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Lennar, Pulte welcome visitors to tour latest designs

BY SANDRA YEYATI

Ave Maria Sun Correspondent

Buying a residence in Ave Maria just got a whole lot easier with the opening of nine new model homes: six condominiums by Lennar at The National Golf and Country Club, and three single-family homes by Pulte Homes situated in Avalon Park.

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The great room of the Mystique by Pulte Homes in Avalon Park.

GOOD THINGS COME IN THREES TO TOWN CENTER



Escape to the new OASIS The Kitchen Lounge

BY MARIA RAKOCZY

Ave Maria Sun Correspondent

A new upscale dining experience, OASIS The Kitchen Lounge, is welcoming diners in the Town Center space formerly occupied by Teriyaki Madness. The restaurant is a project that brought together several members of the Ave Maria and Naples areas.

The idea for OASIS kickstarted when Phong Ho, the owner of Ave Maria's Tropical Smoothie the former Teriyaki Madness reached out to local restaura-

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Coming soon: A preschool for Ave Maria

BY SANDRA YEYATI

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This summer, The Palm Preschool-Ave Maria will open in the Town Center, offering 2- through 4-year-olds a place to play, learn and socialize with other little ones their age. Staffed with two teachers per classroom and fully accredited by Florida's Department of Children and Families, the center will closely resemble The Palm Preschool-Marquesa in Naples, which has been operating since 2019.

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Olmi supplies what you need for wellness

BY MARIA RAKOCZY

Ave Maria Sun Correspondent

Another retail option has opened its doors to the Ave Maria community. Olmi Medical Supply offers affordable, wholesale medical supplies from its location in La Piazza Shopping Center between Ave Nails and The Ave General Store.

The owner of Olmi Medical Supply, Nicole Olmino has been a resident of Ave Maria for five years now. "I love the community," she says.

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Drink up! Ave Maria’s water tastes great

BY MARIA RAKOCZY
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For years Ave Maria Utility Company (AMUC) has been consistently serving the Ave Maria community with excellent drinking water. The company’s hard work was recognized in 2010 and 2014 when it was awarded Best Tasting Drinking Water by the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association—Region V. FSAWWA “advances public health, safety and welfare by uniting the efforts of the full spectrum of the entire water community.”

AMUC was crowned winner of the 2021 contest in August, adding a third win to its resume and another testament to its outstanding service.

The Best Tasting Drinking Water contest is for utility companies from Collier, Hendry, and Lee counties and considers a variety of criteria, including aroma, taste, clarity, and color.

AMUC Lead Operator Ray Carter, who pulled and delivered the water sample for the 2021 contest, says about his team’s continued excellent work: “We pay close attention to our water quality and are very proud of our awards.”

Mr. Carter is proud that the entire process for drinking water treatment is done “right here in Ave Maria. We pump water from the Tamiami aquifer and process it through membrane treatment and degasification. It’s all done on-site, from the ground to our customers’ taps.”

AMUC serves nearly 7,000 people in the Ave Maria area as well as four Collier County public schools. Services include drinking water treatment and distribution, wastewater treatment, and reclaim (reuse) for irrigation.

Plant Operations Manager Paul Cortez notes the facility is 100% reuse, meaning used water undergoes a multi-step treatment process before it is recirculated for irrigation use.

“Our Ave Maria residents are our main priority,” Mr. Cortez says.



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Above: Plant Operations Manager Paul Cortez at Ave Maria Utilities Company.



Right: The tall white structure is where gasses are stripped from the water being treated. The stairs lead to the blue pumps that are part of the transfer station.



Congratulations to Ave Maria Utility Company on another win and many thanks to every-

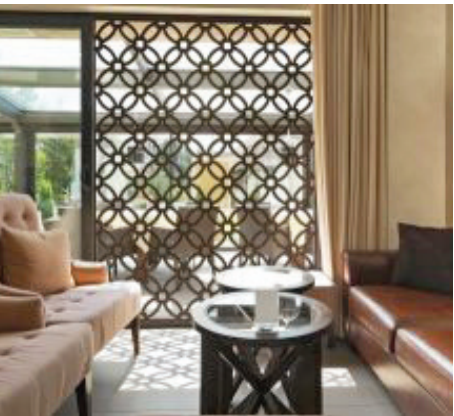
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Meet a Townmaker: Peninsula Engineering President John English

BY ROBIN F. DEMATTIA
Ave Maria Sun Correspondent

Growing up in Fort Myers, John English enjoyed math and science, participating on the math team at Riverdale High School but also finding time to play football and tennis.

College was an easy choice.



ENGLISH

“A large number of my family members, including my father, went to the University of Florida,” he says. “And if you know any Florida Gators, they tend to brainwash their child. I was bleeding orange and blue from a young age.”

He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in engineering in 1995, which he says was perfect timing for his field.

“Southwest Florida was coming out of a recessionary period, so land development was on the rise. It was right at the beginning of the real estate boom that lasted from 1995 to 2006.”

Mr. English spent 16 years with the engineering firm WilsonMiller, working on projects such as Pelican Marsh and Grey Oaks. “It was a great company with great clients,” he says.

One of those clients happened to be Barron Collier Companies, and one of the projects was the beginning stages of Ave Maria around 2003.

“It was exhilarating,” Mr. English recalls. “It was a big thing to build a town in the middle of a tomato farm. It was a challenge, but I was very excited to take it on.”

He notes that, unlike developing in existing



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John English helped with the planning, design, permitting, and construction of Ave Maria.

areas that have roads for access and utilities to connect to, the engineers had to figure out everything from irrigation to sewers.

One of the earliest challenges, he says, was figuring out “how do you make a plan for 5,000 acres?”

The answer, he adds, was drawing “lots and lots of concepts.”

As part of a large group, Mr. English helped with the planning, design, permitting, and construction of Ave Maria.

One team was designing the university, another focused on the Town Center, and Pulte started thinking about the residential areas.

There was a lot of permitting, zoning, and infrastructure required.

But all the hard work paid off.

“I’m proud that the town was successfully built and works,” he says.

