

Prairie Park in Wheeling adds high-end building

Prairie Park is all about the way your family really lives and makes the perfect place to entertain family and friends, owners say.

Its large private clubhouse, with entertainment rooms and gourmet kitchen facility, was designed for your special lifestyle in mind and gives you plenty of reason to celebrate, said Jamie Smith, vice president of Smith Family Development, the builders of Prairie Park condominium community in Wheeling.

"The clubhouse features a large gourmet kitchen and enough space to cater in a small wedding," Smith said. "Our clubhouse is situated at the end of our private lake, which is the centerpiece of the 18-acre community. Walking paths wrap around the lake with indigenous seasonal plantings, which just intensifies the surrounding beauty of the complex."

Gathering with family and friends is easy in the clubhouse's large combined entertainment space, Smith said. Whether it's having a group over to watch the "Big Game" on the widescreen TV or hosting a baby shower for your family, the private clubhouse for residents at Prairie Park



COURTESY OF SMITH FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

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has it all.

Prairie Park has been designed for those who want the most out of their home, as well as an amenity-filled community that meets the needs of its residents.

At Prairie Park, the

company has designed homes with quality features and amenities for the owner who wants a carefree, upscale lifestyle without the price. "Why pay big initiation and monthly health club fees, as residents at Prairie Park have

their own health club and indoor lap pool right outside their home at their private clubhouse," Smith said. "And at Prairie Park, we design our homes so you live without having to compromise your space and your values."

New for 2015, Smith said the company is introducing The Residences at Prairie Park, its latest eight-story building. Smith described it as a "vanity" building with all the luxury, high-end amenities and conveniences a person would expect from an urban or North Shore high-rise.

"By the interest we are already receiving from the pent-up demand for such a luxury high-rise in the suburbs, and from only being available for sale just this week, we are confident The Residences at Prairie Park will be one of the most sought-after condominiums buyers are looking for this year," Smith said.

The open floor plans are contemporary and social. He said The Residences at Prairie Park is a classically designed modern building filled with glass and light, with high style, innovation and conveniences. It is set gracefully among striking, award-winning prairie-style architecture and landscape.

Large two- and three-bedroom (some over 2,300 square feet) homes fit the needs of today's active buyers, whether they are empty-nesters

looking to downsize yet wanting all the "special upgrades" they are accustomed to, or the young suburban/urban resident who wants the conveniences of local restaurants, shopping and transportation but not the congestion or higher urban-life prices.

There are ten new residence models to choose from featuring up to three bedrooms and three baths. Prices start from \$350,000 and go to \$518,000.

Residents enjoy the attention to detail as soon as they enter Prairie Park with its majestic waterfall entryway and prairie-style architecture throughout the community. Although Prairie Park is located in Wheeling at the corner of Lake-Cook Road and Milwaukee Avenue, set back on Wolf Road, this "Nuevo North Shore address" as residents are calling it, offers residents the best in location and the serenity of being away from it all, yet only minutes from great shopping, restaurants, forest preserves, public transportation and expressways.

Prairie Park is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call (847) 229-0100 or visit online at www.prairieparkatwheeling.com.

Completed homes offer savings at Reston Ponds in Sycamore

For homebuyers whose time frame makes them unable to build from scratch, completed new construction homes at Reston Ponds await offering end-of-the-season values at Reston Ponds in Sycamore.

"These buyers have sold their home earlier than anticipated and have found themselves suddenly in the market to buy or there may be those who do not have the time frame or patience to build," said Nathan Amidon, sales director at Geneva-based Shodeen Homes, the new developer at Reston Ponds.

Two of the three completed homes available offer multiple pond views, Amidon said, and are situated on some of the best homesites offered at Reston Ponds.

"One of these homes is priced at \$96 per square foot, which is an amazing value unheard of in new construction homes in this area," Amidon said.

What Amidon is referring to is the Peachtree, a four-bedroom, 2½ bath, two-story home that was completed last month. Located at 429 E. Becker Place, this home has pond views and an oversized 82-by-120-foot homesite. The kitchen features 42-inch cabinets in a dark stain finish, stainless steel appliances and granite counter tops.

There are dual walk-in

closets and a tray ceiling in the master bedroom, and dual sink vanities in both the master and hall baths. Hardwood flooring graces the kitchen and entry areas as well.

With 2,603 square feet of living space, the Peachtree is priced at \$249,887.

The other two completed homes at Reston Ponds are:

- The Hawthorn. A three-bedroom home located at 361 E. Becker Place with 2½ baths and 1,835 square feet of living space, priced from \$209,650. This home features an open, flowing layout with the kitchen featuring stainless steel appliances, 42-inch cabinets and granite countertops. The kitchen, family room and breakfast nook overlook open space and the homesite spans 77-by-120 feet, offering a pond view.

