

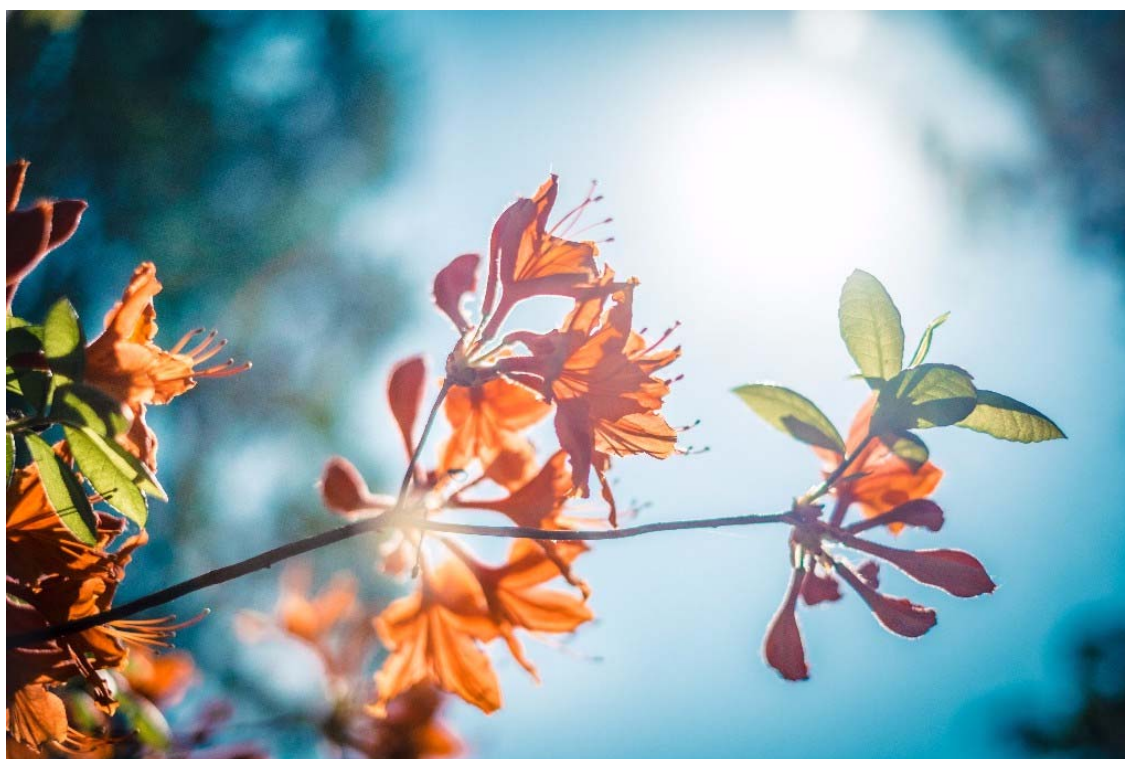
West Villages Florida welcomes the Diocese of Venice and a New President

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Welcome to West Villages

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Diocese of Venice Chooses More Land

The Diocese of Venice swapped vacant land and purchased additional property for a total of 46 acres along River Road just south of the intersection with Tamiami Trail in West Villages. The Diocese needed the additional land in order to build a new church campus.

“This location in West Villages is an ideal location for the Diocese to expand, to meet existing and future pastoral needs due to rapid growth in the area,” said Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida. “This is

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The Diocese sold 20 acres of land it had owned in West Villages toward the new property. This is seen as a benefit for both the Diocese and the residents of West Villages. The property the Diocese had owned here is better suited for commercial development.

Because home sales in West Villages are brisk and the Diocese is continually considering pastoral needs, the deal is well timed. It will be a benefit to the people buying homes in West Villages to have a community resource like the one that the Diocese is developing,

West Villages is the fourth fastest-selling community in the United States and the Diocese also is growing. "We are in the right place," Smeryk said. "The deal is about planning and growth."



Welcome Paul Erhardt

A veteran community developer, Paul J. Erhardt, is the new President of the West Villages development team. Erhardt will direct all aspects development at

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Erhardt has been in the homebuilding and development industry since 2001 and earned a B.B.A. and M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. Most recently, he was Senior Vice President of Homebuilding and Development for WCI Communities, and he led WCI operations in Southwest Florida.

“I am excited to be a part of this dynamic and capable West Villages Florida team,” Erhardt said. “I am honored to have the opportunity to plan and develop an entirely new town which reflects the trends in the way people live today and try to anticipate the future.”

But, he warns, "It won't happen overnight. I know it can be frustrating to hear things are coming and then wonder when. All of the elements of this community take time to properly plan, align stakeholders and execute. From the residential and commercial to the retail and recreational, each must work in concert to contribute to an amazing living experience."

He points to three primary goals in West Villages:

- I want us to be thoughtful and pay attention to detail as we plan this community with quality in mind which will pay off in years to come as a desirable place to live.
- We will create opportunities (physical places) that our residents will fill with activity and life.
- We need to create strategic partnerships to continue building on the excellent working relationships we already have established with area governments and builders – many challenges will come over time but with a partnership mentality we can keep focused on our big-picture goals.

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On The Horizon

If you've driven down West Villages Parkway or S. Tamiami Trail toward River Road, you've noticed a lot of activity, construction and new landscaping.

West Villages is preparing to welcome three new neighborhoods in the next six months. The first, [Renaissance at West Villages](#), should open in early August. This classic neighborhood by Mattamy Homes features both single family and paired villa homes. You enter Renaissance off S. Tamiami Trail across from State College of Florida.

[The Preserve at West Villages](#) is just off River Road on West Villages Parkway. When you drive over the bridge through the gate, you'll feel like you've entered your own piece of natural Florida. D.R. Horton is building villas as well as single family homes and a neighborhood amenity center. Watch for a grand opening before the end of the year.

[Oasis at West Villages](#) is adjacent to Renaissance. Here, M/I Homes is creating a neighborhood of larger homes on larger lots. With street names that reflect the Caribbean, you'll feel you've escaped to the islands. We anticipate a February grand opening.

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