He was hired by Peninsula Engineering, a subsidiary of Barron Collier Companies, 10 years ago. He serves as president of engi-

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neering and has been involved in additional projects such as housing developments and the new Founders Square coming to North Naples (see related story on page 21).

“Engineering is a great career and there’s a big need for it,” Mr. English says. “The population is growing and that growing population needs places to live, places to shop, places to recreate, and roads and utilities to get there.”

He also says engineers take on a lot of responsibility. “We sign and seal all our designs, and that’s a little unique. We’re entrusted with the health, safety, and welfare of the public.”

Speaking of health, Mr. English is a runner who once completed the New York City Marathon.

“I finished but didn’t set any records,” he laughs. “It was a lot harder than I thought it would be.”

He enjoys spending time with his family, watching any Florida Gator game and cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers.

As Ave Maria continues to grow, Mr. English recalls all the site consultants who were involved.

“A lot of good people have worked on the town,” he says. 🌻



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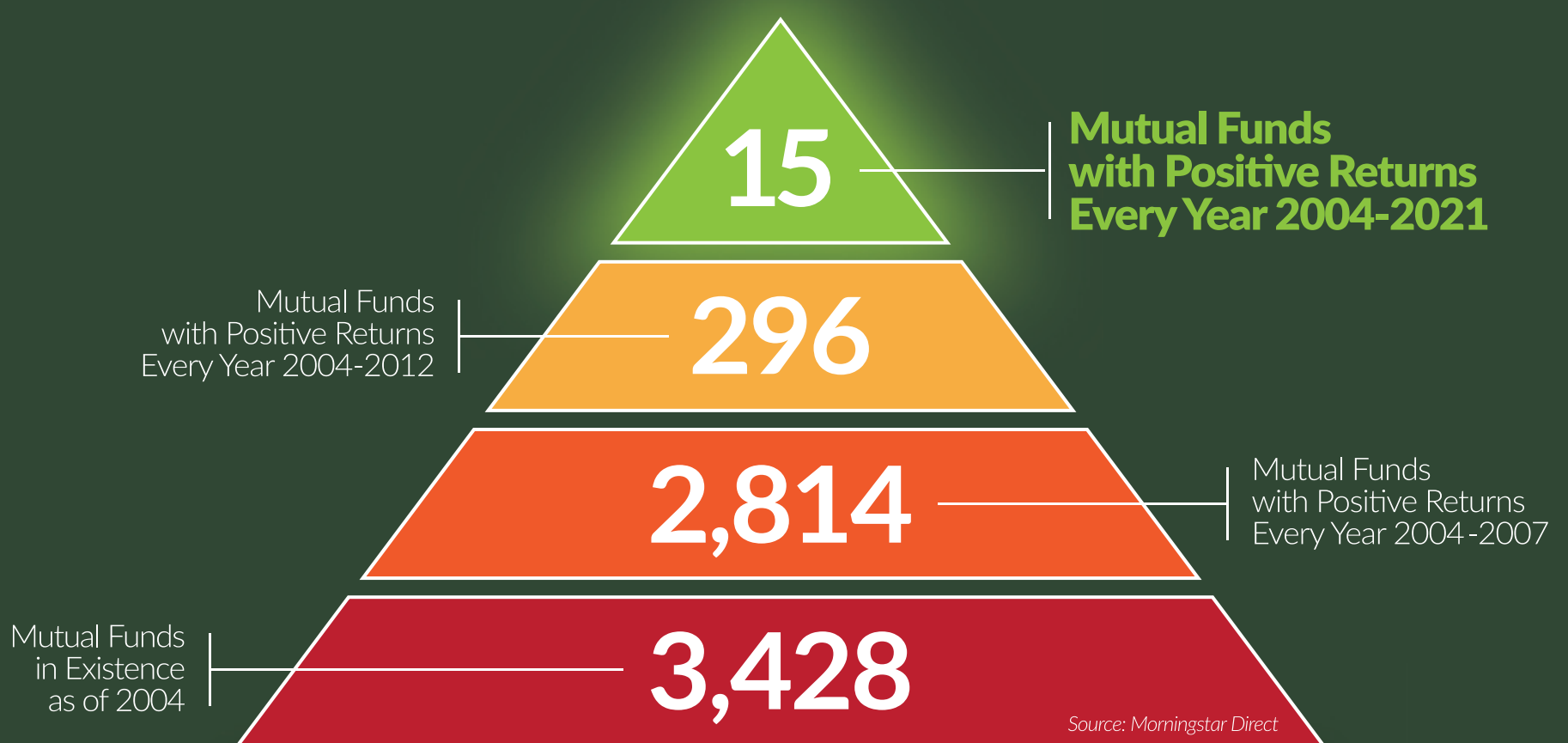
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PRESCHOOL

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The schools are a labor of love for owner Lanie Bonaquist Hill, who has a bachelor's degree in psychology with a focus in youth and family from the University of Florida, as well as 12 years of experience in child-related fields.

"I have never had a job that didn't include caring for children," she says. "After graduating, I moved back to my hometown of Naples and worked as a preschool teacher, and I realized how much I loved that setting. I created a business plan, got a loan from the bank, and opened The Palm Preschool-Marquesa. It has been such a rewarding and fulfilling experience."

Parents have flocked to the Naples school since its opening. "I think we've created a great school, and our enrollment reflects that," Mrs. Hill says. "I knew we wanted to expand, and Ave Maria was in need of a child care facility, so we decided to take that on."

Playing an integral role in the success of The Palm is Executive Director Natasha Norgart, who has an extensive child care background, as well as passion for the work she has done since she was 16.

"I took all the child care classes that were offered in high school," Mrs. Norgart says. She earned an associate's degree in child care from Santa Fe College in Gainesville. In Naples, she taught at the Temple Shalom preschool



HILL



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Brittani Gore teaches her classroom of 4-year-olds at The Palm Preschool-Marquesa in Naples. She uses the Teaching Strategies Creative Curriculum that will also be used at the Ave Maria preschool.

before helping Mrs. Hill open The Palm Preschool-Marquesa.

