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"When we have friends come over and visit, they're like, 'This is amazing ... They didn't know places like this existed.'"

— Laura Gutierrez

Ave Maria Maple Ridge resident

BY LAURA TICHY-SMITH

Ave Maria Sun Correspondent

Imagine coming home to a community where children are still free to explore on their bicycles and where neighbors not only wave but know one another. Imagine living in a town with a university at its core that brings the arts and sporting events to the community, yet the town is small and surrounded by nature. Imagine being able to walk, bike or take a golf cart to go to the grocery, doctor or hair salon.

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Community of the Year in Collier County: Ave Maria

SPECIAL TO AVE MARIA

Ave Maria is the recipient of its fifth consecutive Community of the Year award given annually by the Collier Building Industry Association. An independent panel of judges ranked Collier County communities on various criteria including quality of the design for the overall amenity package, recreation provided (including clubhouse, golf and tennis facilities and pool areas) and outdoor use amenities (such as paths, gazebos, sculptures, etc.).

Ave Maria also received the awards for Best Website and Best TV Commercial at the CBIA Sand Dollar Awards ceremony last fall.

Ave Maria Development worked with Denver-based advertising agency Milesbrand on a new brand campaign for 2019.

“We are thrilled to be a part of the marketing team that contributed to Ave Maria being honored for the fifth time as Community of the Year at the CBIA Sand Dollar Awards,” says Dave Miles, president of Milesbrand. “Equally satisfying was the additional recognition for Best Website and Best TV Commercial for Ave Maria.”

“All in all,” he adds, “these awards add validation to our belief that Ave Maria is the best ‘Big Kind of Small Town’ in America.”

The Community of the Year award recognizes Ave Maria’s robust amenities that include resident enjoyment of parks, trails, nature and more. Within the town of Ave Maria are several outdoor parks such as North Park, which features baseball and softball fields, soccer fields, basketball court,



a playground and a concession stand. South Park includes bocce courts, a dog park and an amphitheater.

The Ave Maria Water Park is complete with two water slides, an interactive water playground, a shoreline-edge pool, resort and lap pools, spa, beach volleyball, concession area and nearby tennis courts.

Panther Run Golf Club showcases 18 holes of championship golf designed by Gordon G. Lewis with an aqua range and a pro shop.

In addition, miles of walking and biking trails wind throughout the master-planned community with pause points at lakes and benches. Eco-adventure safaris are offered by Orange Jeep Tours, an onsite outfitter that tours miles of native preserve bordering the town of Ave Maria.

Residents also enjoy an active social calendar provided by the Ave Maria Master



Association and Ave Maria Development with outdoor concerts, art festivals, farmer markets, happy hours, family socials and holiday-themed events.

“We believe the value of living in our big kind of small town is celebrated with an award such as Community of the Year,” says Cee Cee Marinelli, director of development for Ave Maria. “Ave Maria has been consistently recognized for its home sales and its amenities, further identifying our community as the top choice for new home buyers in Collier County.” 🌻

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At Ave Maria, which offers a full education system from Pre-K to post-grad, kids can be seen riding bikes to school. On Sundays, neighbors can walk to and from church together and meet on the fairway after lunch. When it's time to play, a myriad of on-site amenities allow residents to take advantage of the year-round sunshine. The



National Golf & Country Club will feature its own Clubhouse with a pro shop, formal and casual dining, a resort-style pool and spa, state-of-the-art fitness center with yoga/aerobics room, spa treatment rooms and beauty salon. Active residents can take advantage of Har-Tru tennis courts, pickle and bocce ball, putting green, chipping area, and a driving range. This all-encompassing amenity campus is designed to bring our community together, with spaces to congregate with friends new and old.

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MEET A TOWNMAKER

David Genson helped build the foundation of Ave Maria

BY **ROBIN F. DEMATTIA**
Ave Maria Sun Correspondent

Like many Southwest Florida residents, David Genson's journey here began while visiting relatives in the Sunshine State.

He had earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and was working up north when he visited an aunt and uncle in Sarasota.

"I'd been coming for years and told my family that if I ever had the chance, I'd move down here. I loved the weather, and after 27 years I was done with Wisconsin winters."

His family connected him with Johnson Engineering in Naples, where he was hired as a project engineer. Barron Collier Companies was a client, and 18 months later the developer asked him to be an engineer for their Grey Oaks development. That was 21 years ago, and Mr. Genson, now senior vice president and director of development, is proud to be part of the extended BCC family.

"The family really respects their employees for the value they bring to the company," he says. "I have always admired their willingness to go above and beyond for their employees."

For the first three years, Mr. Genson managed all the land development for internal subdivisions as well as the Grey Oaks golf course construction. He then managed the redevelopment of what is now the La Playa Golf Club.

His next opportunity was to help build an entirely new town. He was one of the initial people involved in the idea of Ave Maria, along with Barron Collier Companies then-CEO Paul Marinelli and Tom Monaghan.



David Genson

"They asked me to help build the town, and it was a little daunting at first," he laughs. "You think that, as an engineer, you know quite a bit. But there's a lot to consider. Not just the technical but the economic. We had never developed a town before."

