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Development Provides Return to Tradition

Staff Report

The future and the past are companions at Jamestowne at Madison Grove.

On Thursday, a groundbreaking ceremony was conducted in the new community that blends antebellum architecture with the latest amenities and convenience.

“We’re super excited about what this project will bring to Thomasville and Thomas County,” said developer John Bennett of Windcrest Companies, LLC.

Jamestowne at Madison Grove offers a lifestyle that is expected to be attractive to affluent senior citizens. It will feature a blend of townhomes, mansion flats, lofts, shops and restaurants – all designed to honor Thomasville’s rich heritage.

Jamestowne, located a half mile east of U.S. Hwy. 19 on Pavo Road, is a joint venture between Windcrest Companies, LLC and Verdura Properties, LLC. They have developed other traditional communities in south Georgia and north Florida.

The land planner and architect is Allison Ramsey & Associates, which has gained national acclaim for its adherence to traditional neighborhood design. Walkable streets and green space are cornerstones of its design strategy.

“We’re excited about the expertise we’ve brought here in land planning and architectural style,” Bennett said. “We were real eager to blend this project into the fabric of Thomasville – with what we have now and what we can carry into the future.”

The project is a key component in the City of Thomasville’s and Thomas County’s plans for smart growth. The Thomasville-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce helped conduct research to determine if the project was viable.

“We believe this is the right project in the right place at the right time,” said Don Sims, chamber president. “By the time you get this up and running, we’ll have enough people to fill these (buildings) up.”

Sims said Georgia has supplanted Florida as the “hot spot” for senior citizens.

“That’s a trend that we intend to pursue because we believe there are a lot of people there,” Sims said, “but you can’t sell from an empty wagon. You have to have quality products to get



Steve DeVane, John Bennett, Don Sims, Josh Herring, Kathy Palmer, and Arnie Rogers shovel the first dirt at Jamestowne’s groundbreaking ceremony.

quality people. People with the highest disposable income need to live in a place they can be proud of, that is first class. Believe me, we can see here – with their investment – (the Jamestowne developers) believe the same thing we do.”

“We will do all in our power to make (them) successful.”

After the groundbreaking, guests visited the Jamestowne Clubhouse, which features a pool, game room, kitchen and the latest exercise equipment.

“This is what Thomas County is looking for,” Thomas County Commission Chairman Josh Herring said.



The beautiful 6,000 square foot clubhouse features a fitness center, swimming pool, gathering room, fully-equipped kitchen, media and game room, and locker rooms.

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