As in the Naples location, The Palm Preschool-Ave Maria will follow the Teaching Strategies Creative Curriculum, which employs a learning-through-play education model.

"The idea is to make it fun and exciting, so they're learning through play," Mrs. Norgart says. "For example, if the 3-year-olds are focusing on name writing, we teach them how to trace their names in kinetic sand or shaving cream."

Children rotate to a new activity in a different area of the classroom every 15 minutes.

Having two teachers per classroom allows

for this dynamic use of the space and plenty of one-on-one time with the kids. Lessons range from sensory activities with Play-Doh and magnetic building blocks that encourage kids to use their imagination to fun activities that introduce mathematics and literacy. Taking cues from the children's actions and responses, instructors will explore teachable moments while always keeping it light and fun. Every week there is a theme, which might involve holidays like Valentine's Day or St. Patrick's Day, where they consider the meaning of love or good luck, or broader topics like weather, exploring the different types of cloud formations, for example.

Mrs. Hill believes preschool is not just for

dual-working parents who need a nice place to take their children while they're at their jobs.

"We strive for our schools to be a fun and educational environment for every child," she says. "Our job is to facilitate social and emotional development. We are monitored by the state and use a highly regarded curriculum, so parents can be confident that their children are hitting all their age-appropriate milestones and then some. We pride ourselves on having the best staff who truly cares about the well-being of every one of our students."

Celebrating an undersea theme, the interior walls of the school will be painted different shades of teal, and the teachers will customize the decor in their respective classrooms. Each grade level will be assigned its own maritime mascot, such as dolphins, sea turtles, and jellyfish. "We've gotten great feedback at our current location on how bright and welcoming each classroom is" Mrs. Norgart says.

The Palm requires all of its teachers to have 45 hours of training through the DCF and to be credentialed for their positions. They are all background-checked and finger-printed through the state of Florida.

At 5068 Annunciation Circle, Suite 109, The Palm Preschool-Ave Maria will be open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. Fees range from \$220 to \$275 per week, depending on the age group. Morning and afternoon snacks are included, and a catered lunch will be available for an added cost.

Although student enrollment has not yet begun, Mrs. Hill invites Ave Maria parents to visit www.palmpreschool.com and fill out the inquiry form on the Contact Us page, noting interest in the Ave Maria location. Mrs. Norgart will follow up with these parents and get them on a waiting list. 🌸

KITCHEN LOUNGE

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ranteur Michael Jaenvega, the owner of Martin Fierro Argentinean Steakhouse in Naples and the Martin Fierro With a Twist food truck.

Ave Maria locals will recognize the food truck as a frequent vendor at festivals and events, and a regular visitor at businesses around the town. OASIS The Kitchen Lounge now brings South American flair to a brick-and-mortar location in the heart of the Town Center.

Mr. Jaenvega is the mastermind behind OASIS' diverse menu that includes South American flavors and dishes while incorporating a variety of options, including pasta, poke bowls, sandwiches, flatbreads, and filet and ribeye steaks. A full cocktail menu is also available.

Mr. Ho describes the restaurant as "a fun, vibrant, upscale concept with a mix of food." He adds, "OASIS is called a kitchen because the eclectic menu will be constantly evolving with new choices and limited specials."

For the decoration and atmosphere of OASIS, the two men looked to interior designer Jorge Arroyo. Arroyo is another member of the Ave Maria community who, along with his wife, Reina del Mar Torres, owns Hoja De Menta boutique.

Mr. Arroyo and Ms. Torres took inspiration from the restaurant's name to make OASIS "a place where people can escape and have a good time and enjoy the ambience." Various aspects of nature — the desert, rivers, the woods — are incorporated throughout the restaurant and bar area.

"It's a concept that's so beautiful and artis-



COURTESY PHOTO

Jorge Arroyo, who with his wife owns Hoja De Menta boutique in Town Center, designed the OASIS interior.

tic that people will be awed when they walk in," Mr. Ho says about the innovative interior design. The 2,500-square-foot restaurant seats approximately 95 patrons inside and has outdoor patio seating for up to 60 patrons.

Menu prices at OASIS are in the moderate to upper range, with steaks at \$33.

OASIS The Kitchen Lounge is next to Tropical Smoothie and can be followed on social media on Instagram. A corresponding website is in progress. 🌸

OASIS The Kitchen Lounge

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The shelves at Olmi Medical Supply are well-stocked with various home medical necessities.

OLMI MEDICAL

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A self-described entrepreneur, Ms. Olmino is approaching seven years as owner of four laser hair removal salons in the Naples area. After her experiences obtaining supplies for her businesses, she wanted to make it easier for others as well by cutting out the middle man. Olmi Medical Supply serves as a more convenient way for Ave Maria residents to purchase the medical supplies they need from a wholesale seller at the same, or lower, prices found at larger stores or online.

Olmi sells a variety of merchandise centered around wellness. The selection of goods caters to private individuals and medical professionals alike, and a wide array of products are available for customers of all ages and needs.

Customers can find well-stocked shelves of small home medical supplies like thermometers, vitamins, and bandages along

with wellness products like essential oils, facial masks, and yoga equipment. The store carries apparel for medical professionals, including scrubs and Crocs shoes. Customers can also purchase small toys for children, neck pillows, robes, and maternity supplies.

In addition to small home medical supplies, Olmi offers larger home medical equipment such as shower benches and massage chairs. Customers in short-term need of scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches can make use of the store's rental service. There is a buy-back program for rollator walkers and wheelchairs. 🌸

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Plans underway for new Ave Maria Elementary School

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

Children in Ave Maria will have a new place to learn for the 2025-2026 school year. Ave Maria Elementary School will serve the growing population in town.

“With sales really accelerating the past several years at Ave Maria and a lot of families moving in, it was the right time to get this started,” says Nick Casalanguida, senior vice president of development at Barron Collier Companies, the developers of Ave Maria.

The new K-5 school for 500 students will be on Anthem Parkway just east of Ave Maria Boulevard, north of the water park and east of North Park. Mr. Casalanguida says there is also room on the property for an eventual middle school as well.

