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### New assisted living welcomed

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VALPARAISO — A new facility offering assisted living care and a unit for people with Alzheimer's disease is scheduled to open here in mid-October, along with a similar complex in Michigan City.

This is Rittenhouse Senior Living's first foray into Northwest Indiana. The Pennsylvania-based company already has facilities in Indianapolis, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Alabama.

"The market is here" for the services offered by Rittenhouse, said Judy Cramer, marketing director for the Valparaiso center.

Pines Village Retirement Communities, meanwhile, welcomes the new facility and the additional services it will provide.

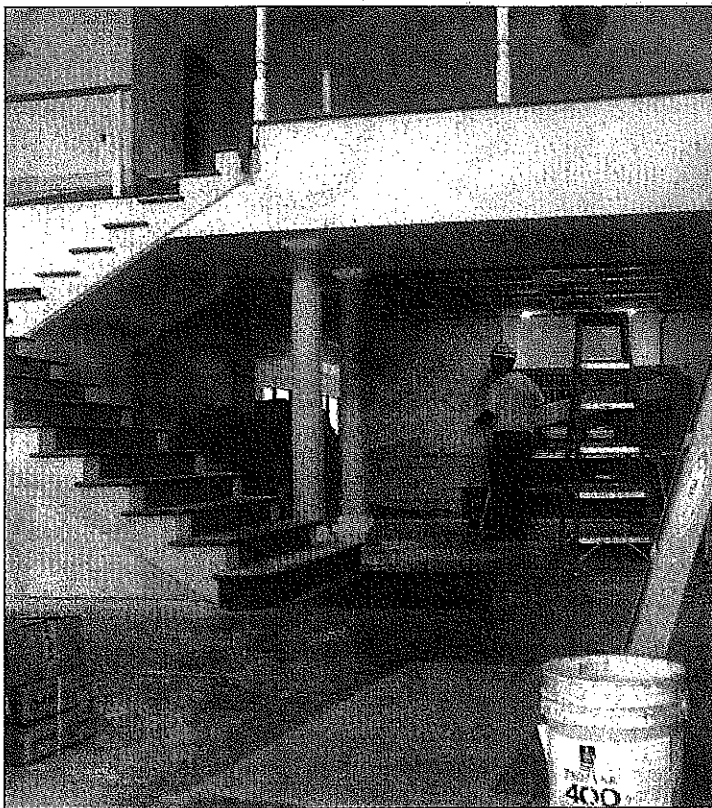
The Valparaiso facility, at 1300 Vale Park Road, will have 90 assisted living apartments and a 24-unit memory care wing, which will be locked. A Michigan City complex, at 4300 Cleveland Ave., also will include 30 independent living villas.

Estimated construction costs are \$11 million for each facility, said Katie Csobaji, senior vice president for Rittenhouse. Each location also will employ about 60 people.

The apartments will range from studio to two-bedroom, two-bath units, and each complex will include a restaurant-style dining room, onsite beauty and barbershops, and other amenities.

Rittenhouse officials have already contacted Pines Village Retirement Communities, which offers independent and assisted living and is undergoing a \$10.5 million renovation at its site off Calumet Avenue.

Rittenhouse, Csobaji said, will offer folks another option and "will be good neighbors"



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The front entryway of Rittenhouse Senior Living is still under construction. The facility is scheduled open in mid-October.



#### If you go

Rittenhouse Senior Living, opening in mid-October at 1300 Vale Park Road, will hold an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 8 at 3016 Calumet Ave. Go to [www.rittenhousesl.com](http://www.rittenhousesl.com) or call 531-2484.

with Pines Village.

"I think what they're doing with their renovation is great," Csobaji said, adding Pines offers more independent living, while Rittenhouse offers assisted living and memory care.

The two facilities offer differ-

ent services, agreed Pines Village spokeswoman Amy Page, and the fact that Rittenhouse has memory care is "huge."

"We welcome them. There is so much need for quality care that is respectful for seniors," she said.