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***Where to Retire* Magazine Announces 50 Best Master-Planned Communities in the United States**

Houston, TX (June 23, 2015) – The country’s 50 best master-planned communities selected by ***Where to Retire*** magazine highlight the continuing evolution of active-adult and master-planned developments into amenity-rich neighborhoods that foster a true sense of community. The list is the only one of its kind in the nation, focusing on communities rather than locales and featuring first-person testimonials by residents. ***Where to Retire*** reveals “The Short List: 50 Best Master-Planned Communities in the United States” in the July/August issue, on newsstands now. (*Note: 50 communities listed below.*)

The selections in 16 states won their place in the top 50 by offering an array of amenities such as dining and banquet space at Chenal Valley in Arkansas, a rooftop bar overlooking the lake at Cresswind at Lake Lanier in Georgia, and skeet shooting or fly fishing at Cordillera Ranch in Texas to mention a few. Others offer festivals, farmers markets and workplaces inside the gates, as well as dog parks, walking trails and equestrian facilities – options far beyond the traditional golf courses and swimming pools.

“More often than not, the retirees we interviewed praised the sense of community they felt within their neighborhood,” said ***Where to Retire*** Editor Annette Fuller. “For these retirees, the perks of master-planned living are much more than the comfortable or inventive housing options, and more than just a busy day of activities. By participating in all that the community has to offer, they are finding like-minded people, building new lifestyles and establishing friendships, often with an unexpected ease.”

Nearly a year ago, ***Where to Retire*** editors began gathering and evaluating information on more than 100 communities across the nation. The chosen neighborhoods offer homes that vary in price, from manufactured homes starting in the \$80,000s to site-built, single-family homes that begin in the \$140,000s. Almost half the developments are active-adult communities, where residents must meet minimum age requirements. The communities are not ranked, but rather profiled in alphabetical order by state. Also, a two-page chart gives a snapshot of all 50 choices and a guide to their amenities.

This July/August issue marks the ninth biennial honor roll of America’s best master-planned communities compiled by ***Where to Retire***. The magazine, launched in 1992, is published six times each year. Every issue profiles top retirement towns, both undiscovered and well-known, and master-planned communities that cater to retirees. ***Where to Retire*** can be found on various newsstands and at Barnes & Noble bookstores. Visit WhereToRetire.com for subscription information.

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The Short List: 50 Best Master-Planned Communities in the U.S.

Arizona

CantaMia at Estrella

Goodyear, AZ

Dolce Vita

Apache Junction, AZ

Robson Ranch Arizona

Eloy, AZ

SaddleBrooke Ranch

Oracle, AZ

Sun City Anthem at Merrill Ranch

Florence, AZ

Sun City Festival

Buckeye, AZ

Talking Rock Ranch

Prescott, AZ

Trilogy at Vistancia

Peoria, AZ

Verrado

Buckeye, AZ

Arkansas

Chenal Valley

Little Rock, AR

California

Trilogy at Monarch Dunes

Nipomo, CA

Colorado

Heritage Todd Creek

Thornton, CO

Delaware

Heritage Shores

Bridgeville, DE

Florida

Arlington Ridge

Leesburg, FL

Lakes of Mount Dora

Mount Dora, FL

On Top of the World Communities

Ocala, FL

Stone Creek

Ocala, FL

Terra Vista of Citrus Hills

Citrus Hills, FL

Town of Harmony

Harmony, FL

Valencia Lakes

Wimauma, FL

Georgia

Cresswind at Lake Lanier

Gainesville, GA

The Georgia Club

Statham, GA

Soleil Laurel Canyon

Canton, GA

Sun City Peachtree

Griffin, GA

Louisiana

Sugar Mill Pond

Youngsville, LA

North Carolina

Anderson Creek Club

Spring Lake, NC

Belmont Lake Preserve

Rocky Mount, NC

Briar Chapel

Chapel Hill, NC

Brunswick Forest

Leland, NC

Carolina Colours

New Bern, NC

Cummings Cove

Hendersonville, NC

River Landing

Wallace, NC

St. James Plantation

Southport, NC

Oregon

Northwest Crossing

Bend, OR

Pennsylvania

Penn National

Fayetteville, PA

Traditions at Silver Spring

Mechanicsburg, PA

South Carolina

Cresswind Myrtle Beach

Myrtle Beach, SC

Daniel Island

Charleston, SC

Hammond's Ferry

North Augusta, SC

Lakeside Crossing

Conway, SC

Woodside Plantation

Aiken, SC

Tennessee

Black Creek Mountain

Chattanooga, TN

Fairfield Glade

Fairfield Glade, TN

Westhaven

Franklin, TN

Texas

Comanche Trace

Kerrville, TX

Cordillera Ranch

Boerne, TX

Robson Ranch Texas

Denton, TX

Utah

Daybreak

South Jordan, UT

Virginia

Colonial Heritage

Williamsburg, VA

Virginia Heritage

at Lee's Parke

Fredericksburg, VA

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