Ave Maria Development gave the land to the school district, which will manage the educational facility.

According to Mr. Casalanguida, the project will cost \$1.5 million to \$2 million in design and civil engineering fees and \$22 million to \$24 million in construction hard costs. It is being funded by impact fees, though Ave Maria Development will finance \$15 million to \$20 million for the project and get repaid through the fees during the next four to six years.

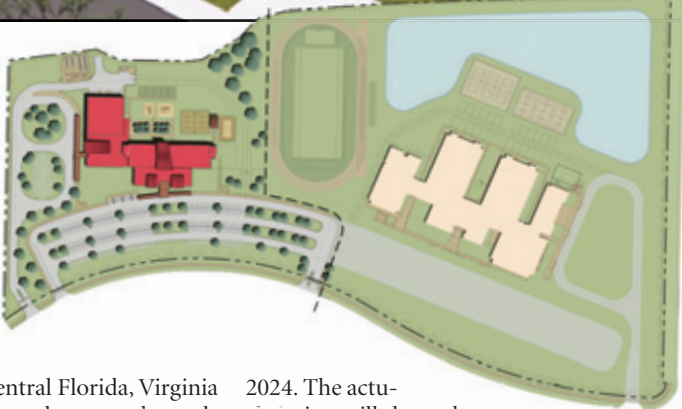
Barron Collier Companies met with staff at Collier County Public Schools last year to start the process. RG Architects out of Fort Myers has been hired to design the new school. The firm has worked with the School District of Lee County, Community School of Naples, and Lorenzo Walker Technical College, among other educational institutions.

Mr. Casalanguida says the building will have reinforced walls, protective features, and monitoring at entrances and exits. There will also be other advancements in modern teaching elements such as active whiteboards where



Above: A rendering of the new K-5 school to be built on Anthem Parkway just east of Ave Maria Boulevard. The school should hold 500 students.

Right: In addition to the K-5 campus, in red, there is room on the property for an eventual middle school, according to Nick Casalanguida, senior vice president of development at Barron Collier Companies.



students can directly participate. The school will be approximately 65,000-75,000 square feet, have two stories in some parts, and feature energy-efficient components. Portions of the building will be hardened, and the entire facility will be able to be used as an emergency shelter. Additionally, the site will have backup generator capability.

For safety reasons, amenities such as sports fields will not be open to the public, but Mr. Casalanguida notes that Ave Maria has many parks and recreational spaces for residents.

Peninsula Engineering, a subsidiary of Barron Collier Companies, is also part of the project.

The winning contractor, out of eight that

submitted bids, is Tampa-based Charles Perry Partners, whose clients include University of Florida, University of Central Florida, Virginia Tech, Stetson University, and many other colleges, universities, and school districts.

Mr. Casalanguida says Barron Collier Companies and school district representatives are holding biweekly production meetings. He expects the design process to continue through this year and horizontal construction to begin in late 2022 or the first quarter of 2023, with that phase lasting eight to 10 months. Vertical construction is expected to begin in the fall of

2024. The actual timing will depend on final design features, construction costs, and the funding plan. Current forecasts are for opening in the fall of 2025.

“The community is excited, and we’re happy to do this,” he says. “The collaboration with the school district has been wonderful. Kudos to Superintendent Dr. Kamela Patton and her team. They’ve been a pleasure to work with.” 🌻



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The Ave Maria Symphony

Guest pianist Jonathan Weir joins the Ave Maria Symphony for "An Evening of Jazz Music" featuring songs by George Gershwin and Leonard Bernstein starting at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 1, in the ballroom at Ave Maria University. The orchestra will also perform "The Great Gate of Kyvi" to honor Ukraine. Admission is \$25 at the door and includes a wine and cheese reception. Bring an instrument for donation to the AMU band and enjoy free admission. A silent auction will also be held. For more information, email shelby.ledbetter@avemaria.edu

First Friday at the Park of Commerce

This free, Kentucky Derby-themed event from 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 6, at Oil Well Craft Beer features live music by Paul Alodi, a contest for the best decorated hat, and numerous outdoor activities.

RECURRING EVENTS

Farmers Market in the Town Center

Through April, Saturdays are Town Center Farmers Market days from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors sell produce, plants, arts and crafts, clothes, honey, soaps, fresh baked goods, and more. Admission is free. For more information or to become a vendor, call Dennis Strausbaugh with SW Florida Markets, LLC, at 239-293-6266.

Live Music in the Town Center

Every Tuesday and Saturday through April, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., live musical performances entertain passersby at various Town Center locations. Admission is free.

Ave Maria Parish Tour

Every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. through April, the Ave Maria Catholic Church offers free, 30-minute guided tours of the parish, featuring architectural and historical details about the building. For more information, call 239-261-5555.



Sightseeing Trolley Tours

Every Tuesday through April, Ave Maria Development conducts free, 1-hour guided trolley tours of the town from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at the Welcome Center in the Town Center.



MERCHANT EVENTS

Blue at Ave Maria, a Goodwill Industries boutique

To honor its 2021 Breakthrough Award winners, Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida invites Ave Maria residents to the **Going for Gold Ceremony** from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. Tickets, including breakfast, are \$65 per person or \$500 for a table of eight. To register, visit tinyurl.com/breakthroughtix. For more information, call Rachel at 239-710-1796 or rachelstanborough@goodwillswfl.org

Ave Maria residents are invited to participate in the 11th annual **Goodwill Classic Golf Tournament teeing off Thursday morning**, May 5, at the Verandah Country Club east of Fort Myers. Entrance fees of \$150 per person or \$500 per foursome include 18 holes, cart, and lunch. Register online at www.goodwillswfl.org/golfclassic2022. For more information, contact Rachel or Ashley at 239-995-2106, ext. 2256.

On **National Sunglass Day**, Monday, June 27, shoppers are invited to post a photo of themselves wearing sunglasses at www.facebook.com/goodwillswfl. The person with the most "likes" at the end of the day will receive a free pair of sunglasses.

