



New development planned at Tenaya and Centennial Parkway

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Blue Marble Development is planning to bring a European flair to its latest project, which will sit on 31 acres on the corner of Tenaya Way and Centennial Parkway.

"European architecture can look elegant and timeless," said Deirdre Waitt, president of Blue Marble Development. "It stands the test of time."

The mixed-use community will feature 782 condominiums and townhomes. The 65 townhomes will come in two floor plans ranging from 1,679 to 1,698 square feet. They each will have three bedrooms, two-and-a-half bathrooms with front or side courtyards and oversized two-car garages.

The 374 one- and two-story condominiums will be in a four-story building called the Courtyards at Paxton Walk. The condos will range in size from 726 to 1,503 square feet. There are nine available condo floor plans.

"One of the things I'm really excited about is the parking garage," said Waitt.

The parking structure will be hidden from view behind the condos. Homeowners will park on the level where their condo is and can walk directly into their home. The structure also doesn't block views of, or from, the homes.

"All you will see is the beautiful European architecture," she said.

The grounds will consist of six acres of open space, 11 courtyards, three pools, fountains, meditation gardens, and walking paths.

Cory Nelson, senior vice president of Blue Marble Development said that they named the community Paxton Walk because Paxton means "village of peace" and because it is a very pedestrian-oriented project. He also said that Paxton has an English flair and so does the community.

Two clubhouses are planned for the property. The first and larger of the two will be 9,000 square feet and will feature a movie theater, kitchen and a game room with darts and billiards. There is also a business center where residents who work from home can come and work on a computer and create an office environment.

Waitt said the clubhouse will be a place for the community to host parties or just spend some time.

"I want to live in the clubhouse," she said. "They did such an outstanding job."

Nelson said that community activities will be planned to bring neighbors together. They could have a movie night in the theater or parties by the pool.

"So many of us get home from work, pull into our garage, shut the door behind us and that's the last we see of our neighbors," Nelson said.

The second clubhouse will be an indoor cabana located next to the largest pool. The cabana will be fully equipped with water resistant furniture. A 3,000-square-foot fitness center will include treadmills, weights and a room to have classes such as yoga. There also will be rooms for spa treatments including massages and facials.

Waitt said although there would be a charge for spa treatments or fitness classes she can imagine the homeowners association scheduling these activities for the residents.

Townhomes and condos will range from \$250,000 to \$550,000. Paxton Walk will be built in four phases. The first phase will break ground this fall and the first homeowners will be able to move in during the summer of 2007. The property will feature 46,000 square feet of retail space and 50,000 square feet of office space.

Waitt said they hope the retail area, known as Town Square, will have offerings such as a hair salon, mail box store, bank, and coffee and sandwich shops.

"What we're hoping for is to attract retailers that make good sense for the community," Waitt said.

Town Square, which will have a 20,000-square-foot courtyard, will be open to the public as well as homeowners. Nelson said they want Town Square to serve as a gathering place. It will have restaurant seating and they will hold events such as community art shows and carolers during the holidays.

Nelson said that when Blue Marble began acquiring pieces of land for the project eight years ago they did not know exactly what would fit into the northwest location because there wasn't much development.

"This really fit what the city had planned for this area," he said. "The city wanted something more progressive, more pedestrian."

Town houses and condos are currently for sale and the Paxton Walk sales pavilion, opened yesterday at Tenaya Way and Centennial Parkway.

For more information, visit www.paxtonwalk.com.