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He points out that for 40 years prior, the land that became Ave Maria had been farm fields for tomatoes and peppers. It took many consultants and advisors to create a functioning town with running water, roads, commercial and retail buildings, the university and residential homes.

"To do that in two years is pretty impressive," he says of the initial build between 2005 and 2007.

Throughout the years, some of the original ideas were modified.

Initially, Pulte was developing under the Pulte, DiVosta and Del Webb brands, but then Divosta stopped producing.

The developers expected a mix of single-family and multi-family residents, but most buyers preferred single family, so that is what has predominantly been built.

In retrospect, Mr. Genson says they probably wouldn't have built the Ave Maria Town Center 2½ miles into the property due to the cost of the four-lane road to reach it.

But he's glad they included commercial construction along Oil Well Road, which wasn't initially in the plan, because Athrex has been a

good addition to the community.

He is also pleased to see that, as more residents have moved into the community, the public has lost the misconception that people have to be Catholic to live in Ave Maria.

Now, after 13 years, he adds, "It's time to do a refresh."

Upcoming improvements include enhanced main entry with new hardscape and landscaping. There are plans for new commercial development with flex office space. The developer is evaluating potential new amenities including multi-use paths, an expanded entertainment area and more.

And, Lennar is building a bundled golf community (see story on page A8).

"This type of community has a lot of opportunity, and it's a product we're lacking," Mr. Genson says.

Overall, the Barron Collier Companies want to see Ave Maria become "a vibrant and self-sustaining community that ultimately we can walk away from and say this is the next part of our legacy."

Overseeing Ave Maria from the start has taught him to multi-task well, he laughs, but he thrives on the diversity of the job. This is good, because he is also involved in Founders Square, a 55-acre mixed-use development BCC is building at the intersection of Immokalee Road and Collier Boulevard.

Mr. Genson serves on the Collier County Housing Authority and the Florida Transportation Commission, which are both governor-appointed positions. In his spare time, he enjoys being outdoors or at Disney with his wife and two young daughters. 🌻



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Free Bingo At Oil Well Craft Beer

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Cumberlands (Ky.)
1 and 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 10
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- Baseball vs. Concordia (Mich.)
Noon and 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 17
- Softball vs. Concordia (Mich.)
2 and 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 17
- Women’s Tennis vs. Friends (Kan.)
2 p.m. Friday, March 20
- Baseball vs. Warner
3 p.m. Friday, March 20
- Baseball vs. Warner
Noon and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 21
- Baseball vs. Southeastern
1 and 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 24
- Softball vs. St. Thomas
2 and 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 25
- Baseball vs. Keiser
3 p.m. Friday, March 27
- Baseball vs. Keiser
Noon and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28
- Men’s Tennis vs. Webber
Women’s Tennis vs Webber
2 p.m. Saturday, March 28
- Lacrosse vs. Cumberlands (Ky.)
4 p.m. Sunday, March 29
- Lacrosse vs. Keiser
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1
- Softball vs. Webber
Noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4
- Lacrosse vs. Point (Ga.)
5 p.m. Monday, April 6
- Baseball vs. Florida National
1 and 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 7
- Softball vs. Florida National
2 and 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 14
- Softball vs. #20 USCB
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Lennar links new golf course to master-planned community

BY LAURA TICHY-SMITH
Ave Maria Sun Correspondent

Leading builder Lennar Homes has broken ground on its all-inclusive golf course community within the town of Ave Maria. The National Golf & Country Club at Ave Maria is offering pre-sales on a range of residential designs: terraces, verandas, coach homes, executive homes and estate homes.

“There will be a home style for every type of customer,” says David Meyers, director of operations for Lennar Southwest Florida.

An 18-hole Gordon Lewis-designed golf course will serve as the highlight of the neighborhood along with a clubhouse and resort-style amenities.

The golf course is on target to open between November 2020 and January 2021, and the amenities will be phased in.

Mr. Meyers says that, to Lennar, the idea of country club living includes not only an 18-hole golf course and clubhouse but also additional amenities including a day spa; swimming pool; courts for tennis, pickleball and bocce; outdoor dining/chickee bar; and indoor fine dining.

“Let me get the biggest amenity in first, the golf course,” he says. “Not only does it attract golfers, it gives amazing views from all the homes.”

Lennar is known for its “Everything’s Included” program, where features that would typically be charged as upgrades come standard with the home. This includes things inside — think granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, designer-style cabinetry and Wi-Fi certification — as well as things beyond the home.

“It also has to do with living,” Mr. Meyers says about the “Everything’s Included” program. “So it will include membership in the club, and select homes will include golf memberships.”

Perhaps what is more remarkable is that Lennar offers all this for its homes priced from the high \$100,000s to \$500,000s. The terrace and veranda models are condominiums, with pricing running in the \$100,000s to \$200,000s. The builder will offer four executive home floorplans, ranging from 1,850 to 2,247 square feet in size. These homes offer two to three bedrooms and baths. Pricing on the executive homes will range from the mid to upper \$300,000s.

Five estate home designs will be offered, ranging from 2,395 to 3,473 square feet in size. Among these floorplans is one that has as many as five bedrooms. Pricing on the estate homes will range from the low \$400,000s to the low \$500,000s.

