



THUMBS UP to the progress being made to renovate and expand affordable housing in Ridgefield. The Ridgefield Housing Authority is adding 12 new units at Ballard Green and renovating 132 units at Ballard Green and Prospect Ridge. The \$13 million project will include changing the heating systems from oil to natural gas, which should bring some savings in the authority's annual operating budget. The work is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2009. It is being funded with loans and grants, including \$2.5 million in state bonding. "We're gearing up for the next 20 years," said Diana Burgos, the authority's executive director. "It's wonderful that we can do this."