

Today's new home developments are more than just houses — they are vibrant communities as well

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Today's new home communities are just that — communities. Whether you choose a home in a large master-planned community or one in a more compact development, you'll be moving into a new home that's connected to parks, bike paths, good schools and other amenities that help make your house a home. They are carefully designed to be ideal living environments that provide convenience and a sense of community.

A lot of work goes into crafting today's new home communities. Developers work closely with local governments, often for many years, to create designs that ensure that a new community reflects a commitment to good planning and high standards that will ensure a great quality of life.

Each community offers different amenities, but regardless of which one you select there will be a variety of opportunities to choose from.

Developers do extensive research to find out what kind of amenities are desirable in our region and then work to include them in their community designs.

Even more-compact developments will likely include neighborhood parks, open space areas and bike trails, while larger communities will feature many more amenities as well. In fact, many larger master-planned communities are like small, self-contained cities.

For example, these communities often include neighborhood retail spaces to provide easy access to grocery stores, restaur-



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rants and entertainment. And as government officials embrace smart growth principles, there are often office complexes included to provide residents with quick commutes to work.

New home communities also include expansive areas set aside as open space.

These parcels improve the quality of life within the new community by linking your neighborhood to nature, and they also provide significant environmental benefits

such as groundwater recharge and a home for wildlife.

Builders also work closely with local school districts to plan for local neighborhood school sites. Often new schools are one of the first amenities to begin construction so that area children can attend a local school as quickly as possible.

And let's not forget the sense of community in active adult developments.

The homes in these communities are carefully designed to meet the needs of older adults, and the amenities in these com-

munities are carefully planned as well.

These communities often include swimming pools, spacious clubhouses, fitness centers, picnic areas, dog parks, sports courts and much more. Most also provide residents with numerous activities to choose from, including classes and social events.

They also keep safety and security in mind, often including gated communities and in some cases providing on-site security teams for added safety.

And finally, what greater sense of community can you have than living in a neighborhood with other active adults who share common experiences and interests? The sense of peaceful serenity you will find in these communities is refreshing and welcome.

So if you're looking to buy a new home in the greater Sacramento region, check out the variety of planned developments now open and find out how your new home will be part of a real community.