

Town of Hampstead



Hampstead's town center has begun to take shape with two mixed-use buildings facing the green square with its focal fountain. General contractor was Brasfield & Gorrie.

By Philip Morris



A new showcase for town planning and architecture has emerged at Hampstead on Taylor Road in east Montgomery. A project of The Colonial Company, the new urbanist development master planned by DPZ of Miami has two buildings designed by the Gary Justiss/Turner Batson Architects joint venture fronting the handsome town square. Tenants include Number Sixteen Restaurant & Market, a YMCA Y's Up Gym and the newest restaurant, Farmhouse Kitchen, opening in June.

Developers Anna Lowder and Harvi Sahota commissioned conceptual house designs by a number of architects from Alabama and elsewhere. Two model homes, The Cumbria, a rowhouse by Dungan & Nequette, and Bloomsbury, a cottage by Geoffrey Mouen, are currently open. Approximately 30 percent of Hampstead will be open space, including a 20-acre boating lake. Hampstead Farms, a 3-acre plot two blocks from the town center, officially opens with the community's weekly Tuesday farmers market on June 2.

"Hampstead is not your average neighborhood," says Lowder. "Its concept is a return to what works: intelligent planning, walkability, a mixture of shops, work places, restaurants and a variety of housing sizes and prices. Best of all, it's beautiful and fun." (Visit the website: www.townofhampstead.com.)

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Architect Gary Justiss drew upon the work of English arts & crafts architect Charles Voysey for the town center buildings.



A variety of events, like this wine tasting, are held to prime the town center activity envisioned at Hampstead.



The storefront reception and sales office for the Town of Hampstead evokes the relaxed but sophisticated character of the place. Interior design is by Gary Justiss and Ashley Gilbreath.