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Form 8-K

July 20, 2006

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 19, 2006 (July 19, 2006)

AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Tennessee	01-13031	62-1674303
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
111 Westwood Place, Suite 200, Brentwood, TN		37027
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 221-2250

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

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In a press release dated July 19, 2006, American Retirement Corporation ("ARC") announced that at a special meeting of shareholders held on July 19, 2006 in Brentwood, Tennessee, ARC shareholders approved the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 12, 2006, by and among Brookdale Senior Living Inc., Beta Merger Sub Corporation, a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Brookdale Senior Living Inc., and ARC, pursuant to which Beta Merger Sub Corporation will merge with and into ARC, with ARC becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary of Brookdale Senior Living Inc. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated July 19, 2006

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORPORATION

Date: July 19, 2006

By: /s/ Bryan D. Richardson

Bryan D. Richardson
Executive Vice President - Finance and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release dated July 19, 2006