

Creating a Destination Community

Renowned real estate developer opens new master-planned community off Florida's Gulf Coast



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In sunny Florida, residents of a new master-planned community know what it truly means to live in luxury. The Place at Corkscrew, developed by Cameratta Companies, offers families a variety of home options and amenities carefully selected to promote a strong sense of community and high-end living.

The Cameratta team is also celebrating 40 years of land development and construction. Camer-

atta Companies specializes in land acquisitions, project design, entitlement oversight, development and construction.

The new gated community sits on 1,361 acres in Estero, Florida, just a few miles from the Gulf Coast. Plans for The Place at Corkscrew call for 1,325 single-family homes across its sprawling acres. With a southern plantation-style theme throughout and luxury amenities around every



The Place Main Entry Sign



Fitness and Cafe/Marketplace



Fitness Sketch



corner, Cameratta Companies believes The Place at Corkscrew will be a hit with residents.

"It truly is a destination community. That was our vision, and I think we've nailed it," says Nick Cameratta, CEO of Cameratta Companies. "We've really shown that it is a great community by having all the services right there at your disposal."

The Place at Corkscrew was recently named the No. 1 selling community in Southwest Florida and follows in the footsteps of the firm's previous award-winning and No. 1 selling communities, which include The Preserve at Corkscrew and Corkscrew Shores, also located off Corkscrew Road in Estero.



Cafe Marketplace Sketch

J.R. EVANS ENGINEERING

J.R. Evans Engineering is proud to announce another successful design and entitlement execution for Cameratta Companies with The Place at Corkscrew. Phase I land development is complete, and the construction of homes is well underway. The Amenity Center is designed, permitted, constructed and recently had the grand opening. Phase II land development recently commenced for the balance of the units. J.R. Evans Engineering is a 25-person civil engineering design consultant firm providing service from their Naples, Estero, and Sarasota offices with focused expertise in land entitlement and design of residential, commercial, and mixed-use developments.

CLOSE ATTENTION TO DETAIL

One of the elements making the new community stand apart from other master-planned communities in the area is the attention to detail the Cameratta team have used to shape it. The Place at Corkscrew offers amenities for people of all ages.

Extreme care went into making even small decisions, such as the features of the community playground, to ensure families remain safe while still having fun. For example, unique shade structures near the playground help protect families from the sun, while a zip line provides a one-of-a-kind recreational experience for kids and adults alike.

The amenity complex, which is now open, features a luxurious pool and spa area. There is a child-friendly splash pad with 57 jets, two 20-foot waterfalls and a 100-foot water slide leading into the pool.

On the other side of the pool, adults have a space of their own, including an oversized spa, a beach volleyball court, a full-service sports bar and grill restaurant and a Bourbon Bar where adults can enjoy a night out with some friends. The restaurant and Bourbon Bar are scheduled to open Summer 2019.

Inside the grand clubhouse, residents have a 2-story state-of-the-art fitness center, a movement studio, a staffed kids club and a café marketplace with Wi-Fi and snacks. They can also stay active outdoors at the tennis, pickleball, bocce and basketball courts.

In addition to the pool, fitness and cafe, Cameratta Companies has delivered on another unique element to the community: a custom-built trolley. It can hold up to 20 pas-



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Restaurant Sketch



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Pool Bar Sketch



Restaurant Elevation Rendering



Basketball Court



Dog Park



sengers at a time, transporting them throughout the community.

BUILDING TO A THEME

The style of The Place at Corkscrew is described as “southern plantation-inspired,” and the team at Cameratta Companies, along with the homebuilders and designers, have worked together to ensure consistency throughout the development. Yet another example of the company’s meticulous attention to detail, predetermined colors, finishes and home styles help tie every home lot into the look and feel of the overall community.

J.R. Evans Engineering is serving as the engineer on The Place at Corkscrew, while Pulte Homes and Lennar Homes have been selected as the home builders. Each homebuilder has

been contracted to take on 50 percent of the homes and offers the community something different, as well.

Lennar Homes is incorporating considerable technology into its homes, effectively creating a “smart home” community that’s seeing a great deal of interest from buyers. Pulte Homes continues to add new floor plans to its lineup to give buyers a high degree of flexibility and customization.

“Both builders have been outstanding to work with and have done a great job on the sales and marketing. It has been a pleasure to work with both of their teams,” Cameratta says.

AN ECO-FRIENDLY APPROACH

Cameratta Companies also took efforts to re-



Martini Sketch




Playroom Sketch

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spect the land on which the community is built. The firm has worked with the Lee County government, at no additional cost to local taxpayers, to devote more than 750 acres to protected wetlands and uplands and to restore old water flow-ways that aid in drainage.

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opment, surrounded by newly created conservation lands consisting of flow-ways and wildlife corridors," says Ray Blacksmith, President of Cameratta Companies. "Two years later, we've accomplished what we set out to do while raising the bar in establishing a new type of environmentally sensitive residential development design." 

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