“We have a long-standing relationship with the people at Lennar, obviously,” says Blake Gable, CEO of Barron Collier Companies, the developer of Ave Maria. “They’re one of the



largest home builders in the country. They do great work. They’re true professionals, and we’re really looking forward to continuing to work with them.”

Lennar built one neighborhood in Ave Maria in the early 2010s and joins several other builders currently active in the town.

Yet The National will be different from other neighborhoods under construction in the town.

“Lennar has a different buyer segment they’re going for,” Mr. Gable says. “For the kind of active adults who want that golf course community lifestyle, The National will be a great addition to what’s already here with Del Webb (the existing golf course community at Ave Maria).”

The National will be built on approximately 475 acres and will include around 1,200 homes. Pre-construction sales started this

month. Model homes will be available to view later in the year.

“Pre-construction is the best time to purchase because you have your choice of home-sites and get the best deals,” Mr. Meyers says. “The National is everything you could want in a master-planned community-within-the-community of Ave Maria.”





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University troupe to stage modernized “Hamlet”

BY ROBIN F. DEMATTIA

Ave Maria Sun Correspondent

To be, or not to be — exactly like the original — that is the question answered by Ave Maria University’s Shakespeare in Performance students for their April production of “Hamlet.”

“My ‘Hamlet’ is not the play that’s been around for over 400 years,” says Travis Curtright, Ph.D., chair of humanities and liberal studies, and director of the troupe. “It’s fast, festive and furious.”

Although he cut two-thirds of the show, the key soliloquies and famous lines remain. The play is still set in Denmark, and there will be Elizabethan costumes.

But Dr. Curtright’s primary aim is to make Shakespeare relevant to AMU students. So, he incorporates popular music with new lines related to the play as well as singing and dancing.

“Our kids and their voices and movements make this type of interpretation possible.”

The opening, which Dr. Curtright wants to keep secret, will set the tone for the performance and let audiences know they are watching something special.

That becomes immediately apparent going into the 137-seat theater, which features a thrust stage that extends into the audience.

There won’t be sets or fancy lighting, but students will come forward and address audience members directly.

Dr. Curtright drew inspiration for that technique from improvisation classes he took at Second City, learning how to write and interact with audiences. He also trained at the American Shakespeare Center in Staunton, Va., to learn about performance.

He wrote his dissertation about Shakespeare and so enjoyed teaching about the



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Cast of “Hamlet” in the green room at the Donahue Family Black Box Theater.

playwright that his students were inspired to ask him to direct them in a play. That was eight years ago, and the troupe has performed 10 plays since then.

“One of my favorite lines is from Coriolanus: ‘There is a world elsewhere,’” the professor says. “I think the theater can be that other world, free from anxiety about an upcoming paper, social media updates that can cause some consternation, worries about weekend plans or news from home. Making art with one another is a safe space and creative forum where students grow and develop.”

Dr. Curtright says he is “ecstatic” that the Shakespeare in Performance program began in a classroom and became so popular there is now a summer camp and a minor study option.

People from outside of AMU attend the

shows, including actors from other local theaters. “People are astonished at the quality of the product, and that’s a tribute to our students.”

Some students arrive at AMU with a love of Shakespeare, but Dr. Curtright says he wants to make Shakespeare accessible regardless of their background.

He also wants students to learn everything that goes into producing a show, which he says is similar to how Shakespeare operated. Students make decisions about hair, makeup and costumes. They market the show and are involved in ticketing and backstage management.

“It’s not just about being on stage but being part of a troupe and coming together as a community,” he says. “I’m really impressed by their enthusiasm and seriousness of purpose. We do table work where they have to paraphrase

Shakespeare to help them get a sense for the line of thought.” Voice workshops teach the students how to breathe and carry themselves on stage. Rehearsals started in late January.

“The plays challenge young people physically, intellectually and emotionally,” Dr. Curtright says. “The theater enhances one’s personality. Actors have to be brave, take risks and be willing to go beyond who they thought they were — and that’s brilliant to watch unfold.”

The program is so popular, students who are musicians ask to be part of the shows.

AMU graduate Regina Fahey is directing the music for “Hamlet.” Christopher Das, a senior, is helping with the hip-hop choreography.

There are 25 students involved in the production. “This group’s raw talent, enthusiasm and diligence are remarkable to see,” Mr. Das says. “I’m very happy to be working with them.”

Tickets are on sale now, and the shows usually sell out. 🌟

“Hamlet”

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“One of the best features of Ave Maria, I think, is all the walking paths around the lakes and through the neighborhoods ... You can walk a different route every day for a few weeks.”
— Jennifer Leeb, *Avalon Park resident*



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The university brings arts and sports to the town that would not be possible without such an educational institution.

