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## Real Estate

### Senior housing

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently granted preliminary approval of a pre-application for the development of an 80,000-square-foot assisted-living and memory-care facility at Tanja King Parkway and Avalon West Boulevard in Avalon Park, in east Orange County.

Eric Marks, chief operating officer at **Avalon Park Group**, said the company has been planning the 90-unit, 128-bed facility for more than two years.

Ross Halle, town planner for Avalon Park Group, said **Baker Barrios Architects Inc.** of Orlando is designing the three-story Avalon Park Assisted Living and Memory Care facility. It will include six "neighborhoods," each with 15 studio or one-bedroom units and its own dining room and living room. The project will also contain a room for community activities, wellness area, occupational and physical therapy, salon and spa. Construction of the \$15 million facility may start later this year.