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## Have \$1 million? Buy the general's house



East Gate will soon be a neighborhood of 68 restored officers' homes at Fort Monmouth in Oceanport.  
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# Historic homes of officers up for sale

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OCEANPORT - The historic red brick homes that once housed the ranking officers at Fort Monmouth are up for sale.

The first models to hit the market are fetching in the upper \$400,000s. The marquee property, the general's residence, may command about a million dollars.

The homes are being refurbished by RPM Devel-



David J. Schoner, Northeast vice president of Coldwell Banker NewHomes, tours East Gate on Wednesday.

opment Group, which took the property once known as officer's row and turned it into a new neighborhood called East Gate

East Gate is the first residence to open on the former U.S. Army post. The post closed in 2011 but is undergoing redevelopment with private and government funds.

"There's a stateliness about the homes that can't be replaced. They're unlike anything else in Oceanport," said Mayor Jay Coffey, who has been critical of the pace of the redevelopment, which has finally picked up in Oceanport.

Fort Monmouth parcels are divided among Eatontown, Oceanport and Tinton Falls. East Gate is still an active construction site. RPM will offer a mix of 68 townhouses, duplexes and single-family homes when complete.

The townhouses, which are situated between Russel and Carty avenues, will be the first done in September, according to the developer's sales representatives.

Many former fort residents have returned to see the remodeled homes, which went on sale about a month ago.

"My parents and sisters lived on Russell (Avenue in) 1938-39, while my dad was at the Signal School. I lived in one of

the big houses on Allen Avenue 1949-52," said Sue Kenny. "I went to the open house recently, the renovations were amazing. Certainly didn't look like the military housing I remember."

RPM, which is based in Montclair, purchased the officers' row for \$7.8 million in 2017. The housing is located in the Fort Monmouth National Register Historic District in Oceanport.

The homes were built between 1929 and 1936 and were awarded to captains, majors, colonels and generals. They border the fort's parade grounds, which will remain permanent green spaces, according to the fort's reuse plan.

"They don't make homes like this anymore. They were so well built and have stood the test of time," said David J. Schoner, Northeast vice president of Coldwell Banker NewHomes, RPM's representatives.

The red brick exteriors of the homes have been preserved according to historic guidelines. The interiors have been gutted and modernized.

The houses are being marketed in the \$400,000 to \$700,000 range, except for the general's house.

The spacious two-story, red brick house situated on Parker's Creek is the marquee property at East Gate.

"We already have a waiting list for the general's house," said Schoner.