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Homes blend elegance, comfort

Builder offering 11 Malabar sites

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Springwater Homes' newest model certainly makes a good showing as a representative of the builder's work:

■ The home swept its category in the Brevard County Fall Parade of Homes last year, winning top honors for the kitchen, bathrooms and floor plan, as well as best overall.

■ It now serves as a marketing base for the builder's work at Stillwater Preserve in Malabar.

Springwater has 11 homesites in the community, at Corey and Malabar roads.

"Malabar and the Palm Bay area are growing so much, and people aren't aware of what's going on down here," said Cindy DiLavore, who is marketing Springwater to the community.

She is fielding interest from beachside residents who want more land and lower insurance costs.

"People want space. They're tired of being able to reach out, and literally touch their neighbor," said DiLavore, agent for DiLavore Properties.

Space is plentiful at Stillwater, where lots cover a minimum of 1½ acres. The model includes five bedrooms and 3½ bathrooms over 4,029 square feet under air.

That bedroom count doesn't include the master closet, which sales representatives jokingly call a sixth bedroom.

"It's bigger than some people's master suites," DiLavore said.

Springwater distinguishes itself with its extensive standard features, attention to detail and quality workmanship, she said.

"Our houses are very elegant but very comfortable," DiLavore said.

An expansive, landscaped front yard complements the model on Corey Road.

The front doors open to the living room and a view of the pool through glass doors.

Pillars and ceiling details accent different living spaces. Porcelain tile covers much of the living space, though the dining room floor is covered with hand-scraped oak.

A wine cellar is done in castle stone with a wrought-iron door.

Double arched doors lead to an office on one side of a short hall and the master suite on another.

The master bathroom runs the depth of the house, from the large closet at one end to the tile shower at the other.

A three-way fireplace faces the living room and kitchen, which includes black granite counters, black granite behind the range and a large island. There are two pantries, plus a desk area.

Additional bathrooms feature unusual tile work, with horizontal tiles in various sizes, as small as an inch high and as long as half a foot. The effect, with tiles in different shades, is striking.

High-tech features include an intercom system for the six-CD changer; a summer kitchen with wiring for a flat-screen television; and a hot tub controlled remotely from inside the house. ■



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Stunning. Springwater Homes' Tuscany model features a swimming pool with a fountain, which can be seen from the large kitchen, cafe

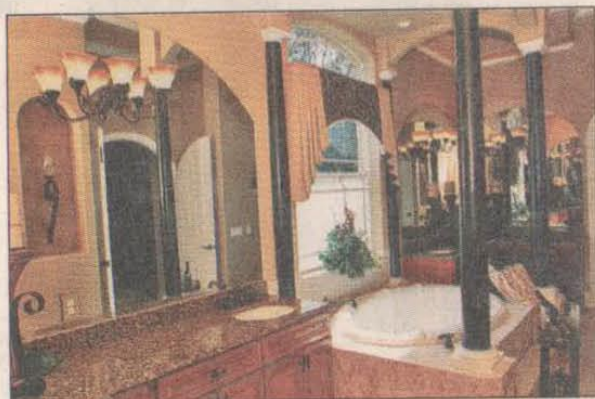
and family room combination. Lots at the Malabar development cover a minimum of 1½ acres.



Above: Springwater Homes' Tuscany model's kitchen features black granite countertops, black granite behind the range, a large island, two pantries and a desk area. **Below:** The exterior of the Tuscany model, which is 4,029 square feet under air.



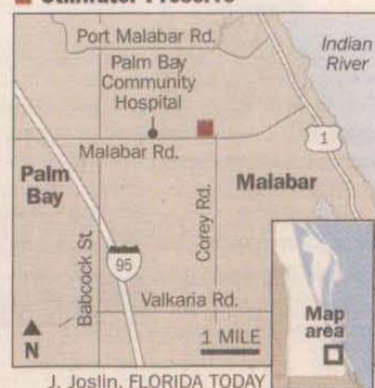
Luxurious look. The master bathroom of the Tuscany model runs the depth of the house. There's a large closet on one end, a tile shower at the other.



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■ Stillwater Preserve



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Fast facts

- **Builder:** Springwater Homes
- **Community:** Model at Stillwater Preserve in Malabar
- **Location:** Northwest corner of Corey and Malabar roads; model faces Corey
- **Homes:** Springwater owns 11 homesites
- **Model size:** 4,029 square feet; Springwater is building homes starting at 2,900 square feet.
- **Site size:** At least 1½ acres
- **Price range:** Model is priced at \$1.5 million, and is available for purchase, with a lease-back to the builder for use as a model for a period. Springwater price range in community starts less than \$700,000.
- **Association fees:** \$950 annually
- **Features:** Summer kitchen by pool, morning kitchen in master suite, butler's pantry, two Sub-Zero refrigerators, central vac, granite countertops, wine cellar
- **Amenities:** Gated community, city water and septic, sidewalks, underground utilities
- **For more information:** Call 432-2585

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