

Ave Maria
A BIG KIND OF SMALL TOWN

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REAL *Stories*
FROM A Big
KIND OF Small TOWN

Ave Maria has been recognized and thriving for some time. Our second golf course opened in 2021. New restaurants, services, and small businesses have opened, and we've been honored as Collier County's Community of the Year for nine years in a row.

The story of our community, and its growth and vibrance, is the result of folks from all over moving here for the next chapter of their lives. So, it just seemed right that telling you what makes Ave Maria special, be told in the words of those who continue to make it special.

Real stories from A Big Kind of Small Town.





A Big Kind of Small Town

A short distance from Naples, it is big in the way it will expand your imagination—of what a great place to live can be.

For instance, Ave Maria is a Blue Zones™ Certified Community, a well-being initiative designed to make healthier choices easier for all residents. As part of the effort, Power 9® principles were adopted—all learned from the blue zones longevity hotspots of the world. They focus on moving naturally, having the right outlook, eating wisely, and connection.





THERE'S ALWAYS
SO MUCH

happening

**A center of gravity—
with shopping, dining, and
entertainment pulling you in.**

Living in a big kind of small town means not having to sacrifice in terms of choices or convenience. In Ave Maria, you're a golf cart ride away from a Town Center with a grocery store and things you need to keep the household running smoothly, as well as delightful restaurants, and a range of services and retail shopping experiences.

OUT *Ahead* OF THE DAY

Exercising Happiness

A stand-up comic and entrepreneur, Candyce travels a lot. "Coming home to Ave Maria," she says, "is always a breath of fresh air. As an ex-Marine, my physical routine is really important to me. I love all the paths and trails we have here. I do a six to ten mile walk every day, and always get to see the regulars. Occasionally, I'll observe something that's good for material. Like, why do couples hold hands and exercise? Are sweaty palms romantic?" Candyce also participates in Ave Maria's Boot Camp when she can. "We do different workouts outdoors at South Park," she says. "Everyone comes together and we get it in," she laughs, "we get it in!"

CANDYCE H. - AVE MARIA RESIDENT / 3 Years





IT'S
All
HERE

Amenities Fit for 4-Star Vacations.

Whether it's a family day at the water park, meeting your regular foursome on one of two championship golf courses, or a personal best on the morning run, it's game on at Ave Maria. The trails, fields, recreation facilities, and clubs offer great energy, exercise, and enhanced living for everyone here. Best of all, you never have to head out of town to play.

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There's so much fun stuff
to do. So many friends
to see. There's the water park.
A smoothie shop...

Busy Having Fun

Sara is the oldest sibling in her family—leader of the pack and guide to all Ave Maria has to offer kids growing up. “There’s so much fun stuff to do,” she says. “So many places to go and friends to hang out with.” That often means loading up her brothers and sisters—and an occasional neighbor kid or two—into the family golf cart for a day’s excursion. It might begin at the clubhouse pool or Ave Maria’s Water Park. Then a trip to the Town Center for a smoothie and a little shopping. And, even after a full day, an evening at home might include a backyard movie night for the family and neighbors. “It’s hard to get it all in,” Sara says. But she’ll be ready to get up and try tomorrow.

SARA S. – AVE MARIA RESIDENT / 5 Years



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THIS IS THE
PLACE

We Love

TO CALL
HOME

Building on a Vision and a Set of Values.

It started with a dream of building small town values into a family-first community. Because education was prioritized, the plans included a campus for Ave Maria University. Along with the college, the nationally recognized K-12 Rhodora J. Donahue Academy is onsite. And the Collier County public schools are easily accessible, and A-rated by the Florida Department of Education. The focus has always been on making Ave Maria one smart choice—for learning, fun, and peace of mind.

WE LOOKED UP
— BEST PLACE TO

Raise a Family

Seeing and Believing

Ariel and her family moved from Florida's East Coast. Her husband, Juan, looked at the top places to raise a family and found Ave Maria. "I have to be honest, I was skeptical," Ariel says. "All the way up until I saw the model homes, and I fell in love with it. When we got the chance to look around the neighborhood, everyone was so friendly. People were very welcoming. We drove down the street and we saw kids on their bikes, which we hadn't seen in forever. That was a huge point for us. Finding a place where we could live and feel comfortable, where our neighbors' kids can play together with our kids, and really just have that family-oriented feel. I have a colleague who came to visit. She was just looking around and asked, "Is this real life? Ave Maria is amazing."

ARIEL H. — AVE MARIA RESIDENT / 3 Years



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WE
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AWAY

Making the Dream Reachable.

Bringing the dream home are our four premier builders — Del Webb, CC Homes, Lennar, and Pulte Homes. With offerings from the high \$200s to the \$800s, they provide a fantastic range of choices and options for all sorts of lifestyles and budgets.



