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Construction Begins in Clark's Preserve at Burnham Wood

May 23, 2008 – Southern Development Enterprises has broken ground on a new residential development in the Burnham Wood neighborhood. Partners Len Hart and Ray Evans say that the development will have fifty-three new homes within the twenty-six acre tract recently purchased from Wayne and Pat Clark. The project will consist of twenty Charleston-style homes to be built by Len Hart Construction as well as thirty-three additional wooded lots to be made available to other homebuilders and individuals. Cost of the Charleston-style homes will begin at \$240,000 and the thirty-three wooded home sites will begin at \$60,000.

Hart, Evans and the Clarks have been in discussions for over a year in an effort to develop a common vision for the project. That effort resulted in a project that is designed to provide a community of homes that are both attractive and affordable to retiring seniors as well as young professional families.

“Oak Ridge has been losing residents to nearby areas for far too long” Evans said. “That has been caused in part by our not having a diversity of housing products at a variety of price points. We believe it especially important to this city that we begin to increase the percentage of people who not only work in Oak Ridge and also live and shop in here.”

The twenty Charleston-style homes will be similar to those constructed by Hart in his Willow Place project.

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“Willow Place has been highly successful” Hart said. “A significant portion of the homes constructed in Willow Place have been purchased by families who were not previously Oak Ridge residents. They were attracted to Oak Ridge because of the style of homes, the price and the neighborhood setting. We want to replicate that concept in Clark’s Preserve.”

Stacy Myers of Advanced Management, Inc. and chairman of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce’s Housing and Population Growth area said, “Clark’s Preserve at Burnham Wood will give potential residents additional options for housing within the City of Oak Ridge. Over the past several years, we have heard from many potential residents that the lack of new construction in Oak Ridge is an issue. This development will help fill that void.”

According to Parker Hardy, President of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, “This is a great day for Oak Ridge. Ray Evans, Len Hart and Wayne and Pat Clark have worked together to create a top-notch development. We look forward to seeing these houses come out of the ground and to welcoming new residents into our community.”

The portion of the project containing the twenty Charleston-style homes will be along the extension of Tempura Drive and along Taube Lane South. Access to these homes will be by means of alleyways in the rear of each lot allowing Tempura Drive to be tree lined with sidewalks uninterrupted by driveways. An additional amenity will be a gas lamp and mailbox combination provided by the Oak Ridge Utility District for each of the twenty homes.

The remaining thirty-three lots will average 0.40 acres in size and will, for the most part, remain heavily wooded. The covenants and restrictions for the project will restrict the amount of tree removal on each lot to only the area necessary for home construction and access. Those lots will be available to homebuilders and individuals.

For additional information, contact Ray Evans at 548-2137 or Len Hart at 806-0715.

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