

A Walk In The Woods

Artisan Unveils New Davidson Neighborhood

Referred to by locals as "the village," Davidson exemplifies the All-American town of yesteryear. From its quaint main street lined by towering trees to the historic college buildings and stately period homes, Davidson is the type of town that many want to call home.

As those in the market for a new home in this picturesque town know all too well, Davidson property is in high demand. So, it was no surprise that the announcement of Bedford Woods, a community of 72 homes developed and built exclusively by Artisan Custom Homes, has spread so quickly.

"This is one of the last - if not the last - truly custom communities in the town of Davidson, because there simply is no more land," explains Brad Remmey, who along with partners Jay Johnstone and John Shryock founded the Davidson-based custom home builder in 2001.

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Demonstrating their commitment to the firm's hometown, Artisan has reflected the unique appeal of Davidson in their plans for the development. "Our objective was a quality, custom community, and not just building as many houses as we could," Remmey says. "Rather than creating a high-density neighborhood with 150 houses, we have designed the community for only 72 homes with generous-sized lots ranging from 1/3 acre to one lot that will be almost 4 acres. Another unique feature will be the site development. Rather than clear cutting, we'll leave all the trees we can and grade and clear around significant hardwoods. As a builder, we'll spend a little extra money to preserve the natural environment."

With 30 acres of green space, various architectural landmarks, and a bridge over the stream that runs through the center of the property, that

commitment to preserving the surroundings will serve to distinguish Bedford Woods. Even the sloping topography will be considered, and some basement homesites will be developed as a result.

"Bedford Woods is still in its initial stages of development," Remmey says. "The barriers are up and the land is being engineered. When they're done, we can cut the road and get in the infrastructure. If everything goes well, we'll be able to start building by late spring of 2005." Plans for the homes' architectural style and the tone of the community have not yet been finalized, but the starting price of homes is expected to be in the high \$500's or low \$600's.

The community is located within the city limits of Davidson, just a few blocks off Concord Road. "It's a convenient location; the residents could walk to town if they wanted. The town of Davidson is also putting in a walking trail, so the kids can even ride their bikes into town," Remmey says.

Perhaps best of all, longtime Davidson residents and newcomers alike can rest assured that the new neighborhood will preserve those qualities that make Davidson such an appealing place to live. "Our office is here in Davidson," Remmey says. "After establishing ourselves here nearly four years ago, we've built quite a few homes in Davidson. We're emotionally and financially invested in the town, so we'll have a dedicated partner out there during both the development and construction of this new neighborhood."

For more information on Bedford Woods, call Artisan Custom Homes at 704-987-9369 or visit them online at www.artisancustomhomes.net.

