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Federal government announces investment in affordable housing for seniors

On March 9, Silvera's newest independent living community, Vista Apartments, was officially opened. CEO Arlene Adamson along with the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion; MP Calgary Skyview George Chahal; and Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek were on hand for the grand opening.



Arlene Adamson speaking at the Vista Apartments grand opening March 9, 2022

At the event, the federal government announced a \$38-million investment in three Calgary housing projects, part of which will fund affordable housing units for seniors.

The three projects, each owned and operated by Silvera, will create 244 new housing units, including 188 designated as affordable housing for seniors.

West project in the SW and a new community in Calgary's NE neighbourhood of Livingston.

In addition to Vista, the funding is for Silvera's Westview Residence

The Livingston Terrace project will be a modular building, creating 42 independent living units in phase one with the potential to add an additional 21 units in phase two. Livingston Terrace is expected to open by Spring 2023.

Funding for these units will come from the federal government's Rapid Housing Initiative and National Housing Co-Investment Fund as well as the City of Calgary and Silvera.

Silvera will begin to offer market-rate suites at Willow Park on the Bow

A newly renovated show suite at Willow Park at the Bow is now ready to tour.

Silvera is making changes to some suites in this independent living community in Bridgeland to add a market-rate option for residents.

Willow Park on the Bow is a unique property in the Silvera portfolio, offering self-contained apartments with kitchens in addition to six prepared meals per month, with the option to purchase additional meals and housekeeping services.



To view the new show suite, please call Amanda at 403.369.7507 or learn more at silvera.ca.

Gilchrist community opening; Confed community closing



The first of Silvera’s Confederation Park residents will be moving to Gilchrist community in the NE neighbourhood of Pineridge within the next month.

It's an exciting journey that has been more than a year in the making, after last spring’s announcement to close the aging Confederation Park community.

Gilchrist is a four-storey building, with 114 rent-gearred-to-income suites, multi-purpose rooms, a dining room with vaulted ceiling, hair salon, corner

store, grab-and-go bistro, multiple outdoor balconies, patios, and a heated underground parkade.

If you or someone you know is interested in moving to the new Gilchrist community, please contact Silvera’s Community Living team at 403-567-5301 to learn more!

Spring Fling in Bridgeland



Silvera residents, employees, neighbours and families celebrated together for the first time in two years on March 19, thanks to a Warm Up to Winter grant from Parks Foundation Calgary and the City of Calgary. These organizations partnered to provide funding for an outdoor event that allowed us to safely gather and live our best lives together once again.



Great spring weather, good cheer, reindeer, food trucks, jugglers, music, crafts and vendors made for an amazing community party in Bridgeland!

It felt fantastic to celebrate together again, with residents, employees, neighbours, and families enjoying the sunshine and good community vibes. We can hardly wait 'til next time!



Silvera celebrates 60 years!

On February 19, Silvera proudly marked 60 years serving older Calgarians! Since 1962, we have been a trusted leader in the senior’s housing industry, providing safe, affordable, diverse homes and important services to independent seniors. Our dedicated, caring employees have consistently welcomed and embraced the unique journey of each individual who has called Silvera home. We were founded upon and are powered by human relationships - always doing what we can to help residents live their best lives.



Aspen crocheter creates sunflowers to support Ukraine



Like many of us, Aspen resident Agnetia has been watching the invasion of Ukraine and feeling helpless. An avid crocheter, Agnetia decided a “little way” to show her support for the people of Ukraine was to start creating sunflowers, Ukraine’s national flower.

“We are all one family here,” Agnetia says. “The staff are like our children. Olena and Oksana have family in Ukraine. It is so hard for them.”

Agnetia began sharing her sunflowers with Aspen employees and residents. She had no idea how big her idea would become.

Sandi, the Community Manager at Aspen, says it’s beautiful to walk through Aspen each day and see so many people wearing their sunflowers.

“Agnetia is such a kind and caring individual,” says Sandi. “Her ‘little way’ of showing support has had a big impact on Aspen community. Some residents have expressed having heavy hearts with all that is going on, and yet, watching so many people walking around wearing these sunflowers, one’s heart feels full.”