

Huntley courts big seniors complex

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HUNTLEY – A Chicago health care and senior living company is looking to develop a multimillion-dollar campus near Huntley's Regency Square to serve the nearby Sun City population.

The Alden Network's proposed 13-acre development would include a 50-bed memory care facility, a 100-bed nursing and rehab building, and nearly 100 units for independent, senior living. Conceptual designs are set to be approved by the Village Board today.

All told, the campus contains six buildings – **201,600 square feet** – at the northwest corner of Regency Parkway and Princeton Drive. The project is expected to **create 200 permanent jobs** for Huntley.

"It gives all the Sun City residents, who are maturing into a time where they need assisted living, another option," said Trustee Harry Leopold, who also lives in the Del Webb retirement community.

Alden Network operates similar facilities in Wisconsin and Des Plaines, Naperville and Aurora in the Chicago area.

If approved, developers will meet with the Plan Commission to create more detailed designs before getting final Village Board approval later this year.

The group also will need a special-use permit and a zoning change because the development is slated for Regency Square, a retail center that has added a Jimmy John's, Starbucks and Rookies restaurant last year.

With its proximity to Sun City, the network's proposed senior living campus is envisioned to provide around-the-clock care for Huntley's older population, with services that rival the nearby Heritage Woods complex, Leopold said.

Developers of the Deerpath Supportive Living Center, 12500 Regency Parkway, also broke ground last year on a 128-unit facility intended to serve those with physical disabilities.

The new senior living complex should provide an economic boost for the village and its local businesses, said Charles Nordman, director of development services.

"It's a large investment into the community," Nordman said. "It's without a doubt a benefit to Huntley."