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“This is amazing,” says Laura Gutierrez. “They didn’t know places like this existed.” Ms. Gutierrez and her husband, Mario, moved from Florida’s east coast into Ave Maria’s Maple Ridge by CC Homes about 10 months ago. He retired after 27 years with Miami-Dade law enforcement; Ms. Gutierrez commutes to Bonita Springs for work. After making several trips to evaluate Ave Maria before moving to the town, one thing caught the couple’s attention. “What stood out to us is, back where we’re from, kids don’t walk or ride their bikes to school,” Ms. Gutierrez says. “These kids, it’s so refreshing, they ride their bikes and they’re out playing and having fun. It’s like taking a step back 50 years to how America used to be when we were kids growing up. It’s like a slice of American pie — that’s what the feel is here, wholesome and safe, a community where you can let your kids ride their bikes.” The friendliness of the residents also caught the attention of Walther Arias and Vanessa Altamiranda as they sought to purchase their first home. Ms. Altamiranda runs her own organizing business, Simply Arranged by Vanessa, and Mr. Arias works as a financial planner for Primerica. They moved into Ave Maria’s Maple Ridge neighborhood two two years ago with their young sons, Orlando and Santiago. “You don’t hear of a lot of places anymore where you actually have a relationship with your neighbors,” Ms. Altamiranda says, adding she grew up in New Jersey in a neighborhood where she knew everyone and played with all the kids. “It was really hard to find that here in Florida. “But as soon as we drove into Ave Maria, we could just feel it. It was really important for my kids to grow up much like myself.” Blake Gable, CEO of Barron Collier Companies, the developer of Ave Maria, says the



The friendliness of Ave Maria residents was among many things that caught the attention of Walther Arias and Vanessa Altamiranda as they sought to purchase their first home.

goal of the master-planned town was to create a “highly amenitized, beautiful, safe environment” that was friendly for all walks of life — from young families to retirees. “And that’s what we’ve accomplished,” he says. “You can have a phenomenal experience at a much more affordable price if you choose to buy in Ave Maria. Phyllis Dolan, a Del Webb neighborhood resident who works as an adjunct professor at Ave Maria University, says she was attracted to the town because of its multi-



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generational diversity. She and her husband, Gregory, built a home eight years ago and were snowbirds until they moved down from Pittsburg full time two years ago. “We always said that, when we retired, we would move into a community like we grew up in — a small town,” Ms. Dolan says. “I didn’t want just the 55-plus. I wanted to be around young people. There is a university here, and a town with young families and there is age 55 and above. It’s the ideal place.” Ave Maria’s safe environment appealed to Ms. Altamiranda. “When we were ready to purchase a home, I said the number one thing for me was safety, especially having kids,” she says. “I want to feel safe going out to my car, day or night.” “The worst fear we have as residents of



Laura and Mario Guterrez moved into Ave Maria’s Maple Ridge community by CC Homes.

Maple Ridge,” Mr. Arias adds with a laugh, “is running into a bear or an alligator.” Then he continues, explaining that he enjoys being surrounded by nature and wildlife as it reminds him of his own childhood experiences. Ave Maria University, with its cathedral in the center of town, also evoked nostalgia during their house hunting trip. “For me, it felt right at home because it was what I was used to as a little kid,” Mr. Arias, who grew up in Colombia, explains. “In Colombia, we have little towns built around the church. “When I saw that, I felt right at home,” he says. Here from the start Mr. Gable, who has worked on the Ave Maria project from its first day, in 2002, says building a town and university from the ground up has proven an interesting process from the time Domino’s Pizza founder Tom Monaghan, who also founded the private Catholic university, decided to

move the institution to Southwest Florida. “When you are truly designing a town from scratch, you have all kinds of opportunities to just create,” he says. “What we were trying to do was come up with a way the university and the town could seamlessly come together. I mean, we really were planning a town for ultimately 25,000-30,000 people with the university right there at its core.

“People like Tom Monaghan, who has been a tremendous partner, don’t come around very often.”

The university brings arts and sports to the town that would not be possible without such an educational institution. Cee Cee Marinelli, vice president of commercial real estate with the Barron Collier Companies, points out that AMU has the only college football team in Southwest Florida, among its other sports offerings.

“They have lectures that are open to the community,” she adds. “I think the over-55 residents enjoy having that kind of young, academic side around, along with the vibrant lifestyle and arts and culture part of the university community,” she says.



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Fresh air activities

Outdoor recreation also figures prominently into the lifestyle of Ave Maria. The town has its own water park for residents, as well as two parks with sports fields, a dog park and an amphitheater. One golf course is operational and another is being built. A full-time lifestyle director facilitates events, clubs and experiences for residents. The town is also laced with paths.

“One of the things about our location is it truly is in the middle of beautiful old Florida,



COURTESY PHOTOS
Stefan and Jennifer Leeb moved into Avalon Park at Ave Maria with their sons Brendan and Joseph. They go for walks around the two big lakes twice a day.

so we have a tremendous number of walking trails, sidewalks, bike paths and all kinds of outdoors activities,” Mr. Gable says. “Seven months out of the year, I’d argue that Southwest Florida has the best weather in America, so we tried to take advantage of that.

“If you want to be outdoors and active, outside of mountain sports, there’s nothing that Ave Maria doesn’t have to offer.”

Jennifer Leeb, a public relations consultant who moved into the Avalon Park neighborhood by Pulte six months ago with her husband, Stefan, and their sons Brendan and Joseph, says she makes extensive use of the trails.

