

DISCOVERY AT SPRING TRAILS IS LOCATION FOR BENEFIT HOME

Land Tejas Company has donated for the 11th consecutive year, a homesite for the Greater Houston Builders Association Benefit Homes Project. The homesite is located in the new "hybrid" community of Discovery at Spring Trails in northeast Houston. Chesmar homes is donating the construction, their third consecutive donation.

Chesmar is building their Venetian Plan with donated materials, services and labor by GHBA members. The majority of the proceeds from the sale of the home will benefit Texas Children's Cancer Center, the Alzheimer's Association and HomeAid Houston. The home recently sold, prior to the ceremonial ground breaking, a record for the 29 year old Project. Grady and Jenny Hill purchased the home.

Discovery at Spring Trails

Discovery at Spring Trails is marketed as a "hybrid" community, meaning it will be powered by a combination of solar and conventionally generated electricity. The 1,150-acre community is located in North Houston, near the Hardy Toll Road and Rayford Road. It will include rooftop solar panels and solar trellises, a community "solar farm" and wall-mounted dashboards that show homeowners how much energy, water and carbon emissions are being saved in real time. The home builders are also incorporating GE's ecomagination Homebuilder Program.

A one-kilowatt solar panel will be included as a standard feature on each new home -- enough to provide 15 percent to 20 percent of the electricity use of a typical home -- and home buyers will have the option of expanding the kilowatt level of the panels. At the three kilowatts, a home could potentially have zero emissions from electricity.

Covering approximately 100 square feet, the one-kilowatt solar panels may be installed on rooftops or as "solar trellises" which may be incorporated into landscaping.

In addition to the Discovery Center at Spring Trails, other amenities will include a guard gated entrance, pools, splash pad, a clubhouse with a playground, lakes, fountains, parks, and trails.

“Discovery at Spring Trails is setting new standards for homebuyers who want to make a difference when it comes to environmental issues,” said Lisa Clark, president of the GHBA. “The community’s “hybrid” concept is a bold direction in redefining energy-efficiency. It was a tremendous coup for the Benefit Homes team to have Land Tejas step up again with their lot donation in Discovery. The Chesmar home has already sold and construction has barely begun. This will truly be a successful 2009 for the GHBA Benefit Homes Project.”

Chesmar’s Venetian Plan

Chesmar’s Venetian Plan is a 2692 sq. ft. single-story design that includes 4 bedrooms with a study/den option, 3 full baths, a dramatic oval foyer, a formal dining room, large family room and a huge island kitchen with a breakfast room. The master bedroom includes his and her closets. The utility room is designed with convenient freezer space. This home also features rounded sheetrock corners, crown molding, granite in the kitchen and bath with a full appliance package. The home includes a 3-car garage and an oversized patio off the family room.

Each year two homes are built for the Benefit Homes Project. The second home is being constructed by Trendmaker Homes. Trendmaker is building their Living Product Plan M242N in May Valley located in the Village of Sterling Ridge in The Woodlands. Trendmaker Homes is donating construction and The Woodlands donated the homesite. Since the Project began, \$5 million has been raised.

For more information on the Benefit Homes Project visit www.ghba.org or call 281-970-8970.