Hoja De Menta

The boutique in Town Center hosts a Healthy Brunch with Style from 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, April 9. The shop also celebrates its first anniversary from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 7, with an afterparty starting at 7 p.m. at OASIS The Kitchen Lounge.

Meltz Ice Cream Shop

Every Wednesday, Ave Maria University students and staff receive 20% off their purchase.

AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

Wednesday, April 6
Lacrosse vs. Webber, 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 7
Men's tennis vs. Eckerd, 3 p.m.
Women's tennis vs. Eckerd, 3 p.m.



their habitats and behaviors, from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, in the Ave Maria Master Association meeting room. For more information, call 239-867-4322 or register online via the website calendar at www.avemariamasterassociation.com.

Embrace Life Series

Dentist Patrick O'Flaherty, the medical director of Alliance for Smiles, will talk about the nonprofit's mission trips around the globe that bring medical teams to help children with cleft lip and palate anomalies regain their beautiful smiles. This free, inspiring presentation begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, in the Ave Maria Master Association meeting room.

OnSpot Mobile Dermatology

This mobile dermatological practice will be in the community serving Ave Maria residents from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 29, in the parking lot at the corner of Avila Avenue and Roma Street. To schedule an appointment, call 941-444-0011 or visit www.onspotdermatology.com/avemaria.

OneBlood Blood Drive

The Big Red Bus will be in the parking lot at the corner of Avila Avenue and Roma Street from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 10. To make an appointment to donate, visit tinyurl.com/AveBloodDrive. Walk-ins are welcome.

Water Safety Day

In recognition of International Water Safety Day, a program about drowning awareness tips and water safety education will be presented from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at the Ave Maria Water Park. The event will also include fun games and activities.

Memorial Day Ceremony and Picnic

Commemorating the brave men and women of the U.S. armed forces, this event in South Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, May 30, includes a mini-parade, a ceremony in the amphitheater featuring a guest speaker, tributes to fallen loved ones, and a moment of silence. Afterward, residents will be treated to a free hot dog lunch sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Ave Maria, live music, picnic games, and a tower of water for kids to enjoy.

Splash into Summer

Celebrate the beginning of summer at the Ave Maria Water Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4, with music and fun-in-the-sun games and activities for all ages.



SPORTS AND FITNESS (RESIDENTS ONLY)

Join the friendly **coed softball** competition from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 24, in South Park as residents play coed softball. All other Sundays, the group meets — same time, same place — for practice games.

The **Ave Maria Water Park** offers water aerobics at 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday. Cost for non-members is \$5 per session or \$65 for 20 sessions.

The **Ave Maria Master Association Fitness Center** is host to two classes: Zumba Fitness at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and GLAAM Fitness at 5 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, email Vanezumba@gmail.com or Rachelle@Realinlifewellness.com.

Residents meet in North Park at 6 p.m. every Wednesday and Sunday for a healthy game of **pick-up soccer**. 🌻

Saturday, April 9
Lacrosse vs. Life (Ga.), 12 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12
Baseball vs. Fort Lauderdale, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs. Fla. National, 1 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Fla. National, 1 p.m.
Lacrosse vs. Keiser, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 22
Baseball vs. USCB, noon and 3 p.m.
Softball vs. Webber, 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 23
Ave Maria Athletics golf outing, 9 a.m.
Baseball vs. USCB, 12 p.m.
Softball vs. Webber, noon and 2 pm.

Friday, April 29
Softball vs. Warner, 1 p.m.

Friday, April 29
Softball vs. Warner, 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 30
Softball vs. Warner, 4 p.m.

Schedule is subject to change, check www.avemariagyrenes.com for updates.

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National Walking Day Beer Mile

To celebrate New Beer's Eve and National Walking Day, the Ave Maria Master Association partners with Oil Well Craft Beer for this active and fun gathering at the Park of Commerce starting at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6. Walk the designated mile and receive a special cup and discount on the featured new beer during the event.

Spring Festival

Celebrate spring Ave-Maria style from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, in South Park, featuring the Annual Easter Egg Dash and Bunny Hop. A bunny parade kicks off the day, followed by egg hunt races for several age categories and an obstacle course for older kids. Vendors and information booths will entertain and educate with slime, science, and animal exhibits, as well as food and icy cones. Kids 3 and under will have their own egg stroll corner. Admission is \$5 per child and free for parents and kids aged 2 and under.

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Sunshine State Steak Cook-off



Town Center sizzled at the 12th annual Sunshine State Steak Cook-off in January. It's billed as the biggest steak competition east of the Mississippi, and a portion of the 2022 proceeds went to Ave Maria's own Donahue Academy.



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Ave Maria Arts & Crafts Festival



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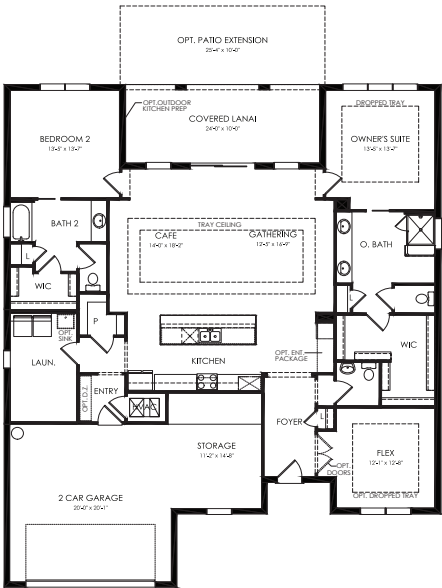
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About the community

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Harbour

- 3,522 a/c square feet
- Four to six bedrooms
- 3½ to 5½ bathrooms
- Ground floor owners suite
- Two- or three-car garage

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About the community

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Floor plan spotlight: The Huntington is a new construction, one-story home with three bedrooms, two baths, great room, eat-in kitchen, storage, master suite with walk-in closet and attached garage. Premium features included that are standard include designer brand faucets and fixtures, and tile flooring. Gourmet kitchens have stainless steel appliances, European-style wood cabinetry and quartz countertops. A spa-like master bathroom features double sinks with quartz vanity tops and a spacious shower.