“One of the best features of Ave Maria, I think, is all the walking paths around the

lakes and through the neighborhoods,” she says. “You can walk a different route every day for a few weeks,” she says. “Twice a day we go for a walk around the two big lakes, and it really is lovely.”

The town offers multiple events, such as Christmas festivities, fall festivals, steak cookouts and music events.

“There’s a lot of family stuff where children can enjoy it as well as older people,” Ms. Dolan says.

Convenient necessities

The Ave Maria Town Center was created to provide certain key businesses from the beginning; new ones now are setting up shop all the time.

“We were creating a town a few miles away from any other services, so we had to make sure that we had the services here for the residents,” Mr. Gable says. “We worked with Publix to bring them in, and we had the coffee shop and the pizza place. It’s been fun to watch it grow and flourish over the years.”

Ms. Marinelli adds that, in keeping with the town’s motto of “a big kind of small town,” all the necessities for everyday life are available in a small, simple setting so that residents aren’t spending hours driving to do errands.

Ms. Gutierrez appreciates being able to walk to businesses such as the grocery, hair salon and bank. “The convenience relieves the stress of having to go and do things,” she says. “You don’t mind doing things because it’s not going to be overcrowded, you’re not going to have to fight for parking and you’re not going to wait in long lines.

Ms. Dolan says that she drives to the store on her golf cart. She even commutes to work on her golf cart.

She says she joked with campus security, “You’d better not ticket my golf cart because I parked in the faculty lots.” They give you a sticker for your car, but they don’t have anything for the golf cart.”

Mr. Gable says Ave Maria was designed with the intention of appealing to a wide range of potential residents rather than with a focus on a single demographic.

Ms. Marinelli adds that this means Ave Maria offers everything from starter homes in the high \$100,000s to six-bedroom residences for large families to homes for active retirees, creating a multi-generational town.

“We’ve been creating a great environment for young families as well as one that retirees find very appealing,” she says. “It was a combination of bringing in different builders — Pulte, CC Homes, Del Webb and Lennar — that hit all different product types, price points, you name it.

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SILVERWOOD AT MAPLE RIDGE

About the Community

As part of the highly sought after new home community, Maple Ridge at Ave Maria-Silverwood offers exciting residential choices to buyers. Silverwood provides homeowners the perfect home at a great value. All of these single-family homes are beautifully designed with Mediterranean-inspired architecture and an inviting array of designer features included as well as some custom options available. Both Silverwood and Maple Ridge have a superb location within Ave Maria, so residents benefit from a great school district and sense of community.

Floor Plan Spotlight: The Encinitas is a new

construction, two-story home with 4 bedrooms, 3-and-one-half baths, great room, eat-in kitchen, upstairs laundry room, loft, storage closet, downstairs master suite with walk-in closet and attached garage. 5th bedroom or a wet bar in the loft are available options. Premium features included standard, such as designer brand faucets & fixtures and tile flooring. Gourmet kitchens have stainless steel appliances, European-style wood cabinetry and granite countertops. A spa-like master bathroom features double sinks with marble vanity tops, a spacious shower. Best of all, this master suite is conveniently located on the ground floor.



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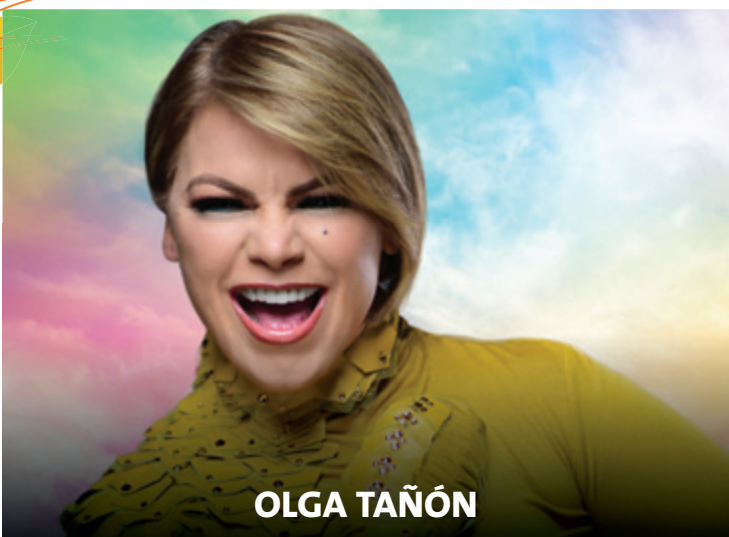
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With gratitude, Tropical Smoothie owner set to bring Teriyaki Madness to town

BY **ROBIN F. DEMATTIA**
Ave Maria Sun Correspondent

Twelve years ago, when Phong Ho opened Tropical Smoothie Café as the second restaurant in Ave Maria, he was taking a leap of faith that people would come.

“It was a bold idea,” he says. “This town was new and there was nothing here. It’s fair to say it was a calculated risk.”

That risk paid off. Mr. Ho is the longest restaurant owner in town and has a loyal clientele.

Now, he’s going to reward them with another restaurant to enjoy. He plans to open Southwest Florida’s first Teriyaki Madness in May, next to his Tropical Smoothie Café, in the only vacant space left in Town Center.

