

# Summit by Morrison to bring 30 new jobs to area

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WHITEFIELD — A new senior living facility in Whitefield has unveiled its new name, Summit by Morrison, and is slated to offer 30 new local jobs. This is good news to the community, as Coos County has the highest rate of unemployment in the state. The new nursing home is still under construction which began in December, however the project should be complete by spring of next year. Some residences will be available at the end of 2017. When finished this will be the only senior living community in the North Country.

Director of Development Mell Brooks said, “The Morrison has earned a sterling reputation for providing outstanding, compassionate care to generations of Greater Whitefield res-



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idents. Summit by Morrison will embrace the same commitment to excellence, while expanding housing options for seniors who wish to continue living in our beautiful North Country and their families who wish

to keep them close by.” The property will entail 14 independent living cottages along with 24 assisted living apartments, 12 for those who need memory support and 33 independent living apartments.

The beauty of the new facility is that it allows seniors to remain in the North Country where they can enjoy independent living, however they have the option to transition to assisted living as needed.

Brooks said, “To date, more than 25 people have expressed interest in the cottages and apartments. There has been such a tremendous, positive response from the community and those who are specifically interested in living at Summit by Morrison, we have created a wait list.”

The total cost of the Summit, PAGE A14

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project price is \$25.6 million, \$24,973,000 is coming via two low-interest loans from the The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development’s new Community Facilities Direct Loan Program. \$475,000 would come from the CDBG, which is being applied for through NCIC and \$144,216 will come from the Morrison.

Spokesperson for the project Scott Tranchemontagne said, “What makes this facility unique is that it is not a nursing home it’s

a senior living facility and theres a difference. The existing Morrison is part nursing home and part assisted living.”

Tranchemontagne explained, “We have three different levels of living. Also for the first time in the North Country you have a facility where you’re a senior albeit a younger senior and you just want a place to live independently but without the worry of having to move again as you progress in age.”

As of now seniors are being moved to the

southern part of the state away from their children and grandchildren, this facility offers local seniors an opportunity to stay close to their families. The cost to live at Summit by Morrison is still being worked out by the financial department however it will be affordable and comparable to what’s out there now. The facility is private pay only.

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