

Views from **On Top of the World[®]** Communities

CONTACT: John Heagney
in Holiday, Fla.
(727) 942-2718

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Community Amenities

OCALA, FLA. – With recreation centers, golf courses, tennis courts, performance venues, an expansive education center and more than 200 clubs and organizations, On Top of the World Communities is one of the country’s most comprehensive active-adult communities. In fact, it was named by *Where to Retire* magazine as one of “America’s 100 Best Master-Planned Communities.” Here’s a closer look at why:

Health and Recreation Center

The 30,420-square-foot Health and Recreation Center has a state-of-the-art fitness center with a separate group fitness room providing a special multi-sport aerobics floor.

The Health and Recreation Department, headed by fitness director Cammy Dennis, offers a variety of resident fitness programs ranging from upbeat-cardio classes to balance-enhancing exercises to water-based activities at the center and elsewhere in the community. Free and fee-based group classes are available, as well as one-on-one personal training. In addition, there are men’s and women’s saunas, whirlpools, steam rooms, showers and locker rooms.

– MORE –

AMENITIES – KT – ADD 1

There are two racquetball courts on the lower level, and a ballroom on the main level available to residents for private functions free of charge.

Outdoors is an Olympic-sized swimming pool, horseshoe pits, shuffleboard courts, pickleball courts, a softball field and a mini-golf course.

The private Pub – with additional seating outdoors on the veranda – provides casual dining and a comfortable watering hole for residents and guests.

Arts & Crafts Building

Adjoining the Health and Recreation Center, the Arts & Crafts Building is the epicenter for crafters of all types. There is a well-equipped wood shop here, in addition to kilns for ceramics; sewing machines; and instructors for interests ranging from cross-stitching, embroidery and quilting to photography, scrapbooking, painting and more.

The crafts building also has a billiards room with six tables, and a poker room with five 54-inch gaming tables ... also found in the other card rooms.

The Arbor Club & Conference Center

The Arbor Club – featuring an outdoor swimming and walking pool plus an indoor pool heated to 83 degrees – is home to what is considered by many to be one of the area's finest aquatic programs. The indoor pool is used for lap swimming, aqua aerobics and water walking coached by certified instructors.

The facility comprises 9,978 square feet of space for club meetings and social gatherings. And on Friday evenings, it also hosts a happy hour with live entertainment that attracts upwards of 175 residents.

The Arbor Tennis Center boasts six tennis courts (four lighted and with 10-ply, plexi-cushion surfaces). Tennis professional Jorge Privat heads the tennis program and is available for private and group lessons. A tennis pro shop in the Arbor Club.

Golf

There are 54 holes of golf at On Top of the World's three par-72 golf courses. Candler Hills Golf Club is a 7,333-yard semi-private course that boasts Florida's

– MORE –

AMENITIES – KT – ADD 2

longest par-five hole at 669 yards. The community's other two courses – both private and each 6,200 yards – are The Tortoise & The Hare, and The Links. Play on the private courses is on a first-come-first-served basis with no initiation fees or club minimums. The clubs also have two driving ranges, practice putting greens and a short-game practice area. There are leagues, planned mixers, scrambles and tournaments throughout the year, and lessons are available by PGA and LPGA professionals.

Clubs and Organizations

On Top of the World hosts more than 200 special-interest and social clubs ... and even boasts a 100-member, nationally recognized RC Flyers Club – for remote-control model planes – which has a 14-acre flying field with a 150-by-600-foot grass runway.

There are clubs for people from specific areas of the country, clubs for Democrats and Republicans, dog lovers and diners, movie buffs and gardeners, stamp collectors and art groups. And more clubs are being formed all the time.

Even more recreation and activities

Walking-fitness trails wind through the community, and for pet lovers, there are fenced dog parks where leashes aren't required.

Card players can find virtually any game from bridge to poker to mahjong in the community, with lessons, practice and tournaments offered on a regular basis.

Every weekend, there's dancing on The Town Square at Circle Square Commons as well as in ballrooms at the Health and Recreation Center and the Arbor Club. Line dancing and ballroom dancing may be on the menu one night, while square dancing and ballet fill the bill the next.

The Garden Club maintains two fenced community garden areas where residents grow their own vegetables and flowers.

Circle Square Commons

As if all that wasn't enough, the opening of Circle Square Commons three years ago has added a new dimension to the lifestyle offered here. (*See related press kit stories.*)

Each year, Master the Possibilities Education Center offers roughly 600 classes (with 17,000 enrollments), lectures, presentations and film series taught by a professional, credentialed faculty. The Circle Square Cultural Center, Ocala's largest performance venue, attracts top-name shows, exhibits, movies and more. At The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa, residents find a state-of-the-art fitness center and relaxing, full-service spa treatments within their community.

On Top of the World offers residents a choice of lifestyle: small town intimacy with recreation and social activities; resort-style living with golf, tennis and indoor and outdoor swimming pools; days filled with educational and cultural pursuits.

For more details, contact On Top of the World Communities at (800) 421-4162 or visit *OnTopoftheWorldCommunities.com*.