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***Where to Retire Magazine Announces 50 Best Master-Planned Communities in the United States***

Houston, TX (June 11, 2013) – The country’s 50 best master-planned communities selected by *Where to Retire* magazine highlight a resurgent era in active-adult and master-planned living – in demand now more than ever, with the boost in the economy and the continuing coming of age of baby boomers. The list is the only one of its kind, focusing on communities rather than locales and featuring first person testimonials by current residents. *Where to Retire* reveals “The Short List: 50 Best Master-Planned Communities in the United States,” in the July/August issue, on newsstands June 18. (*Note: 50 communities listed below.*)

The selections in 17 states won their place in the top 50 by breaking new ground with amenities such as a large fishing lake and Energy Star certified homes at Daybreak in Utah, expansive open space and a focus on green living at Harmony in Florida and wellness complexes and a grocery at Fairfield Glade in Tennessee to mention a few. Others offer workplaces inside the gates, dog parks and community gardens – options far beyond the traditional golf courses and swimming pools. Living in the chosen communities offers numerous benefits, says *Where to Retire* Publisher Karen Northridge.

“Time and again, the retirees interviewed for this story told us their neighborhoods give them opportunities to try different activities, connect with like-minded people and in the process, build brand-new lifestyles,” Northridge says. “For these retirees, their communities provide much more than comfortable, attractive housing; they also serve as a catalyst for residents to reinvent themselves.”

Nearly a year ago, *Where to Retire* editors began gathering and evaluating information on more than 100 communities across the nation. The chosen neighborhoods offer homes that vary in price, from manufactured homes starting in the \$80,000s to site-built, single-family homes that begin in the \$120,000s. Half the developments are active-adult communities, where residents must meet minimum age requirements. The communities are not ranked, but rather profiled in

alphabetical order by state. Also, a two-page chart gives a snapshot of all 50 choices and a guide to their amenities.

In addition to the top 50 communities, *Where to Retire* includes the Hall of Fame, a small group of established neighborhoods previously recognized by the magazine.

This July/August issue marks the eighth biennial honor roll of America's best master-planned communities compiled by *Where to Retire*. The magazine, launched in 1992, is published six times each year. Every issue profiles top retirement towns, both undiscovered and well-known, and master-planned communities that cater to retirees. *Where to Retire* can be found on various newsstands and at Barnes & Noble bookstores. A one-year subscription to *Where to Retire* is \$18. For a magazine subscription or to purchase a back issue, visit [WhereToRetire.com](http://WhereToRetire.com).

### **The Short List: 50 Best Master-Planned Communities in the U.S.**

#### **Arizona**

Dolce Vita at Superstition Mountain  
Sun City Festival by Del Webb  
Robson Ranch Arizona Resort Community  
Sun City Anthem at Merrill Ranch by Del Webb  
CantaMia by Vitalia  
Quail Creek Resort Community  
SaddleBrooke Ranch Resort Community  
Trilogy at Vistancia  
Talking Rock Ranch

#### **Arkansas**

Forest Lakes Garden Homes

#### **California**

Sun City Shadow Hills by Del Webb  
Trilogy at Monarch Dunes

#### **Colorado**

Heritage Todd Creek

#### **Delaware**

Heritage Shores

#### **Florida**

Town of Harmony  
Terra Vista at the Villages of Citrus Hills  
Lakewood Ranch  
Lakes of Mount Dora  
On Top of the World Communities  
Stone Creek by Del Webb

Solivita by Vitalia

Valencia Lakes

**Georgia**

Soleil Laurel Canyon

Riverwood Plantation

Cresswind at Lake Lanier

Sun City Peachtree by Del Webb

The Georgia Club

**Louisiana**

Sugar Mill Pond

**North Carolina**

Cummings Cove Golf & Country Club

Jefferson Landing

Brunswick Forest

Carolina Colours

St. James Plantation

Anderson Creek Club

River Landing

**Oregon**

NorthWest Crossing

**Pennsylvania**

Penn National Golf Course Community

Traditions of America at Silver Spring

**South Carolina**

Woodside Plantation

Daniel Island Real Estate

Lakeside Crossing

Seasons at Prince Creek West

**Tennessee**

Black Creek Mountain

Fairfield Glade

Westhaven

**Texas**

Robson Ranch Texas Resort Community

Comanche Trace

**Utah**

Daybreak

**Virginia**

Colonial Heritage

**Wyoming**

The Powder Horn Golf Community

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