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We go from our home to
the grocery store
– back home
then to the golf course.

Golfing His Best Life

Jorge has a busy life in Ave Maria. He's the club champion at Panther Run, which is the golf course in his neighborhood. And when he isn't playing over there, he's teeing it up at The National, a golf cart commute from his home. "It's wonderful for an avid golfer to have two championship courses a half mile from each other," he says. Jorge is also a cancer survivor. "It made me think about life, think about what I was doing. Here, you take your golf cart to the course, then to the grocery store. It's paradise. Every day's a great day in Ave Maria."

JORGE P. - AVE MARIA RESIDENT / 4 Years



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IT'S
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Beautiful
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**What sets us apart
is also what we set aside.**

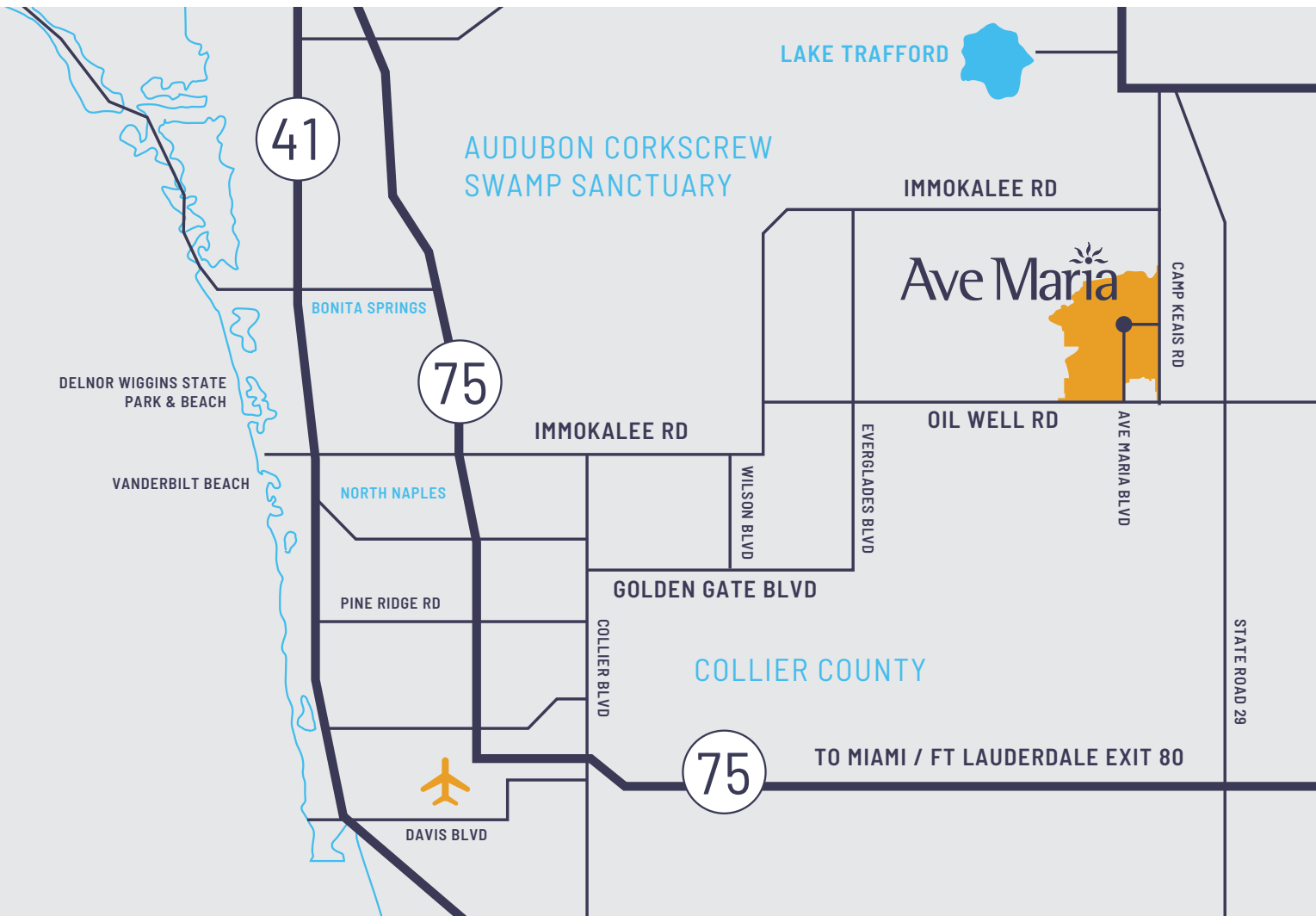
Along with dedicating energy and resources to creating a thriving place to live, the shared vision and values of Ave Maria extend to the conservation of the area's natural resources and wildlife. As pioneers of the Rural Land Stewardship Program, 17,000 acres in and around the community are preserved.