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Huntington

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 - Two bathrooms
 - His and hers walk-in closets in master bedroom
 - One-car garage

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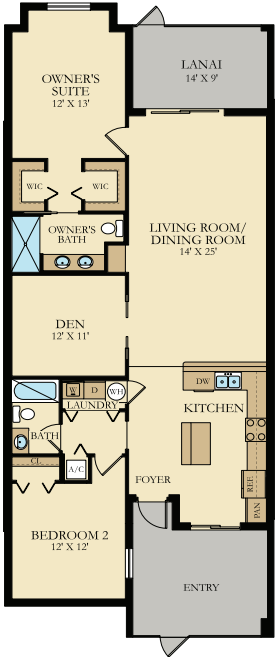


About the community

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The National Golf & Country Club will feature its own clubhouse with a pro shop, formal and casual dining, a resort-style pool and spa, 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, a putting green, chipping area, and a driving range. This all-encompassing amenity campus is designed to bring the community together, with spaces for friends new and old to gather.

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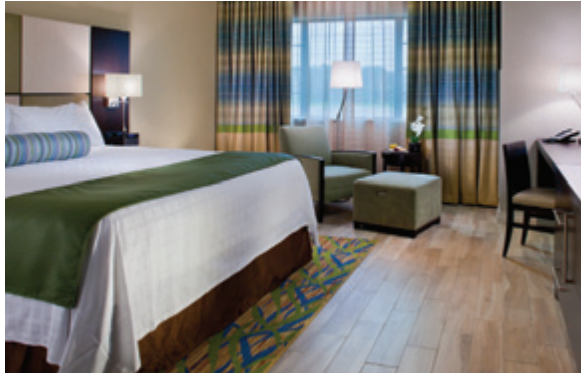
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BY ROBIN F. DEMATTIA

Babcock Ranch Telegraph Correspondent

There are also many championships to celebrate.

Around Town

Kids 13 and older can take part in a quarterback camp on April 23 that is being led by Adrien Harris.

On an ongoing basis, there is a pickleball club, bocce club, tennis, co-ed 55+ softball Sunday games, water aerobics and swim lessons, yoga group, dance class, disk golf, Active Aging Senior Series, Zumba kids, the Flat Tyres Club for cyclists, and much more.

Donahue Academy

The high school boys' soccer team won their district. The 5th and 6th grade girls' basketball team won their conference (and went 12-0 this year), as did the 5th and 6th grade boys' basketball team (which also went 12-0). The 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball team also won their conference.

Soccer coach Tyler Graham says it's hard to express the team's amazing achievement, noting that in the school's history there have only been three FHSAA district champion teams. Donahue Academy competes against schools that are three or four times larger, which he says makes the team's district championship a



Clockwise from top left: The Ave Maria University women's volleyball team; Sun Conference Champions; AMU pitcher Kevin Figueredo; the Donahue Academy boys' 5th and 6th grade basketball conference champs ;and AMU basketball's Eric Kleckas and Daryl Lewis.

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“heroic” effort.

Jessica Copeland, coach of the 5th and 6th grade boys' basketball team, says the boys worked hard, were joyful and charitable, brought energy and enthusiasm to every practice and game, cheered each other on, and represented Donahue Academy incredibly well.

Thomas Carroll, director of marketing and development, says he hopes to see more sports fans beyond parents in the crowds. "It's a great opportunity for people in Ave Maria to come cheer on the students from our school a lot of children in the community attend," he says.

Ave Maria University

Will Hampton, associate director of athletics and head softball coach for Ave Maria University, says it has been exciting school year for student athletes and there's more to come this spring.

The volleyball team won the Sun Conference Championship and qualified for the NAIA National Tournament. The team went 22-8 overall during the season, and two players, Madelyn Haut and Lily Witkoski, were named first team all-region.

Both the men's and women's basketball teams earned bids to the Sun Conference Tour-



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New restaurants whet appetites for Founders Square

BY **ROBIN F. DEMATTIA**

Ave Maria Sun Correspondent

When residents in Ave Maria want to venture beyond all the fabulous restaurants in town, The Pointe at Founders Square is now open a short drive away in North Naples. It's part of the 55-acre Founders Square being developed by Barron Collier Companies (the developers of Ave Maria) and Metro Commercial Development on the southeast corner of Immokalee Road and Collier Boulevard.

The mixed-use site will have everything from dining, shopping, and entertainment to healthcare, storage facilities, and residences.

"There's a shortage of restaurant options and other uses in this area and we're filing that need," says Eric Mallo-ry, executive vice president with Metro Commercial Development.

The first restaurants to open this winter were the 12th location of local breakfast and lunch chain Skillet's and the first Southwest Florida location of national chain I Heart Mac and Cheese. Other dining options that plan to open this spring include Fuji Sushi, Outback Steakhouse, South Street

City Oven & Grill, and Tacos & Tequila. Crisp & Green will follow later in the year. All the restaurants have outdoor dining available.

Two businesses — Collier Urgent Care

and Physicians Regional Healthcare System — have also opened their doors. Salon Bellezza, Gulf Coast Orthodontics, and Luxury Nails & Spa are in the buildout phase but have yet to

announce opening dates.

A three-story, 110,000-square-foot self-storage tower is open, and 400 apartments are under construction, with some already occupied.

Also under development is The Plaza, an open-air center that will be anchored by a Sunshine Ace Hardware store and that will also have restaurants, retailers, and other services. Mr. Mallory says negotiations are already taking place for 50% of the 27,000-square-foot space and include three restaurants that do not yet have a presence in Southwest Florida as well as a major fitness operator.

Two of the seven outparcels are also under construction. Mr. Mallory says a 7-11 is expected to open by August, and the second site will be a branch office of First Foundation Bank.

Several restaurants are interested in the remaining outparcels, he says, noting that "there's a significant need for dining in this area."

S. Mr. Mallory says he expects Founders Square to draw residents from a wide area, especially from south of the site as well as east, including Ave Maria.

