



Developer Partners for Nature Trail Project

The Tribute is a lakefront golf resort and master-planned development situated on Lewisville Lake./Submitted photo

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Matthews Southwest, the developer of The Tribute Resort Community on the shores of Lake Lewisville, is teaming with The Colony's award-winning Parks and Recreation Department, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the US Army Corps of Engineers to develop The Wynnewood Peninsula Nature Trails, which will be open to the public for walking, hiking and biking.

The 3--mile trail system will provide access to the southern tip of the Wynnewood Peninsula and is a key component of The Colony's "Trail Master Plan," a series of nature and hike/bike trails throughout the city and The Tribute Resort Community.

The trail system will be accessible by foot for people living in The Tribute, which already features miles of winding, hike-and-bike trails that interconnect the entire community.

Matthews Southwest President Jack Matthews said the trails make it a perfect place for nature lovers and exercise enthusiasts alike.

"The Wynnewood Peninsula nature trails allow residents of The Colony and The Tribute to workout while enjoying the natural beauty of part of Texas that has remained untouched over the years," Matthews said. "We are looking forward to working with all of the agencies involved and proving our commitment to making this one of the best places in the country to live, work and play."

The Colony City Manager Troy Powell added that the city was grateful for the support of everyone involved in the project.

"Trails are a vital aspect of healthy, sustainable communities, and are in high demand by our citizens," Powell said. "This project is a tremendous collaborative effort between three public agencies and the private sector to provide a much desired amenity that will be enjoyed by residents and visitors to our community for years to come."

Green building materials and standards will be used during the construction and maintenance of the trails ensuring the protection of the area's natural setting. According to a release from Matthews Southwest, The Tribute uses a variety of environmentally friendly landscaping techniques including the use of natural grasses, limited mowing and the utilization of natural drainage areas.

In other news at The Tribute, American Legend Homes has joined the community's stable of builders. American Legend will be building homes in the Balmerino and Aberdeen neighborhoods, ranging from \$300,000 to \$1 million with custom options.

Balmerino -- featuring lots along the recently-opened, Old American Golf Club -- is a gated community designed for families, empty nesters and avid golfers. Aberdeen -- adjacent to the site of the planned elementary school -- is ideal for young families, featuring a playground and (water) spray park.

"By partnering with American Legend Homes, The Tribute adds another prestigious local builder with a reputation for delivering a best-in-class residential product," Matthews said. "Their work will further our mission of making The Tribute one of the most livable and relaxing places to live in Texas."

American Legend Homes President Kevin Egan echoed Matthews' sentiments.

"With its two highly-ranked golf courses, amenities, trails and future lake amenities and school, The Tribute is unlike any other residential development in north Texas," Egan said. "Matthews Southwest's commitment to and investment in the Metroplex is completely in-line with American Legend Home's brand promise."

American Legend Homes builds "high performance, energy efficient homes that provide homeowners with less maintenance," according to a release. American Legend Homes' projects are constructed with environmentally-friendly features providing owners with "increased comfort, long-term savings and enhanced resale value. "

American Legend Homes is the second new builder to join Matthews Southwest for work in The Tribute in 2010. Grand Homes, 2010 "Builder of the Year," has a total of 12 elevations slated for The Lochs and Garden Villages, ranging from \$230,000 to \$500,000.

Other building partners in The Tribute include Coventry Homes, Drees Custom Homes, Highland Homes, Warwick Custom Homes and Flagstone Custom Homes.

For information on The Tribute, logon to www.thetribute.com or call 972-221-1199.

The Tribute is a lakefront golf resort and master-planned development situated on 23,200-acre Lewisville Lake. Located 20 miles north of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and 30 miles from the Metroplex, it features two nationally ranked golf courses -- The Old American and Tribute Golf Clubs.

The 1,500-acre master-planned development boasts amenity centers, resort-style pools, gardens, parks and playgrounds, a future on-site school, more than 6 miles of hike-and-bike trails, landscaped canals, and hundreds of acres of accessible open space.

Future plans call for a lake club and marina, upscale hotel, and retail shops. At The Tribute, category-leading builders craft "Old World" architecture, blending with vistas of Lewisville Lake to create "one of the state's truly unique residential enclaves."

Matthews Southwest is a full-service development company headquartered in Dallas. Since 1988, this company has acquired, built and managed single and multi-tenant corporate office, institutional and industrial developments throughout the United States, Mexico, and Canada.