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DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEEK: The Township at Mulberry Park Braselton site meets shopping, recreation needs

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The way into The Township at Mulberry Park in Braselton is over a wooden bridge that spans Mulberry Creek. Graziela and Christian Weber remember the charm of that bridge beckoning them on the day they discovered the community. Once on the other side, he says, "We never looked back."

Weber explains that the Craftsman-style homes have special colors and styles.

"We fell in love with the yards backing up to thick woods," he says, "and the homeowners association provides a maintenance-free yard that is professionally landscaped and maintained, including mowing." Freedom from yardwork is "a nice perk at the end of a long day. It gives me back time to enjoy the house and my yard."

The Webers' three-bedroom, two-story house is just the right size, he says. "Our master bedroom is huge, and we have a great view of the bridge. I'm always reminded of that first day and why I love it here."

They won't need a new house soon. "Eventually, we'll start a family," he says, "and this home will grow with us. We checked out the schools before we decided to buy, and, once again, everything we investigated met our needs for now and the future."

The Township at Mulberry Park is adjacent to Mulberry Park, a mix of shops, doctors' offices, other offices and restaurants. Sidewalks connect the neighborhood to this area, which is just over the creek.

Add the community's two pools, cabana, clubhouse, lighted tennis courts and playground, and there are a few more reasons to hang around.

Nature trails are a great way to walk off the cares of the day for the Webers.

New homeowners have been eager to meet, prompting new traditions like Friday night dinners. "I really don't think of them as neighbors anymore," he said. "We're all friends, and that's the best part of living here."

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEEK: The Township at Mulberry Park, continued

TRACT FACTS

Address: 7040 Silk Tree Pointe, Braselton

Information: 770-965-1998

Price range: \$170,000-\$190,000

Number of homes: 300

Styles: ranch and two-story Craftsman

Square footage: 1,800-2,293

Lot sizes: 1/7 to 1/4 acre

Standard features: smooth ceilings; cultured marble vanities in baths; prewired for Internet, media, security system; four side sod; oversize front porch.

Amenities: live/work/play community with wooden bridge entryway, two pools, clubhouse, cabana, playground, walking trails

Developer/builder: **Sivica**

Schools: West Jackson Elementary, West Jackson Middle, West Jackson High

More on schools: www.ajc.com/schoolguide

Getting there

From downtown Atlanta, take I-85 north to Exit 126 (Chateau Elan). Go left. Go one mile then go right into Mulberry Park Shopping center. Go around the big oak tree. Go right on Grand Hickory Drive and right on Silk Tree Pointe. The development is over the bridge. Map on Page 2.

Photo:

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Christian Weber and his wife Graziela wanted a house that would grow with their family. "We checked out the schools before we decided to buy," he says, "and, once again, everything we investigated met our needs for now and the future."

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