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Senior Apartments Go Up in South Globe Canyon, by Ed Kuehneman, Photo by Ed Kuehneman

(L-R) Rob Bruce of Pacific West Builders with Floyd Krank Over look a new apartments complex.



After years of delays, an army of professional builders is busy sculpting the entire canyon north of Globe's Saguaro Drive into a model retirement complex. Madera Peak Senior Vista will boast 9 buildings, with 48 one-bedroom and 12 two-bedroom apartments, and a deluxe community center complete with a kitchen and meeting room, exercise room, computer lab and pool. Locally-owned Dalmolin Excavating is doing the site preparation ("dirt work") to elaborate specifications. When the project is complete, there will be no "raw slopes" anywhere, just block walls, curving drives and landscaping. Pre-leasing won't start till June, but Floyd Krank reports 20 families are already asking, "When will it be ready?" (August, hopefully.) Yarco Management, which runs the Cobre

Village apartments below Wendy's, will manage Madera as well. The project has faced difficulties. The sloping terrain and canyon walls created a challenge, although the project will be even more attractive, nestled in its pocket of county land. When storms hit, Pacific West Builders diligently reworked the foundations, and Krank says the "break-even" project became a financial problem for Pacific. To his credit, Caleb Roope, owner of Pacific Companies, kept his commitment, and was even more determined to make the project "a showcase." Some neighbors on the hilltops were used to their quiet, brushy canyon below, and objected at first to any large project. Others worried that the single exit on Saguaro would see too much traffic. Krank points out that senior apartments create very little noise or traffic, and is confident that the attractive apartments and landscaping will be a gracious asset to the area that everyone will appreciate. The apartments will bring beauty, value and revenue to the community and pave the way for other projects, such as assisted living. Krank says, "Madera Vista neighborhood will be full of nice, quiet new neighbors, most of which live right here in Globe/Miami already. How fortunate we are to have something so positive happen in our community during such an economically stressful time. Caleb and Pacific Companies could have walked away at any time, but they didn't."



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