- The Augusta. Another two-story design, this house features three bedrooms, 2½ baths and includes a full warranty. Built on another oversized homesite spanning 78-by-120 feet, the Augusta has 2,020 square feet of living space and is priced at \$223,962.

Reston Ponds features six unique home styles starting with the 1,600-square-foot Dodson ranch and the 1,835-square-foot Hawthorne two-story — both starting at \$199,990. Three additional two-story designs range in size from 2,042 to 2,681 square feet

and in price from \$236,904 to \$262,261. There's an additional 2,051-square-foot ranch from \$256,019.

Buyers who opt to construct their home from a dirt start at Reston Ponds are able to personalize their house and choose from a vast selection of cabinet, countertop, flooring and exterior selections.

"Recently, we have seen more buyers wanting to build. They appreciate being able to select from so many features to modify their new home and make it their very own," Amidon said.

The Reston Ponds community features six manicured ponds, a gazebo, walking paths and land that was donated by Shodeen Homes for use as future parks. Children living in the community attend Southeast Elementary School, which is located next door to Reston Ponds and accessed by a walking path.

Shodeen Homes is also developer and builder of Mill Creek in Geneva, an award-winning community spanning many neighborhoods that is centered around two golf courses and open space.

Reston Ponds is eight blocks from downtown Sycamore and less than eight miles from Northern Illinois University. There is also easy access to I-88 via the Peace Road interchange.

To reach the Reston Ponds,

take I-88 west and exit Peace Road, heading north. Turn right onto Bethany Road and proceed east, turning left on Somonauk Street and continuing north. Turn right onto Becker Place and continue east to 345 E. Becker Place.

Model home hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays.

To learn more about Shodeen Homes and Reston Ponds, or to schedule a visit, call (877) 901-5151 or visit www.shodeenhomes.com/reston-ponds.



COURTESY OF SHODEEN HOMES

The Augusta is available for immediate move-in at Reston Ponds in Sycamore. The three-bedroom home is built on an oversized homesite.

Townhouses added at Cambridge Lakes

Four newly constructed, professionally decorated townhouse models are now open for viewing at Cambridge Lakes in Pingree Grove.

Cambridge Lakes, the award-winning master-planned community being developed by D.R. Horton's Chicago Division, includes single-family homes and townhouses, as well as a clubhouse and recreational facilities. There is also a charter school in the neighborhood.

The new models represent two of the five townhouse plans being offered in the series. In addition, Cambridge Lakes offers move-in ready homes, which include a package of popular features that are typically requested by today's buyers and often offered as extras in other townhouses.

"With the improving economy, many buyers are eager to move into a first home or a home that may better reflect their lifestyles," said Chris Naatz, vice president of sales for D.R. Horton's Chicago Division. "These new townhouses streamline the selection process and give buyers the chance to have a budget-friendly, well-appointed residence in a community that

offers the advantages of Cambridge Lakes. Best of all, the opportunity to own a spacious, new townhouse with prices starting in the \$120,000s is amazing."

The Seaboard Series features two home designs, both of which are shown among the new models. The two-story Wilmington includes 1,757 square feet of living space and is priced at \$127,990. With three bedrooms and 2½ baths, features include a breakfast nook, living room, dining room, bonus room on the lower level, second-floor laundry and two-car attached garage.

The Charleston is a 1,597-square foot raised-ranch-style home. Priced at \$133,490, the Charleston includes two bedrooms and a study or third bedroom, two full baths, living room, dining room, family room on the lower level and a two-car attached garage.

Cambridge Lakes consists of about 1,164 acres, and homes are set amid 360 acres of conservation areas with 12 lakes and landscaped open space. The impressive boulevard entrance with landscaped entry monuments and a bridge

over the lakes provide a distinctive identity that inspired the community name.

The 30,000-square-foot recreation/community center features three outdoor pools for all ages; a gymnasium with facilities for indoor soccer, basketball and volleyball; fitness center and aerobics room, plus locker rooms, meeting rooms for community groups, and an inviting gathering room with a kitchen for community events. A wide variety of clubs, classes and other activities are offered for all age groups.

Other attractions also include seven community parks, five public parks with baseball diamonds, soccer fields, several playgrounds and tot lots, a skate park and miles of activity trails. Easy access to I-90 as well as extensive shopping in the Randall Road corridor ensures convenience in a scenic country setting.

The sales center is at 1331 Newport Court, Pingree Grove. Hours are Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and by appointment. For information, call (847) 984-4883, or visit drhorton.com/chicago.

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