer.

On Friday night, Dec. 12, representatives of the developer; Whiting-Turner, the Augustalee construction manager; and Cornelius-Lemley Fire & Rescue coordinated a controlled burn of the old motel on Highway 21/Statesville Road so that the fire department could gain some valuable practice with a commercial structure fire, Rector explained. Then on Monday Dec. 15, construction manager Whiting-Turner brought in heavy equipment to clear away the burned structure and other debris from the site.

“We really appreciate Cornelius Bromont donating this building for this valuable firefighting practice exercise,” said Capt. Greg Shaner of Cornelius-Lemley Fire & Rescue. “We don’t have a dedicated training facility, so we have to use acquired structures to do all our training. This allows us to practice every aspect of firefighting, including search and rescue with a dummy inside the fire, fire tack training, and also great pumping practice on the trucks.”

Augustalee is planned as a \$515-million-plus, mixed-use development on 104 acres between I-77 and US Highway 21 south of Westmoreland Road. It will include Class-A corporate offices, retail shops, restaurants, hotels, luxury residences, a central green, history trail and many other amenities. More information is available at www.Augustalee.com.

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