Nestled just across from the Breslin Student Events Center and numerous campus resources, 1855 Place offers contemporary one-, two- and four-bedroom apartments and townhouses for MSU students. These newly developed living spaces are perfect for students searching for a little more independence while staying connected to the perks of living on campus. With the opening of the residences, Michigan State undergraduate and graduate students will be immersed in a community created to increase their academic success through close proximity to Spartan resources, green breakout spaces and a oneness with campus that cannot be surpassed.

Named in honor of the year MSU was founded, 1855 Place is a vibrant community with engagement areas, scenic plazas, resident and event parking, and a variety of food and retail options providing numerous on-campus job opportunities for students. This development centers on the university’s mission to enhance the student experience as well as MSU’s culture of high performance.

And now, with the Division of Residential and Hospitality Services’ and MSU Intercollegiate Athletics’ more than 200 team members finding a new, consolidated home at the site’s 100,000-square-foot office building, benefits of this new collaborative and efficient workspace will be felt across campus as MSU continues to provide a more cohesive, personal experience for Spartans and guests.

A ribbon cutting to commemorate the opening of 1855 Place will take place on-site Friday, Oct. 20, with remarks beginning at 3:30 p.m.

### Apartments, Townhouses and Parking

- 429 units total
- 189 family apartments
- 1,200 residents
- 1,958 parking spaces

### 2017-18 Housing Rates

- Family housing: $800-925 per month
- Apartments and townhouses: $785-995 per person per month

### Housing Amenities

- Wi-Fi and cable equipped
- All utilities included (electric, gas, water, recycling, trash)
- In-unit washer and dryer in some units
- Kitchen appliances (including microwave and dishwasher)
- Fully furnished
- Air conditioning
- On-site maintenance
- Designated parking
- On-site fitness facility
- Green space and playgrounds
- Community service center

### Family housing at MSU is designated for students enrolled in a degree-granting program who are:

- Single individuals and their dependent children and relatives
- Legally married couples as well as any dependent children and relatives
- Domestic partners as well as any dependent children and relatives
With the construction of 1855 Place, MSU is doing its best to grow upon its collegiate tradition of doing all it can for the surrounding environment.

MSU’s involvement in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) construction and maintenance, where a building is audited for how sustainable it is and then is given a rating (certified, silver, gold, or platinum) has provided guidance in how to most effectively meet the university’s goals of sustainability. LEED certification proves active involvement in the sustainability and betterment of the world.

Currently, MSU has 10 LEED certifications. 1855 Place’s office and retail building has been built to LEED Silver standards. Areas of focus include sustainable sites, water conservation, sustainable resources and materials for construction, good indoor air quality, sustainable innovation and design, priority for regional growers, and a sustainable atmosphere creating a healthy building.

Residential Hospitality Services team members have been working tirelessly to make 1855 Place the best it can possibly be. A LEED certification not only shows the university’s dedication to the environment but also to making MSU a better place.

The building design has allowed MSU to capture recyclable materials in a consistent way. Each work station will receive an under-the-desk recycling box with built-in recycling stations throughout the building for ease and comfort. More than 75 percent of the construction materials have either been salvaged or recycled, keeping landfill down.

The design focuses on use of natural daylight to maximize visual comfort and reduce energy use as well as allow for optimal comfort for daylight and temperatures. In addition, energy modeling has led to optimizing efficiencies with the latest technology in lighting and heating and cooling systems.

With the area having been an existing site, 1855 Place does not take away from any green space. The site also incorporates access to public transportation as well as a focus on developing community connectivity in the retail and office building.

Water efficiency has been a focus in irrigations and landscaping, including water use reduction and use of the latest technology in water conservation systems such as bio swales and permeable concrete.

**ON-SITE RETAIL AND SERVICES**

**Housing Assignments Office**

The RHS Housing Assignments Office assists with campus housing inquiries as well as sales of bus passes and meal plans, Spartan Cash deposits and more.

**Employment**

RHS Employment offers a number of employment opportunities for members of the community as well as students looking for skills that will easily transfer from MSU to full-time employment after graduation. The site offers on-campus employment assistance, including available jobs and application support.
Spartan Spirit Shop

The Spartan Spirit Shop at 1855 Place offers the finest selection of clothing, merchandise and gifts. The shop is an official Nike Concept Shop, offering a variety of Nike apparel such as T-Shirts, hats, polos, jackets and more. The shop is also a Dedicated Nike Retailer, offering Nike Elite apparel that isn't offered anywhere else on campus. These items include gear you see coaches and players sporting on the sidelines.

