What's next on the Montrose horizon? Hundreds of new residences and more

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The model home is under construction for the New Leaf Homes Retreat development on the site of the former Rosemont Country Club golf course in Fairlawn. Karen Schiely, Akron Beacon Journal

A transformation is underway that will dramatically change the complexion of one of Summit County's busiest commercial districts.

Nearly 400 residences will rise on former golf course land that once formed a natural buffer between Montrose and nearby Fairlawn subdivisions — putting new homes next to the heart of the bustling retail and restaurant hub that the city shares with Copley and Bath townships.

Unmistakable signs of preparation stand out along a recently upgraded stretch of Cleveland-Massillon Road once surrounded by Rosemont Country Club, which closed in 2020. While much of the land has been cleared out for construction, developers also say more than 60 acres of the property will be kept in a natural state — and a walking trail will run throughout the developments.

The plans call for four housing developments — including dozens of single-story homes geared to empty-nesters — and a mixed-use building hosting retail and apartments.

The residential boom is coming along amid a wave of other changes coming to the Montrose area.