“I’ve seen pretty big growth in this town over the past three years,” Mr. Ho says. “Home sales almost doubled in the last four years. We’re doing very well in our Tropical Smoothie store.”

But, he adds, his customers have told him they want more dining options.

“It’s been a while since they’ve had another place to eat. I want to provide another fun and tasty establishment. I think this town definitely can support another eatery.”

Teriyaki Madness is a fast-casual Asian restaurant concept founded in 2003. It features made-to-order dishes such as chicken teriyaki, yakisoba noodles with meat or tofu, chicken katsu, eggrolls, edamame, crab rangoon and chicken potstickers.

The new restaurant’s interior will follow the franchise theme of red and black with murals and an upbeat environment. There will be seating for 40 inside and outside. Customers will order at the counter by selecting their choice of protein, rice, vegetables and sauces such as teriyaki, katsu, gyoza, orange and spicy.

Mr. Ho did a lot of research before selecting the Teriyaki Madness franchise, including going to the corporate headquarters in Denver. And he likes the food, saying it is tasty and light. “When people see the nutritional chart, they will be shocked how healthy it is.”

And he sees growth potential with the brand. The chain has 75 stores opened and more than 100 franchises signed. Mr. Ho has a three-store contract and plans to open a second location at Founders Square at the intersection of Immokalee Road and Collier Boulevard, a 55-acre mixed-use development that is also being developed by Barron Collier Companies. “It’s a great corner,” he says.



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Phong Ho opened Tropical Smoothie Café 12 years ago and plans on opening Teriyaki Madness in May.

He expects to draw the same customers to Teriyaki Madness in Ave Maria that also frequent his Tropical Smoothie Café. Half the year, these include snowbirds and Ave Maria University students. But he credits the residents of Immokalee for helping his business survive year ’round.

“I couldn’t have really done it without their help,” he says. “They’re a tremendous asset and client base that is only four or five miles away. And they’ve had the same restaurants for a while, so they’re very open to coming here.”

Mr. Ho notes that a popular Asian restaurant in Immokalee recently closed, so he hopes people will try Teriyaki Madness when it opens.

Mr. Ho delivers approximately 20 miles

from Ave Maria’s town center, including to Arthrex on Oil Well Road, which he calls “my biggest blessing in the last four years.”

He also credits his landlords and the town for being supportive and friendly to business startups.

He was 25 and trying to decide what career to follow when his stepfather encouraged him to start his own business. The father of one of Mr. Ho’s friends worked for the Barron Collier Companies, and the idea of the new Ave Maria town seemed to offer opportunities.

“My stepdad said I should try a smoothie place, and I said ‘What’s a smoothie?’” he laughs. He researched the concept and liked both the health aspects and the fact that Tropical Smoothie also sells food, which he

said attracts people into the store. He and his parents opened the restaurant together.

When the economy slowed down, Mr. Ho remained committed to Ave Maria. He has been a resident since 2007 and participated on the town’s fire commission board and with the chamber of commerce and Rotary Club before the number of hours he works limited his free time.

“I’m very satisfied with the town’s progress and where it’s at today,” he says. “I put a lot of trust in the future of this town, or I wouldn’t be opening another restaurant.”

He expects to offer grand opening specials and celebrations that might include giveaways.

“I always like to give gratitude,” he says. “There are many people who have helped me along the way.” 🌻

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— Phong Ho, owner of Tropical Smoothie Café

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Inauguration festivities set for AMU’s third president

The inauguration of Christopher P. Ice as the third president of Ave Maria University is set to take place in March. The occasion will be marked by four major events open to the general public:

■ **6:30 p.m. Friday, March 27** – Opening presentation: “Ex Corde Ecclesiae at Third: A Call for Renewal in Catholic Universities” by Dr. Michael Dauphinas in the O’Bryan Performance Hall in the Thomas and Selby Prince Building.

■ **10 a.m. Saturday, March 28** – Inauguration Mass with Most Rev. Frank Dewane, bishop of the Diocese of Venice, at Ave Maria Catholic Church.

■ **11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 28** – Inauguration ceremony at Ave Maria Catholic Church.

■ **2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28** – Inauguration keynote address: “Ego Sapientia: Our Lady and Catholic Higher Education” by Fr. Romanus Cessario, O.P., in the O’Bryan Performance Hall in the Thomas and Selby Prince Building.

■ **6 p.m. Saturday, March 28** – Inauguration celebration at the AMU Academic Mall (tickets required for dinner).

President Ice assumed his responsibilities as president of AMU on Jan. 1 this year. He succeeds Jim Towey, who served in the position for nine years.



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President Ice previously was chief executive officer of Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph. He has a deep passion for Catholic, liberal arts

“He is clearly a man of great character and deep faith. His knowledge gained from working in both Catholic higher education as well as a corporate executive will serve him well as he leads Ave Maria.”

— **Tom Monaghan,**
AMU founder, speaking
of Christopher P. Ice

education and brings many years of experience as an executive in the corporate and private sectors as well as Catholic non-profit organizations. He also has an impressive background of fundraising in Catholic higher education at Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio. He and his wife, Mary, are parents of seven children ages 10 to 29, and grandparents of one.

