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TREVVETT

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■ Senior housing under way after three-year permit process

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE OLD Trevvett Court senior housing complex came crashing down this week to make way for a 14-unit, two-story structure that will provide more housing for low-income elderly residents. The project, which was proposed in early 2006 and delayed for more than a year by the California Coastal Commission, is the latest major endeavor of The Carmel Foundation, which provides most of the low-cost housing for seniors in town and still has \$1.4 million to raise to pay for the new apartments, according to president and CEO Jill Sheffield.

"We've been working on this for so long, I cannot believe it's actually happening," she said. "It's extremely exciting."

SBI Builders Inc. in Monterey won the \$2.53 million contract for demolition of the old buildings and construction of the new complex. Sheffield made frequent visits to the site early this week to watch the gigantic front loader tear into the old structures and accumulate piles of debris that were still being cleaned up Wednesday.

"The residents across the street had front-row seats," she commented.

Weather permitting, Trevvett Court's 14 one-bedroom, 500-square-foot units will open next July, according to Sheffield. The complex will also include common areas and six parking spaces. Pacific Grove architect Eric Miller did the design.

Trevvett Court's former residents were relocated to other foundation-owned housing in the city and will have the first right to return to the new complex.

The foundation, which receives no tax dollars and is open for membership to anyone age 55 or older, is collecting donations for the project. Sheffield said those interested in helping can call Linda Lee at (831) 624-1588 ext. 52 or make a check out to The Carmel Foundation, write "Trevvett Court" in the memo field, and mail it to P.O. Box 1050, Carmel, CA 93921.

"It's for the citizens of our community — the seniors who are struggling now more than ever," she said, adding that Trevvett Court fundraisers are also in the works.



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A front loader operator rakes in the growing debris pile during the demolition of the Trevvett Court apartment complex Monday.

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