

Santa Marta

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SIZE AND SCOPE OF SANTA MARTA REVISITED THROUGH USE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Kansas City's Newest Life Care Community Taking Shape

Overland Park, Kan. – Piles of lumber, tons of nails, and stacks of paint cans are all just a sampling of what is needed to complete Santa Marta, Kansas City's newest Life Care senior living community. As each building is constructed on the 52-acre campus, located at 116th and Pflumm, area seniors are one step closer to living the active, maintenance-free lifestyle of their choosing.

From beginning of construction in 2006 to completion, scheduled in fall of 2007, J.E. Dunn Construction Company estimates that it will use more than two million nails to build the more than 347,000 square feet of living space, including 138 independent living apartment homes, 24 independent living villas, 32 assisted living apartments, 16 memory support units, 32 skilled nursing beds and various common areas.

“The community is quickly starting to take shape,” said Pam Grisafe, marketing director for Santa Marta. “Week to week, future residents can see the progress the construction crews have made throughout the community. As each nail is hammered into place and every wall erected, our residents can observe our progress and they know that soon they will be living an active and independent lifestyle.”

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At any one time, up to 185 J.E. Dunn employees are hard at work putting the finishing touches on the inside and outside of Santa Marta. They include skilled carpenters, electricians, plumbers, masons and painters. The exterior of the community will resemble Tuscan architecture found in Italy. To accomplish this look, experienced masons will lay an estimated 1.4 million bricks, using 43 tons of mortar.

Future residents will soon walk on the more than 24,200 square yards of carpet that will be installed throughout the community. That's enough carpet to cover five football fields. This estimate does not include the additional yards of hardwood and tile flooring that are included in the spacious apartment homes and villas.

In addition to the estimated 13,500 gallons of paint, 6,500 yards of vinyl wall paper will be used to cover the 55,000 square feet of walls in the living and common areas. These common areas will house amenities such as an aquatic and fitness center, arts & crafts studio, salon, chapel and much more. The community also features a 58,000-square-foot heated underground parking garage that can house approximately 144 cars.

Santa Marta's residents will enjoy an active, independent lifestyle complete with resort-style services and amenities. As a Life Care community, residents will have peace of mind, knowing they'll have guaranteed priority access to on-site assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care, if ever needed, for as long as needed.

About Santa Marta

Santa Marta, under construction and scheduled for completion in fall 2007 at 13800 W. 116th Street in Olathe Kan. and across from St. Thomas Aquinas High School, is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. It will provide adults age 62 plus with a unique lifestyle experience and a variety of residential options, including spacious apartments and The Villas at Santa Marta, Tuscan-inspired private homes located in an exclusive setting on the grounds of Santa Marta. The Life Care community will also provide residents priority access to on-site assisted living apartments, skilled nursing suites and memory support suites. Santa Marta residents will enjoy a full range of services and amenities such as maintenance-free living, restaurant-style dining, heated underground parking, chapel and fitness center. The Information Center is located at 11960 Quivira Road, Suite 100 in Overland Park, Kan. For more information, call (913) 906-0990.

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