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# BUSINESS

## Lennar Homes upgrades its home in city

By Katherine Feser

Houston's biggest home builder is getting a new home of its own.

Lennar Homes of Texas Land and Construction will relocate to a new two-story building across from its offices in the Greens Crossing Office Park in the Greenspoint area.

"The Houston office of Lennar has experienced tremendous growth, and this new office is a direct reflection of that," John Hammond, president of Friendswood Development Co., said in an announcement. "With the new building, we will be able to upgrade our space with minimal disruption, providing our associates and our customers with an inviting office environment to work and visit."

KDC, a real estate development and investment firm based in Dallas, and Sarofim Realty Advisors have started construction of a 68,950-square-foot building at 681 Greens Parkway. It is set to be finished in October 2015.

The building will house 225 workers from Lennar Corp. affiliates Lennar, Village Builders, Friendswood Development Co., Universal American Mortgage Co. and North American Title Co.

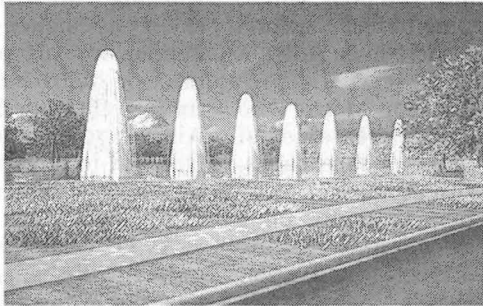
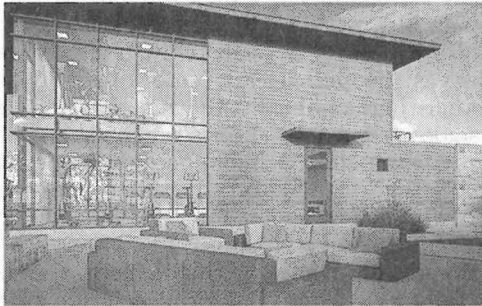
The building will include a 5,000-square-foot design center to showcase the builder's latest products for kitchens, baths and other rooms. A two-story lobby in the middle of building will be surrounded by suites for various divisions of Lennar and the design center.

"They've got basically six separate groups that are going to be in this building," said William

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### REAL ESTATE

Master-planned community with 2,000 residences in the works for Katy



Rise Communities photos

The Cane Island residential development is hailed as the first major master-planned community in the Katy city limits.

## Developers look westward for housing construction

Cane Island joins other new projects staking out space in Fort Bend County

By Erin Mulvaney

Developers, including the one behind a master-planner community in the works in Katy, continue to move westward, offering up more homes on Houston's outskirts.

Last week, details were revealed for Cane Island, a 2,000-home master-planned community, in Katy's city limits.

The project will be built on 1,000 acres 4 miles west of the Grand Parkway off Interstate 10 and lined with trees. The first

homes are set to open in mid-2015, around the same time that the Cane Island Parkway is expected to be finished.

The community is named after the 1872 settlement that later became Katy, developer Rise Communities said. The homes will be priced from the \$200,000s to more than \$1 million.

Cane Island is in a prime location, near major employers, new health care facilities and shopping, according to Dan Naef, Rise Communities president.



This development joins a number of others that are west of Houston in Fort Bend County and have been built or announced in recent years.

Cinco Ranch by Newland Communities is one of the largest in the region and is in the Katy area. Newland Communities recently acquired more than 3,600 acres about 6 miles north of I-10 for a new project called Elyson. Homebuilding is scheduled to begin in the first half of 2016, and the community could be built out 10 years later.

Trendmaker also acquired 600 acres to build homes west of that project.

Lance LeCour, president and CEO of the Katy Economic Development Council, said the Cane Island project is the first major master-planned community in the area.

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The groundbreaking for Cane Island

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## Cane Island helping meet demand for new housing

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nity in the Katy city limits. It's possible due to a 9-year-long project to build Cane Island Parkway. Local economic development officials pushed the Texas Department of Transportation to approve the road project, he said.

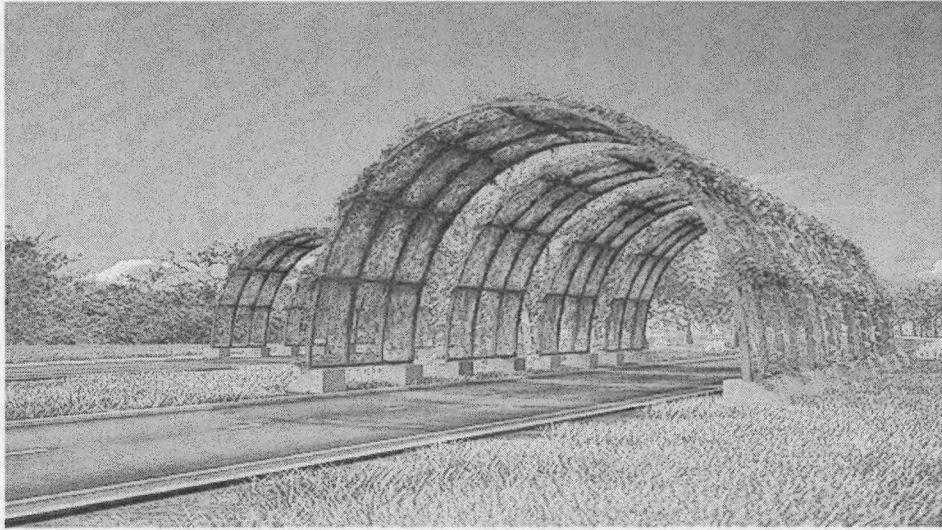
"It's a good place to be," LeCour said.

