



## **GDC and Urban Green Builders partners for Knickerbocker Lofts**

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The Knickerbocker Press Building, a landmark for more than a century, is about to start a new life as dramatic SoHo-style live-work lofts.

Knickerbocker Lofts is Westchester's only true loft-style building, with oversized windows, exposed brick, large wooden beams and ceilings up to 14 feet high. The beautiful 19th century factory building (which is on the National Register of Historic Places) has been sensitively renovated to provide modern conveniences - like a cyber doorman and an on-site fitness center - while retaining the building's handsome weathered brickwork and timbers.

Reflecting this uniqueness, a four-story-tall watchtower rising above the main roofline has been turned into a one-of-a-kind, five-level residence highlighted by an upper room with large windows on all four sides, offering 360-degree views. All of the homes in the building at 52 Webster Ave. have modern kitchens with European-style custom cabinets, elegant spa-style baths and specially designed lighting that enhance the open spaces.

In addition to striking private residences ranging from 660 square feet to 2,146 square feet in size, Knickerbocker Lofts has a full array of modern lifestyle amenities. The building features a cyberdoorman with 24-hour virtual concierge service and security, making the Lofts ideal for people with busy schedules. When it's time to relax, Knickerbocker Lofts has a clubroom with a fireplace where people can unwind with their neighbors, as well as a rooftop terrace with shaded and sunny areas offering panoramic views of the surrounding city.

An outdoor parking court to the rear of the building resembles a quiet European-style plaza with trees, shrubs and gardens providing a sanctuary from the bustling city a short distance away. Each residence has reserved parking, and the building is served by a large, well-equipped common laundry room.

The Developers Group is exclusive sales and marketing agents for the development. Some lofts are available for immediate occupancy.

The Knickerbocker Press Building has been a landmark ever since it was built in 1889-1890 by G.P. Putnam and Sons, one of the nation's leading publishers at the time. Putnam printed books in the building for more than 30 years before moving out and being replaced by American White Cross, which made bandages there until 1995. Parts of the complex were used as artists' lofts during the 1980s and 1990s, and some nearby buildings continue to house a thriving arts community. Webster Avenue's unique architecture and existing artistic community mean Knickerbocker Lofts is expected to have special appeal to artists and other creative people desiring open, sunlit work-live spaces.

The Knickerbocker Lofts is being created by a partnership of Ginsburg Development Companies and Urban Green Builders, two of the Northeast's best-respected design and development companies.

