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Small rental apartments for seniors are being constructed in Salmon Arm at a time when developers are building large condominiums for the aging population. Located on a gently sloping two acres, the development is called Valley Vista.

The 37 one-bedroom, 600-square-foot units are in four-plexes, two up and two down with over half of them having a level entry and the others with a few steps at the entrance. Each suite will rent for about \$1,000 a month, with a \$200 subsidy available from the provincial government. A 600-square-foot common room will be available for all residents of Valley Vista.

Each four-plex will be owned by a "young" person as an investment and units will be rented to seniors 55+. A pet is welcome but cannot be replaced. All rentals are non-smoking, but if a senior buys one of the strata units, he or she can smoke in it.

The developers are Sally Scales of Salmon Arm and Ernie Gylytiuk of Armstrong.

Valley Vista was designed by a Salmon Arm architect and is being built in a factory in Okanagan Falls. Eight modules of the first two four-plexes were delivered to Salmon Arm the week of April 1 and a crane will assemble them into the foundations/retaining walls on April 7, 8 and 9.

The factory is Home Delivery, www.smartwaytobuild.com. It was three years in the planning and went into production in November, 2007 in two buildings that total 40,000 sq. ft. The contact person is Fred Heinrichs <fred@smartwaytobuild.com> 250-497-6658.

There are many advantages to having a project built in a factory. Work can continue uninterrupted all year, there isn't a shortage of tradespeople, inspections are carried out in the factory and units are delivered with a CSA seal of approval. The units are being delivered to Salmon Arm wired, plumbed, painted, with linoleum installed, cabinets in place, and appliances in crates.

If you wish to have a picture of the project, we recommend contacting an award-winning photographer who works for the Salmon Arm Observer newspaper: James Murray <storyteller@shuswap.net>

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