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Cottonwood Hills: 'Economic development engine'

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Development is taking place on both sides of the fence at the Cottonwood Hills golf community.

Reno County is preparing for major road improvements on Buhler and 4th. Construction bids will be solicited in early 2006, with completion targeted for mid-June, Public Works Director Dean Chesnut said.

June also is the targeted grand opening of the 18-hole golf course at Cottonwood Hills.

Developer Lane Neville said the first nine holes - completed this year - probably will be open for public play around the end of March or early April. About 30 to 40 people already have played the first nine holes, Neville said.

The final plat for more than half of the Cottonwood Hills subdivision's approximately 580 acres has been adopted and will be officially recorded in January. The developer can close lot sales after the documents are recorded.

"Almost 30 lots are spoken for in Phase 1," Neville said.

Twenty-five of those involve custom home lots or townhomes, but five are casitas - lodging units that will be available for visitors on a nightly or weekly basis. Neville is one of the partners committed to building the first five casitas.

Cottonwood Hills provided some right-of-way for the road project, and county crews are moving the wire fence farther north from 4th as a preliminary step. Utilities are expected to be relocated by March to allow road construction to begin.

When finished, the one-mile stretch of 4th from Buhler to Victory will be paved, and Buhler Road will be widened near the entrance to Cottonwood Hills.

Neville estimated that more than 40 percent of the likely 25 lot buyers currently live outside



Reno County employees Lloyd Hoyle and Floyd Hoyle work to move a fence Thursday along 4th Avenue on the south side of the Cottonwood Hills property to make way for a ditch before the road is paved this summer. Photo by Travis Morisse.

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Reno County.

"We are truly an economic development engine," he said.

Some other homes and vacant tracts in the area are up for sale, and Hutchinson Realtor Oleta Lett said she thinks development in Cottonwood Hills should spur surrounding properties to appreciate in value.

She currently is marketing a home off Victory Road, which Lett thinks will benefit from a paved 4th.

The new Hidden Meadows subdivision northwest of 4th and Buhler has about 15 rural residential lots available. Subdivision owner/manager Verle Amthauer pointed out that Hidden Meadows was planned before Cottonwood Hills, and its lots - most sized between four acres and five acres - are larger than those in Cottonwood Hills.

"I think we complement each other," Amthauer said.

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