“I am very excited to begin my presidency at Ave Maria University and lead this authentic, orthodox Catholic university into the future,” he said in a press release. “Our students will continue to develop the critical thinking and reasoning skills necessary to distinguish truth from falsehoods, especially in a culture that blurs the lines of truth.”

His main goal as president, he added, is



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Christopher P. Ice has served as Ave Maria University’s third president since Jan. 1.

“to help form joyful, intentional followers of Jesus Christ through word and sacrament, scholarship and service. My desire is for our students to become great leaders in our society and, ultimately, saints.

“At Ave Maria University, we won’t run away from our Catholic faith. We will continue to run to it.”

AMU founder Tom Monaghan has high praise for President Ice and President Towey.

About President Ice, he said in a press release, “He is clearly a man of great character and deep faith. His knowledge gained from working in both Catholic higher education

as well as a corporate executive will serve him well as he leads Ave Maria.”

President Towey, Mr. Monaghan added, “took over what was still a relatively young institution and ... helped advance the University at an important time in our history.”

Under President Towey’s leadership, the university tripled the number of majors offered and established the Mother Teresa Program and Museum, “and he guided an incredibly successful \$60 million capital campaign,” Mr. Monaghan said. “Jim and his wife Mary worked tirelessly over the last nearly nine years to advance the university, and I am grateful for his leadership and service to Ave Maria and in particular to the students under his care.”

The university was founded in 2003 on a temporary campus in Naples and moved to its permanent campus in the fall of 2007. Enrollment has nearly tripled since that time, with the current undergraduate population numbering 1,082 students, as have the number of majors offered to students, which now stands at 32 and includes nursing, biochemistry, biology, theology, business administration and education. In addition, there are 44 students presently pursuing graduate degrees in theology at the university.

The public is invited to all events around President Ice’s inauguration. The Mass and inauguration ceremony also will be livestreamed.

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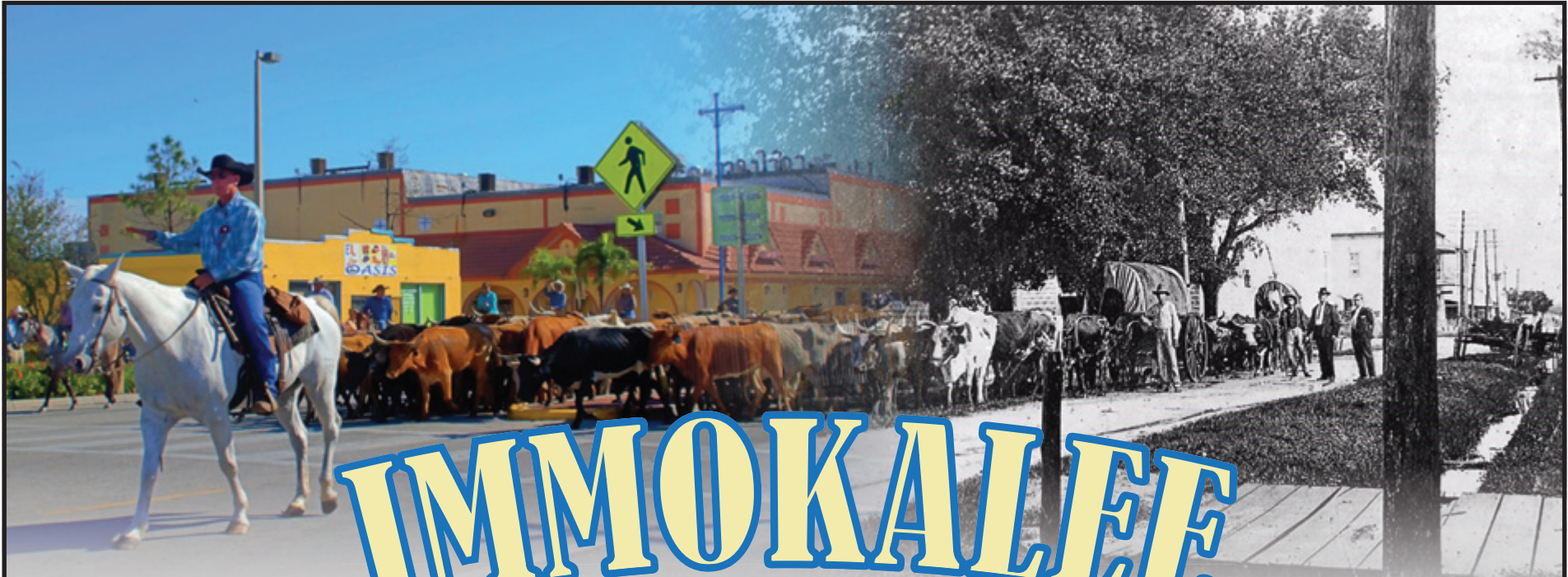
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Ave Maria starts the new year with strong sales

Ave Maria Development reports 24 new home sales for January 2020, outpacing 2019 thus far. Metrostudy recently reported Ave Maria as the No. 1 selling new home community in Southwest Florida, with 266 annual closings and 306 annual home starts for the past 12 months.

According to the Metrostudy fourth quarter report: “Ave Maria owns the top spot this quarter, and (the town’s) annual starts are higher than any other master planned community in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties.”