“This is the direction of progress,” he says. 🌟



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Just a short drive from Ave Maria, The Pointe at Founders Square at the southeast corner of Immokalee Road and Collier Boulevard in North Naples will be home to a wide array of retail, entertainment and service businesses.



Skillets



I Heart Mac and Cheese



Crisp & Green

**Collier Urgent Care**

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The two-story buildings are The Verandas, while the four-story buildings are The Terraces, all by Lennar at The National Golf and Country Club. Six furnished models are open.

MODELS

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Lennar models at The National

At The National Golf and Country Club, the only gated community with resort-style amenities in Ave Maria, prospective buyers are invited to tour six Lennar condominiums in The Terraces and The Verandas. All of the models have lake or golf views, and purchase comes with bundled golf memberships.

A big selling point for these homes is Lennar’s Everything Included package.

“From the 20-inch floor tile on the diagonal to the quartz countertops and Shaker-style cabinets, everything is upgraded,” says Scott Schilling, area sales manager for Lennar. “With other builders, those would be considered design upgrades. We include them all as standard features.”

The Terraces are four-story buildings comprised of 30 single-story condominiums. Prices start in the mid-\$200,000s. Three distinct floor plans are available: the Arbor, Birkdale, and Carolina.

Appointed by City Furniture, the 1,120-square-foot Arbor model has a split floor plan for privacy between a luxurious owner’s suite and the second bedroom/bath, as well as an open layout among the kitchen, dining room and living room and sliding glass doors that open to the lanai for outdoor activities.

Featuring interiors by Janet Graham at Baer’s Furniture, the 1,154-square-foot Birkdale model situates the owner’s suite beside the spare bedroom/bath — a popular configuration for people with younger children. It, too, has an open design of the kitchen, dining room and living room, as well as a screened lanai.

The Carolina, decorated by Gouse’s Fine Furniture and Design, is the largest condominium in The Terraces collection, with 1,301 square feet of living space that includes two bedrooms, two baths, and a den that can double as a bedroom. The foyer, kitchen, and dining room open to the main living room with access to a screened lanai.

Also by Lennar at The National Golf and Country Club, The Verandas are two-story buildings with either 12 or 16 single-story condominiums. With prices starting in the low \$300,000s, these models showcase three distinct floor plans: the Bromelia II, Diangelo II, and Arabella II.

Furnished by Laura Youmans at SWFL



Left: The master suite in the Arbor model in The Terraces at The National Golf and Country Club was appointed by City Furniture. Right: The Diangelo II model in The Verandas, also at The National Golf and Country Club, was furnished by Gouses’s Fine Furniture and Design.



Designs, the Bromelia II measures 1,355 square feet and features a split design with the den separating the owner’s suite from the second bedroom and bath. It also includes an open layout of the kitchen, dining space, and living room with access to a screened lanai, as well as a one-car garage.

The Diangelo II model, decorated by Gouse’s Fine Furniture and Design, offers 1,366 square feet of living space with two adjacent bedrooms, two baths, a den and open layout among the kitchen, dining room,

and living room, as well as a screened lanai and one-car garage.

The largest model in The Verandas is the Arabella II, at 1,569 square feet. Furnished by Janet Graham at Baer’s Furniture, it has two spacious bedrooms, two baths, a den, and one-car garage, as well as an open design of the kitchen and living/dining space, which leads to the screened lanai.

To visit Lennar’s new models and learn more about The National, call 888-214-1476, visit www.TheNationalVIP.com or stop by

Lennar’s Welcome Home Center at 6098 Artisan Court.

Pulte models in Avalon Park

Pulte Homes’ three newest models in Avalon Park are the Roseland, Whitestone, and Mystique floor plans. Showcasing the one- and two-story single-family homes available in the new phase of 251 homesites, these recently completed models highlight the builder’s distinctive construction and design



The Mystique is one of three new models by Pulte Homes in Avalon Park. The design is the builder’s single-story bestseller in the community.

elements available across 11 flexible floor plans.

A compelling asset of every Pulte home is personalization, as all floor plans can be customized to serve the specific needs of the homebuyer.

“Families are looking for flex rooms and open space, while empty-nesters and retirees prefer a single story with a big open kitchen for entertaining,” says Shirley Jerezano, general sales manager for the company’s Southwest Florida market. Depending on the features and configurations selected, Pulte homes range in size from just over 1,600 square feet to more than 5,000 square feet of living space.

The Roseland “modern slate” theme exudes sophistication, with gray-washed woods, accents of brushed gold, and pops of slate blues. The two-story foyer ensures a memorable first impression with custom trim work on the walls. The Roseland can be configured to have up to six bedrooms and six bathrooms, with the owner’s suite upstairs or downstairs, and an option for a first-floor, multi-generation living suite.

The Whitestone model’s “white ice” theme showcases a modern vibe with clean lines, polished chrome accents, and layers of white and neutral woods. It is a two-story design with a large flex room at the front of the home and a multi-use loft upstairs.

The Mystique represents Avalon Park’s single-story bestseller, boasting a large, open kitchen with an island and a casual “cedar-and-thyme” vibe, using washed oak woods mixed with stone, black metal accents, and pops of soft green throughout. Its versatile floor plan can be configured for two to five bedrooms, plus two to three bathrooms and a two-car garage.

To tour Pulte’s new models or for more information, call 239-842-1657, go to www.pulte.com/AvalonPark or visit the sales center at 4364 Washington Place. 🌻



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Above: The Roseland by Pulte Homes can be configured to have up to six bedrooms and six bathrooms. The model is in Avalon Park.



Clockwise from left: The Whitestone, also by Pulte Homes in Avalon Park, is a two-story home with a modern vibe that includes a large flex room on the main floor, an expansive outdoor living area, and a luxurious master suite.

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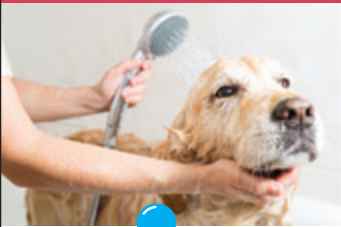
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“The level of finishes we provide as standard is elite, and many of our floor plans allow for modifications and customizations based on family needs.”