Naef, who now lives in Nevada, said he plans to move into Cane Island when it's ready.

"The Katy area is perfect for us. You can combine the small-town charm with a wonderful city," Naef said. "There are great economic drivers and a wonderful school district."

He said the developers waited to build until the Cane Island Parkway was complete. He said before that road is finished, it would be impossible to get to the development. Based on demand in the area, he said he expects that the 2,000 homes will be built out in seven years.

The Cane Island development team will build 13 model homes, including traditional family and luxury



Rise Communities

Plans for Cane Island include many amenities, including an outdoor amphitheater, pools and a two-story fitness center.

ury patio homes, in seven communities. Homebuilders on the project include Coventry Homes, David Weekley Homes, Perry Homes, Ryland Homes, Shea Homes, Toll Brothers and Trendmaker Homes.

The development's first phase is also set to include an amenity center with an outdoor amphitheater, a family pool with an adjacent splash pad, an adult pool and a two-story fitness center with a health

spa and yoga studio. The company has already found itself a mascot, of sorts. A golden retriever will take up residence at the amenity center and will "meet residents and guests, pose for pictures and even present his business card."

Jeff Taebel, director of community and environmental planning at the Houston-Galveston Area Council, said there is definitely a demand for hous-

ing in the Katy area. New roadways, particularly the Grand Parkway, are helping shape development patterns. The school district, stores and the charm of Old Town Katy will draw more housing.

"We have experienced a lot of growth west and our forecast shows even more growth out west," Taebel said.

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Notice for Early Public Review of a Proposal to Support Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) has received funds through the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program [Contract Number 72120016 and Number 72121016] to repair and reconstruct homes damaged by Hurricane Ike in Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Harris, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker and Waller Counties. This notice is to inform members of the public who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment or who may be affected by activities in the floodplain that H-GAC has determined that twenty-three (23) housing units identified as needing repair or reconstruction under this program are situated within the floodplain. The homes are sited on an aggregate of 20 acres at the locations listed below:

151 Bailey, Angleton TX 77515; 4610 FM 563 N, Anahuac TX 77514; 1541 Haynes, Anahuac TX 77514; 751 Haynes, Anahuac TX 77514; 5620 Stevens, Anahuac TX 77514; 4107 Belton Lane, Anahuac TX 77514; 220 Halls Road, Angleton TX 77515; 302 Oak Island, Oak Island TX 77560; 3965 CR 651, Brazoria TX 77422; 802 CR 311, Brazoria TX 77422; 118 Lone Oak, Anahuac TX 77514; 71 CR 198, Bay City, TX 77414; 301 CR 1717, Angleton TX 77515; 1426A Speights Road, Hankamer TX 77560; 112 Lone Oak, Anahuac TX 77514; 305 Bayside, Anahuac TX 77514; 161 Bailey Road, Angleton TX 77515; 809 CR 312, Brazoria TX 77422; 702 Shady Lane, Angleton TX 77515; 29163 CR 610, Angleton TX 77515; 3948 Belton Lane, Anahuac TX 77514; 11506 Muholland Drive, Stafford TX 77477; 800 Bellshire Drive, Conroe TX 77301.

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CORRECTION NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Klein Independent School District will accept REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #15-256 PROCUREMENT OF NATURAL GAS, for the supply of natural gas at its qualifying facilities, until 3:00 P.M., Thursday, December 4, 2014, (the "Deadline"). Proposals must be delivered before the Deadline to Room 207 of Klein's Central Office at 2200 Spring Cypress Road, Klein, Texas, 77379. All proposal requirements are contained in the proposal documents, which may be obtained from AEG Affiliated Energy Group, Retail Division, telephone (817)514-8200, fax (214)292-8514, or email KleinISD@affiliatedenergy.com. Interested parties must request Proposal Documents at least 24 hours prior to the deadline. Klein ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, waive all informalities or irregularities and award the proposal in the best interest of Klein ISD.

FORT BEND ISD, in accordance Texas Education Code 44.031, is soliciting proposals for BUS GPS SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION, RFP# 15-033CC. Submissions will be due 12/9/14 @ 2:00 P.M. CST. NO LATE PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for 12/2/14 @ 11:00 A.M. @ FBISD Purchasing Department. Contact: Chrystal Castaneda @ 281-634-1802. Register and download proposal packet at: http://purchasing.fortbendisd.com/CurrentBids.aspx. Mail proposal in SEALED envelope with RFP # on outside to: FBISD, 555 Julie Rivers Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77478, ATTN: Chrystal Castaneda.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Aransas Pass is soliciting sealed bids from qualified management firms for the following work:

Project Name: 2014 Aquatic Center Management Services

Bid Opening: Wednesday, December 10 2014 @ 2:00 PM CST.

The scope of work is to provide pool management services for the Aransas Pass Aquatic