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THE PLAZA AT FARMINGDALE

Proximity to transit is a big selling point for this luxury development, expected to open in 2015 near the Farmingdale train station.

“Our residents will be able to wait for the train in the lobby of their own building,” says developer Anthony Bartone of Bartone Properties.

One building, across the street from the train station, will have 39 apartments and 6,200 square feet of retail space, while the larger structure next to the station will have 115 apartments and 13,200 square feet of retail space. Rents will range from \$2,000 to more than \$3,000 a month, with 10 percent of the units reserved for affordable or workforce housing. Along with a theater room, fitness room and courtyards with barbecues, the development will have an amenity more likely to be found in a hotel — a business lounge with free coffee, Wi-Fi and the ability to conduct conference calls.

“We find that these are gaining momentum, popularity wise,” Bartone says.