Sparty’s Market

- The store features prepared foods and grill items, pre-packaged and self-serve bulk foods, a bakery station with coffee and fountain drinks, fresh fruits and vegetables, a dairy case, deli sandwiches, breakfast solutions, a wide variety of dry grocery items, health and beauty needs, household items and more.
  - Sparty’s Grill, located within the market, serves hot breakfast dishes, pub fare, fresh, roasted grill items such as vegetables and chicken, and comfort food options like macaroni and cheese.
  - The deli counter offers breakfast bowls with customizable toppings, a soup of the day, sandwiches crafted with premium Boar's Head meats and cheeses, and pizza by the slice or whole.
- Sparty’s Market, operated by MSU Culinary Services, is an urban market-style grocery store.
- Sparty’s Market is open 7 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday through Sunday.
- The presence of a market on campus provides additional convenience to the MSU community.
  - Meal solutions are offered for faculty, support staff, students and the campus community. The market meets a variety of dining needs, including grab-and-go options, ready-to-eat dishes, and prepared take ‘n bake items for shoppers to purchase and cook at home.
  - MSU students and faculty/staff with a dining plan have the option of using their Combo-X-Change at Sparty’s Market. With a Combo-X-Change, dining plan holders have the convenience of grabbing a meal to go at more than 35 locations across campus.
  - Surrounding neighborhoods and the greater East Lansing community can shop for anything from household items, to local products made in Michigan, to an array of gluten-free and organic options.
  - Visitors at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center have a market within walking distance for snacks, cooked-to-order meals, health and beauty items, and more.

Spartan Ticket Office

Purchase tickets to MSU Athletics and Wharton Center events.
Starbucks

- The 28-seat Starbucks café at 1855 Place offers a full beverage menu, breakfast sandwiches and pastries, and merchandise, gourmet coffee, and tea for retail sale.
- Starbucks at 1855 Place is open 7 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday through Sunday.
- The opening of Starbucks at 1855 Place marks the third full-service location on campus at MSU. Additionally, MSU Culinary Services operates a café at the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum.
- The Starbucks team at MSU also offers on-campus delivery to university departments for meetings and events. Coffee, tea and bakery items are available for order with a minimum notice of 24 hours.

Hall of Champions

The Hall of Champions celebrates Spartan Athletics championships throughout the history of MSU and features a three-story digital media display playing sports highlights from throughout the university’s history.

ARTWORK AT 1855 PLACE

“Junipers”

The corner of Harrison Road and Kalamazoo Street is adorned with “Junipers,” a stainless steel and LED lighting sculpture by artist Cliff Garten of Venice, California. The sculptural forms were inspired by native Eastern Red Cedar trees (scientific name: Juniperus Virginiana), which line many Midwestern rivers, including the Red Cedar. Programmable LED lighting accents the sculptural forms in alignment with annual Spartan community celebrations, creating a dynamic gateway feature for 1855 Place.

More of Garten’s work can be found at cliffgartenstudio.com.

MSU in Photos

In the spirit of 1855 Place’s vision of celebrating the future while honoring the past, presented throughout the office and retail building guests will find photographic highlights of touchstone moments and scenes of campus life from throughout Michigan State University’s history.

HISTORY OF THE SITE

The corner of Kalamazoo Street and Harrison Road has been host to a number of campus resources over the years. Beginning as a State Police post, the land has served the university in many ways since the early 1900s.

Time-Lapse Video

A time-lapse video of 1855 Place’s construction can be viewed here.
1913: Peninsula Farm and orchard, owned by C.D. Woodbury, is sold to the Michigan Agricultural College (later, MSU).

1917: During World War I, Governor Albert Sleeper assembles the Michigan State Troops, re-named the Michigan Constabulary, as an emergency force. Michigan Agricultural College leases the site to the Constabulary where the institution's wooden headquarters is built.

1935: Legislation is passed to permanently reorganize the Michigan constabulary as a peacetime force: the Michigan State Police.

1945: 30 acres of poultry plant next to the State Police Post are cleared for a village of 450 Quonset Hut trailers to house returning veterans now enrolled at MSU as well as their families.

1955: University Village opens on the site, and the 456-apartment development is recognized as a model for married student housing across the nation.

1970s: Portions of the site begin to be sourced to other areas to create space for new technology.

2006: Demolition of the original University Village apartments begins to make way for revitalized replacement housing.

2007: University Village reopens following redevelopment. The location offers new apartment-style housing for upper-level undergrads.

2008: Residential and Hospitality Services (RHS) determines that the student apartments known as Spartan Village have exceeded their life expectancy and that new housing for the modern-day student will be developed.

2012: The State Police Post is decommissioned and demolished, and the land is returned to MSU and repurposed as parking space and university storage, including the theatre department’s scene shop.

2013: Following a feasibility study that examined several site locations, MSU’s Board of Trustees approves planning for the creation of replacement housing for students and student families.

Summer 2014: Neumann / Smith Architecture takes an integral role in the planning process.

March 2015: Detroit construction company Walbridge is named construction manager. MSU alum Don Greenwell runs the company.

March 2015: Orion Construction is on-boarded to assist with building the student apartments. MSU alum Kirk Frownfelter is the general manager.

June 2015: The Michigan State University Board of Trustees names the site 1855 Place, in honor of the year the university was founded.

August 2015: Construction begins.

Fall 2016: Portions of student housing are completed and become available for occupancy.

Summer 2017: 1855 Place full student housing and retail operations open to the public.

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