

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

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OCALA, FLA. – Located in central Florida, On Top of the World Communities is a 12,972-acre master-planned community offering sustainable, high-performance homes and state-of-the-art amenities for the 21st century's active adults.

Named to the list of *America's 100 Best Master-Planned Communities* by *Where to Retire* magazine and *Best Neighborhood for 55+* by *Ocala* magazine, On Top of the World attributes its success to a constantly evolving selection of home designs, neighborhoods, and a lifestyle that includes extensive recreation and education programs.

Since the start of construction in the 1980s, about 4,500 homes have been sold in 10 neighborhoods, and construction continues unabated despite economic conditions.

New energy-efficient homes in neighborhoods offering a variety of lifestyles are enhanced by a full complement of amenities. Within the community are two recreation centers with two outdoor and one indoor swimming pools, state-of-the-art fitness programs with certified trainers, three 18-hole golf courses (two private and one semi-private), and six tennis courts. There is an arts-and-crafts building – with a professional-grade wood

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shop – more than 200 clubs and organizations, including a 100-member RC Flyers Club with its own 14-acre flying field for radio-controlled model planes. But that's just the start.

At the heart of the community is the new Circle Square Commons, designed to create a hometown atmosphere with a central Town Square and architecture reminiscent of small-town America. This venue adds a new dimension of activity for residents at On Top of the World as well as in the greater Ocala area.

Each year, Master the Possibilities Education Center offers about 600 classes, lectures, presentations and film series taught by a professional faculty. The Circle Square Cultural Center, Ocala's largest indoor venue for concerts, art exhibits, conventions and social functions, draws top-name entertainment to its 830-seat theater. The Ranch Fitness Center & Spa provides state-of-the-art cardiovascular and strength training workouts, spa and salon treatments, and an indoor heated therapy pool.

Meanwhile, The Town Square hosts a weekly Farmer's Market, while live entertainment is provided Friday and Saturday evenings.

Currently, homes in four new neighborhoods offer a variety of lifestyles. There are 62 maintenance-free attached villas in Renaissance Park, priced from the low-\$170s, and 261 maintenance-included detached, single-family homes offered in Windsor, where prices start in the high-\$190s including homesite. Indigo East, with 227 homesites, offers detached, single-family homes, while Candler Hills – with 638 homesites – offers estate and custom homes surrounding the 18-hole Candler Hills Golf Course. Prices there start in the \$190s including standard homesite.

Seven furnished model homes are slated for a November opening. Four of the featured designs are from the Premier Homes series, with prices starting in the high-\$190s. They are the 1,705-square-foot Verbena Grand; the Hydrangea with 1,853 square feet of living space; Heather Grand, 2,036 square feet of living space; and the 2,130-square-foot

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Dundee II. Three model homes are from the Estate Homes series: the Lockhearn II with 2,010 square feet of living space is joined by the 2,188-square-foot Huntley II, and the 2,300-square-foot Sterling II, priced from the high-\$220s.

On Top of the World offers 13 residential designs in three distinctive series – Premier, Estate and Custom homes – providing a wide selection of home designs, specifications and prices.

All On Top of the World homes are steel-reinforced concrete block construction, and every home is ENERGY STAR®-qualified. In fact, On Top of the World is Florida's first active-adult community to receive 100 percent certification on all new homes. The builder provides an independent, third-party inspection to verify each home's energy rating and provides that report to homeowners, showing them their annual energy-cost savings.

As an environmentally aware building company, On Top of the World maintains a commitment to sustainability by selecting eco-friendly building products and techniques, while employing water wise landscape practices that have earned it recognition as a Florida Friendly Landscape Community. The company now is pursuing LEED certification for its new homes. Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED is an internationally recognized green-building-certification system.

Premier series homes include such standard features as ceramic-tile flooring in the foyer, kitchen, bath and laundry room; wood cabinetry with hidden hinges in kitchens and baths; an appliance package including a self-cleaning natural-gas range, multi-cycle dishwasher, range hood and food waste disposal; low-E, double-pane insulated windows; and screened lanais.

Distinctive brick-paver driveways, walkways and entries accent Estate Homes series designs, which also include ceramic-tile flooring; tray and 9-foot-4-inch ceilings in certain homes; solid-surface or granite countertops; ceramic-tile shower in the master bath;

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designer series front entry door and exterior coach lights; and 15-SEER high efficiency central air-conditioning.

Features found in Custom Homes series designs include two on-demand tankless gas water heaters; 10-foot ceilings throughout; two-piece crown molding in select rooms; surface-mount gas cooktops with a wall oven; ceramic-tile shower in master baths, plus a marble tub with ceramic-tile surround in guest baths.

For more details, call (800) 421-4162 or (352) 854-2394. Community information is available by calling (352) 854-9488 or visiting *OnTopoftheWorld.com*.