– Chelsea Kimmey, CC Homes director of marketing

CC Homes: The exclusive builder in four Ave Maria communities

BY SANDRA YEYATI

Ave Maria Sun Correspondent

Armando Codina and James Carr, co-founders of Ave Maria homebuilder CC Homes, have each spent decades developing residential and commercial projects throughout Florida. Mr. Codina’s extensive portfolio includes the 250-acre Downtown Doral community in Miami-Dade County, featuring 5,000 residences and more than 1 million square feet of commercial space, while Mr. Carr’s career since the 1970s has shaped the landscape in more than 50 communities from Homestead to Jacksonville.

After numerous successes, the influential builder-developers fused their partnership in 2010, forming CCH and breaking ground on Monterra, their first residential project, in Cooper City. They have been thriving ever since.

Just in the last 18 months, CCH has constructed or completed seven communities, including a 450-home neighborhood in Miami-Dade County and projects in the Naples community of Fronterra.

Since 2012, the Coral Gables-based company has been the exclusive homebuilder in four Ave Maria communities. While their Coquina and Maple Ridge Reserve neighborhoods are complete, building continues at Silverwood and Maple Ridge, where CCH offers a choice of 18 open-concept floor plans in a wide range of sizes and configurations — from approximately 1,200-square-foot, two bedroom/two bath,



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The Hanford

The Fairmont

one-story ranch homes to 4,000-square-foot, two-story estate homes with six bedrooms and private guest suites on oversized homesites.

“CC Homes is a private, family-led business that focuses closely on each home, tailoring the design to you,” says CCH Director of Marketing

Chelsea Kimmey. “The homes are built for longevity with quality and comfort. Homes have high ceilings, large windows and many closets, which you have a hard time finding in a resale or older home.

“The level of finishes we provide as standard

is elite,” she adds. “And many of our floor plans allow for modifications and customizations based on family needs, whether you want to convert a den into a bedroom and full bath combination or include a pool and outdoor kitchen.”

CCH has a large showroom in the Ave Maria Town Center where homebuyers can meet with design specialists to select interior and exterior finishes, color schemes and other elements.

“We’re proud to have countless options to customize your home and to include in the purchase price a consultation with somebody on our design team,” Ms. Kimmey says. “So many combinations are possible.”

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“They know what’s going to look elegant and what the latest trends are,” Ms. Kimmey says, “from stainless steel appliances and wood-look tile flooring to quartz countertops, European-style cabinetry and stylish back-splashes, shower tile walls and designer faucets and sinks.”

Prices for CCH homes in Ave Maria range from the low \$400,000s to the low \$600,000s. “Similar home styles sell for nearly twice the price in areas of Miami and Broward County,” Ms. Kimmey says. “We like to describe the community as affordable luxury. That’s why we’ve seen such strong interest and why so many people are referring their friends and family to come here.”

“They’ve found their dream home in Ave Maria, and now they’re bringing everybody

else here.”

CCH builds in accordance with Miami-Dade hurricane construction code requirements, with full concrete block construction, reinforced foundations and an optional upgrade for impact glass windows. Homes also have built-in smart-home features. The company uses low-volatile organic compound paint and carpeting, and includes energy-efficient insulation and appliances.

Prospective buyers are invited to visit the CCH sales center in Maple Ridge, where they can tour eight designer-furnished model homes. Although walk-ins are welcome, appointments are recommended for personalized attention with a sales associate to explore home pricing and lot availability in both Maple Ridge and Silverwood. On most weekends, a home lender is on site to review mortgage options.

For more information, call 833-729-1783, go to www.MapleRidgeFL.com or visit the sales center at 5009 Alonza Ave. in Ave Maria. 🌞

Ave Maria continues to rank high among best-selling communities

Two prominent national real estate consulting agencies, RCLCO Real Estate Consulting and John Burns Real Estate Consulting, have named Ave Maria as one of the Top 25 Selling Master-Planned Communities in the United States, according to their annual reports. Ave Maria had a record-breaking 646 new home sales in 2021, placing the development on both lists as the highest-ranking community in all of Collier County.

RCLCO ranks Ave Maria 24th in its annual list of Top 50 Selling Master-Planned Communities.

“With an impressive 28% growth in new home sales, Collier County’s Ave Maria has rocketed itself to the rank of 24th best-selling master-planned community in the country for 2021, following a 39th place finish in 2020,” says RCLCO’s Karl Pischke, author of the report. “This ongoing success should be viewed as a testament to the careful planning and investment in community place-making which Barron Collier Companies has done to set the Ave Maria community apart from its competition,” he adds.

Ave Maria moves up 13 positions on the John Burns Real Estate Consulting list from the 2020 annual report, ranking as the 25th Top Selling Master-Planned Community in the nation. The town ranked in the top 25 fastest selling master planned communities in 2021 with nearly 650 sales, a 28% increase from the previous year, reports Lesley Deutch, managing principal with John Burns.

“Ave Maria’s small-town charm and natural surroundings attract retirees as well as families. With its large sidewalks, water park, parks, and retail offerings, Ave Maria offers something for all buyers, all within a safe and community-focused master plan,” Ms. Deutch says.



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Ave Maria reported a record-breaking 646 new home sales in 2021.

Various housing types from condominiums and attached villas to single-family homes featuring lake, preserve, and golf course views are offered at Ave Maria. More than 25 designer models are open daily for viewing, priced from the \$200,000s to the \$600,000s.

CC Homes, Del Webb Naples, Lennar, and Pulte Homes are the town’s residential builders. Community amenities include a water park, soccer and baseball fields, fitness center, amphitheater, dog park, trails, and bocce and tennis courts. The Town Center has a Publix Supermarket, and there is a commercial center with a Mobil gas station. There are private schools from preschool through university, and free events throughout the year. Ave Maria’s active adult community, Del Webb Naples, has been named a Top 20 Places to Retire.

At its build out, the town will be home to up to 11,000 residences and will have 1.8 million square feet of retail, office, and business park uses in its 4,000 acres.

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