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HABERSHAM

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By Lee Ann Carter

Truly greater than the sum of its parts, Habersham is a quintessential Southern coastal community, harkening back to a time when neighborhoods were defined by classic architecture, family owned corner stores and shops, and an overall sense of community, where neighbors were truly neighbors.

Meticulous landscaping and streetscapes defined by old fashioned sidewalks, homes with front porches and courtyards, cozy wooded parks teeming with centuries-old live oaks, fishing and crabbing docks, and a vibrant Town Center all blend together to create the natural beauty and convenience that is Habersham.

Located less than 10 minutes from historic downtown Beaufort, 30 minutes from Hilton Head's golf courses and close enough for an easy day trip to Charleston or Savannah, Habersham was designed by Duany Plater-Zyberk, which combined architecture, land planning and engineering to create a place where all the parts add up to a better whole.

Bounded by the Broad River and Habersham Creek, the community of Habersham is located on an inlet, less than a mile from the Intracoastal Waterway. With 75 acres of the 280-site dedicated to nature trails, wooded village greens and waterfront parks, Habersham

was developed with a keen sense of protecting the environment. This spectacular site features massive moss-draped oaks, rustling palmettos, grand pines and swaying marsh grass alive with herons, egrets



and wood storks. Because it was mapped out to follow the natural lay of the land, preserve its wetlands and safeguard its indigenous vegetation and forests, Habersham features an array of community parks and greenways. The community was designed to invite residents to spend more time outside enjoying their neighbors and their neighborhood.

The diligent Habersham Architectural Review Board ensures that homeowners adhere to traditional architectural design elements. Each home has a front porch within conversational distance of the sidewalks, creating a modern day



version of the classic American neighborhood. Indigenous construction materials are used, and the number one architectural criteria is proper scale and proportion, as seen in the vertical balance of the windows, doors and porches.

Potential homeowners have the option of purchasing an existing home, letting one of Habersham's seven preferred builders custom

design their dream home or using their own builder, as long as they meet the community's architectural guidelines. Houses range from 750-square-foot, one-bedroom artist cottages to waterfront mansions of 5,000 square feet or more. Realizing that a true neighborhood is made up of a wide variety of homeowners, Habersham's prices start in the

\$150s and continue up to more than \$1 million. The average home costs around \$400,000, while home sites are priced in the \$80s.

For those seeking low-maintenance living, Habersham also has townhomes under construction starting at \$230,000, according to Director of Marketing and Broken-in-Charge Michael Asnip.

So far, 240 home sites in Habersham have been sold, 75 residences have been completed and 34 more are under construction or undergoing ARB review. When the community is completed, it will include approximately 850 residences, Asnip said.

Taking cues from a "Mayberry" style of small town life, Habersham's Town Center is designed to be a quaint village built to reflect coastal charm. Located at the entrance to the community, Town Center's architectural features will include a balanced mix of one- and two-story buildings, windows and doors shaded with colorful awnings and main street businesses with inviting covered entrances surrounded by seasonal plantings and welcoming benches.

"Five buildings are under construction, with the Habersham Post Office, Fire Department and Information Center already up and running," Asnip said.

When complete, Town Center's ground-level tenants will be



specialty boutique shops and cafes, along with service businesses such as dry cleaners and personal care salons. The upper floors will be utilized as offices for physicians, accountants and other professionals, along with unique apartments and lofts. This diverse mix will create a self-contained community, meeting the needs of all residents.

Among the most interesting features of Habersham are the

and 12 guest cottages. Habersham also has a boat launching ramp and a boat storage area. Fishermen will enjoy Habersham's proximity to the Atlantic, by way of the Broad River.

Habersham is the community of and for a lifetime. Designed for homeowners of all ages, from growing families to busy executives to downsizing retirees, it has successfully created a blueprint for small town living that fits well with



amenities located on three separate sea islands, all connected to the mainland by causeways and foot bridges. One island hosts the waterfront pool and playground area, while another includes the River Retreat Pavilion and deep-water dock, perfect for fishing, shrimping or crabbing. The third island is reserved for the proposed Habersham Bed and Breakfast Inn

its careful consideration for the needs of Mother Nature. Habersham is the epitome of gracious coastal Southern charm combined with modern conveniences and amenities.

For more information on all that Habersham has to offer, call Asnip toll-free at (877) 542-2377 or take a virtual tour at www.habershamsc.com.