The town of Ave Maria has been recognized by Metrostudy as Collier County’s No. 1 selling new home community for more than five years. Developed by Barron Collier Companies, the master planned community features a mix of

single-family homes by CC Homes, Del Webb, Lennar and Pulte Homes. Pricing begins in the high \$100,000s. With amenities and commercial centers put in place from the inception of the project, Ave Maria has provided new home buyers with immediate sense of community often desired when searching for a new hometown.

“January is good indication of what we hope to see for the coming year,” says Andrea McLendon, marketing director for Barron Collier Companies. “With the addition of Lennar as our fourth home builder, buyers now have even more choices when looking for a new home in Ave Maria. We continue to see interest from people on both coasts of Florida as well as the northern buyer.” 🌻



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Getting to know Ave Realty Team leader and local expert Jody Carr

"If I'm awake, I'm working!"

How long have I been in real estate?

I come from a construction and hospitality background so I've been involved in real estate most of my life. I became a full-time realtor 6 years ago and have enjoyed each and every client I've worked with. How great is being trusted to participate in the biggest decision of people's lives. What an honor!

Why did I pick to live in Ave Maria?

I arrived in Naples in 1989 and loved the small-town Florida feel. As Naples grew, I found myself yearning for small town life again. Through real estate I found Ave Maria and discovered that living here is like going back in time. Friendly neighbors, strong sense of community, safety etc... True small town living, and I love it!

Why have I been so successful?

My successes I believe are based on my desire to take care of people. I feel the general public has a distaste for realtors so when I dedicated my career choice to this field, I decided to take care of people first and worry about commissions later. Doing the right thing is always the right thing. Take care of those that trust you and the rest will just fall into place. Our office motto is "Work Hard and Be Nice to People". If that is not strictly adhered to on my team, I'm quick to welcome an agent to be successful elsewhere. I can't say it enough. "take care of those that are trusting you to do the right thing."

Can I take on more clients?

Absolutely! I have a team of 10 wonderful agents as well as an on-site lender, title services, legal services and an office board dedicated to local Ave business and personal services. With a strong synergy team and a "care for the client" mindset, we are all working on your behalf. Communication is key. Many people feel left in the dark. It's vital that our clients know that we are always available.

Can I help clients BUY AND SELL a house?

Of course. We work for the benefit of both buyers and sellers and often they are one in the



same. For example, we can get your current property sold and arrange the close on your new property the same day. That allows a low stress and smooth

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Can people really buy a home with ZERO MONEY DOWN?

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Can people buy with less than perfect credit?

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CubeSmart can bring an end to your shortage of storage space

BY LAURA TICHY-SMITH

Ave Maria Sun Correspondent

Take the boxes out of your house and get ready to “cube” them out of your way. A brand-new CubeSmart Self Storage facility is on target to open in late February in the Park of Commerce at 5306 Useppa Drive.

A total of 344 storage units ranging in size from 5-by-5 feet to 10-by-30 feet will occupy two single-story, climate-controlled buildings. In addition, 24 outdoor covered spaces will accommodate Class A recreational vehicles and boats. The new CubeSmart will also have a private gated entry and security cameras throughout the property.

“The convenience of an onsite self-storage facility will further enhance the self-sustainable lifestyle for Ave Maria residents,” Brian Goguen, vice president of Ave Maria Development, says. “We are pleased to welcome the talented team from Seagate Development to our community.”

The 51,000-square-foot project is being developed and built by Seagate Development



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The CubeSmart Self Storage on Useppa Drive in Ave Maria is expected to open in late February.

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“It’s coming along and should be completed in February,” Sydney Vermette, marketing manager for Seagate, says.

“With the constant growth happening in our area, we are seeing an increased demand for facilities of this nature,” Seagate CEO Matt Price adds. “We look forward to many more

projects with Ave Maria Development.”

A representative from the CubeSmart corporation says the phone number and storage unit prices will not be available until after the location opens, but reservations can be made via the CubeSmart website, www.cubesmart.com/florida-self-storage/ave-maria-self-storage.

CubeSmart has 1,272 locations throughout the country and is the third largest owner-operator of storage units in the nation. The Park of Commerce, home of the Ave Maria CubeSmart, is also home to a Mobil Gas Station, Oil Well Craft Brewery, MAFA Martial Arts Fitness Academy and Dog Gone Cleaners. 🌟

Groundbreaking set for Ave Maria Public Safety Complex

Station is first new facility in the Immokalee Fire Control District since 1953

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Ave Maria Development and the Immokalee Fire Control District will break ground for the new Immokalee Fire Control District Ave Maria Public Safety Complex during a ceremony at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 5, at the site in the Ave Maria Park of Commerce.

The 22,000-square-foot station will serve Ave Maria proper and the southern areas of the Immokalee Fire Control District. It will have the capability to house a minimum of

five personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week and could potentially accommodate more than a dozen personnel including Collier County Sheriff’s Office deputies, EMS supervisors, Fire Chief Michael Choate and administrative staff.

Designed by GMA Architects and constructed by Envirostruct, the station is the first new facility in the Immokalee Fire Control District since 1953. Anticipated opening is early 2021. 🌟



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