



ABDO'S GROUNDBREAKING: In January 2011, Jim Abdo kicked off the construction start of Gaslight Square with a large group of celebrants, including County officials and members of the Davis Construction Company. Abdo is center front, in khakis and hard hat, holding a shovel.

Gaslight Square

New Neighborhood

A new neighborhood is taking shape in the area formerly known as the "In-Between Area." With three groundbreakings along Clarendon Boulevard in the first two months of 2011, Rosslyn is leading the way out of the real estate recession.

Abdo's Gaslight Square

Since developer Jim Abdo broke ground in January on the Gaslight Square condominiums, a 117-unit project valued at \$82 million, he had already sold \$12 million worth of units by early March.

Abdo purchased the Clarendon block in 2007. With financing from Capital Partners and United Bank, Gaslight Square is the first new residential project to break ground in the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor since the economic downturn began.

One- and two-bedroom condo units will be constructed in three connected four-story buildings that resemble townhouses. Floor plans range from 1,100 to 1,900 square feet. Each unit has its own generous outdoor space, 19 foot ceilings, and private elevators. Exterior spaces will be lit by welcoming gas lights.

Gaslight Square will be next door to Abdo's award-winning Wooster and Mercer Lofts.

The contractor is James G. Davis Construction Corporation. Completion is expected to take place in phases in 2012.

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