Ave Maria

IT'S ALL ABOUT
Connection

We like to say Ave Maria is convenient to everything you need, most of which is just a golf cart ride away. It is also removed enough to let you focus on what matters, without all the hectic, chaotic stuff creeping in. Doing what you love with the people you love is a major part of living here. You'll find the parks, trails, and open space all designed and dedicated to connecting you to nature. And the Town Center, clubhouses, golf courses, courts, and swimming pools created for playing and gathering with each other. A community with heart, full of other hearts in sync with yours.



Amenities



Amenities in Ave Maria – More Fun per Square Foot



South Park – Softball Field, 8 Bocce Ball Courts, Walking/Running Trail, Amphitheater, Picnic Pavilions, Dog Park, Restrooms, Concession Stand

North Park – Soccer Fields, Baseball Fields, Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts, Tot Lot Playground, Picnic Pavilions, Restrooms, Concession Stand

Water Park – Fitness and Resort-Style Pool, Cascading Spa, Water Volleyball Area, Water Aerobics Area, Four 25 Meter Lap Lanes, Interactive play Features, Open Tube Water Slide, Enclosed Tube Water Slide, Beach Volleyball Court, Picnic Pavilions, Restrooms, Concession Stand

Clubs

Oasis Club – Del Webb Exclusive

Grand Hall – Del Webb Exclusive

The Club at Maple Ridge – Maple Ridge Exclusive

Florida Golf Courses

Panther Run / The National

Town Center – Over 60 business offering shopping, products and services, including boutique shops, salons, a walk-in clinic, and a Publix supermarket

Fitness Center – 5,000 square feet of workout and classroom area, men's and women's showers, state-of-the-art treadmills, stationary bikes, and Star Trac exercise equipment

Midtown Plaza – Midtown Plaza is an exciting new commercial addition to Ave Maria. Centrally located at the corners of Ave Maria Blvd and Anthem Pkwy, this 21,000 sq. ft. center will be home to the NCH Immediate Care Center, Sunshine Ace Hardware, Dunkin', LEDO Pizza, Cold Stone Creamery, and Ave Nails. Construction has begun, and the anticipated completion is summer of 2024.



Education in Ave Maria – One Smart Choice

From pre-K through post-grad, education at Ave Maria is a real reason life is so good here. The Collier County schools are A-rated by the Florida Department of Education, and our private schools are on-site, and nationally recognized for excellence.

And, it's only going to get better.

Ave Maria University and the nationally recognized, private K-12 Rhodora J. Donahue Academy are onsite, with a new public elementary school planned for 2026.

So, when you think about it, Ave Maria is your kind of place. Because you think about it. Because thinking is encouraged here.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Collier County School District is ranked #6 in the state of Florida.

Estates Elementary School

www.collierschools.com/Domain/23

Corkscrew Middle School

www.collierschools.com/Domain/20

Palmetto Ridge High School

www.collierschools.com/prh

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

The Palm Preschool

www.palmpreschool.com

Rhodora J. Donahue Academy K-12

www.donahueacademy.org

Fellowship Academy

www.fellowshipacademy.co

HIGHER EDUCATION

Ave Maria University

an accredited liberal arts university offering 33 undergraduate majors and 31 minors

www.avemaria.edu



Ave Maria – Making good on the vision.

Barron Collier Companies joined together with Tom Monaghan, founder of Domino's Pizza, to build a town centered around the values of family, education and community.

“He was a visionary who saw Collier County as an agricultural and vacation paradise at a time when it was considered worthless swampland.”

-The Collier Story



Barron Collier Companies has been endowed with a heritage of innovative genius and groundbreaking initiatives. From Barron Gift Collier's

original vision of a residential paradise in what others saw as mosquito-infested swampland, to the development of Ave Maria—a visionary, mixed-use Naples success (named nine times a “Community of the Year”)—the company has created opportunities, given back to the community, and steadfastly stewarded natural habitat and environment.

Through the years, Ave Maria has evolved into a multi-generational mix of cultures and credos, but the values you'll see—reflected in life here—have been with us from the start. Barron Collier Companies joined together with Tom Monaghan, founder of Domino's Pizza, to build a town centered around the values of family, education and community. Along with dedicating energy and resources to creating a thriving community, their shared vision included a commitment to the conservation of the area's natural resources and wildlife. As pioneers of the Rural Land Stewardship Program, 17,000 acres in and around the Ave Maria community are preserved.

In Ave Maria, you're witness to a historic vision, and the shared values that brought it to life.

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