Sequoia Belle Haven represents the first phase of the revitalization of Gateway Apartments in Menlo Park. Originally developed in the 1960s, Gateway includes 130 units on two city blocks serving both seniors and families. MidPen acquired the community in 1987 and invested in a light rehab at that time. Today it is in need of significant revitalization. Sequoia Belle Haven is the redevelopment of one of the blocks occupied by Gateway and will provide 90 new affordable apartments for the community’s senior population as well as new senior residents in spring 2017.

The opportunity to increase the number of affordable units from 48 to 90, for a net of 42 additional affordable apartments, was made possible in 2013 when the City of Menlo Park rezoned Sequoia Belle Haven’s site for higher density. The design of the community supports the goal of healthy living, with a continuous pathway connecting outdoor gathering spaces, common spaces, and protected courtyards. Sequoia Belle Haven will also include: a community room for large gatherings, a lounge, a computer lab, an exercise room, and two laundry rooms.

Through a network of service providers, MidPen Resident Services will coordinate and provide onsite health care services and other supportive programs designed to help the senior residents live healthy, independent lives.