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Rice Hope, Chatham County's First Neotraditional Community, Celebrates Grand Opening of New Amenities Center with Special Tailgating Party

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JPG 1: Michael Bone, associate broker with Melaver-Mouchet; Dave Odom, president of , Sivica Communities; and Ben Kennedy, project manager with Lamar Smith Signature Development (l-r) welcomed guests to the Amenities Center Grand Opening at Rice Hope.



JPG 2: Children enjoyed wading in the pool at the brand new Rice Hope Amenities Center at a special tailgate-themed party, which attracted hundreds of attendees on November 11.



JPG 3: The Sol C. Johnson High School marching band entertained guests attending the Grand Opening event at Rice Hope.



JPG 4: Rice Hope, an exciting neotraditional community in Port Wentworth, features a spectacular amenities center, which anchors a family-friendly two-acre pool with water slides and splash gardens.

SAVANNAH, Ga. – Rice Hope, the region's first master-planned neotraditional community, celebrated the official grand opening of a spectacular new amenities center with a special tailgate-themed party on November 11, 2006. The event, which attracted several hundred attendees, was held at the Rice Hope Clubhouse and Discovery Center in Port Wentworth.

"We're thrilled with the turnout and with the interest in Rice Hope," said Irene Hall, vice president of marketing for Sivica, the developer of the community. "People were definitely impressed with the quality, the price and lifestyle at Rice Hope. This truly is a one-of-a-kind community in the Savannah area."

KIX 96 DJs Dixon and Dooley entertained guests with a live radio remote while Creative Catering offered a variety of tailgate fare. Johnson High School's marching band and the Mercer Middle School Cheerleaders also performed live at the grand opening party.

The brand new amenities center features a community water park with a family-friendly two-acre pool and extensive water slides, splash gardens and a lazy river for hot Savannah summers. The neighborhood includes more than 300 acres of protected woods and wetlands, tree-lined sidewalks and walking trails, community parks, a fitness trail surrounding the 27-acre Indigo Lake, a network of scenic lagoons, an amphitheatre and much more.

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Old Town Trolley offered free tours throughout the day of the “New Urban” neighborhood, which places priority on pedestrian sidewalks, streetside parking and a mix of housing types. The public also toured charming model homes in the Lakeside neighborhood, homes under construction in the Parkside neighborhood and the 21-acre amenities park.

Three builders – Sivica Homes, Advent Homes and SC Bodner -- have teamed up to develop the world-class lifestyle options at Rice Hope, with homes ranging from the \$150s to the \$500s. In the next 10 to 15 years, the community will feature 4,500 homes and townhomes on 1,300 acres.

Rice Hope also has the distinction of being the most wired community in Chatham County. Every home at Rice Hope comes pre-wired with fiber optic cable, while WiFi service is available in all of the community's common areas. Homeowners have the opportunity to enjoy a convenient high-tech package, which bundles telephone, cable, high-speed Internet, high definition television and community intranet into their monthly homeowners association bill.

Complementing the community's residential areas will be a commercial village along Georgia Hwy. 21 as well as a 66-acre Town Center, which will make Rice Hope a vibrant, self-contained neighborhood. Proposed plans for a Town Center, which can accommodate up to 500,000 square feet of commercial space, include a major grocery store chain as well as smaller retail locations that cater to the needs of the residents.

“We’re delighted to share Rice Hope with the public,” said Hall. “It truly is a very special place to call home.”

ABOUT RICE HOPE

Rice Hope, a new master-planned community in Port Wentworth, Ga., blends an old-fashioned neighborhood atmosphere with state-of-the-art recreational amenities. Rice Hope features 4,500 home sites strategically situated on 1,340 acres located less than 10 minutes from downtown Savannah. A 21-acre amenities park showcases a family-friendly two-acre pool and extensive water slides and waterfalls. The development also features more than 300 acres of protected woods and wetlands, a 27-acre lake and a network of scenic lagoons. For more information about Rice Hope, please visit www.rice-hope.com online.

ABOUT SIVICA COMMUNITIES

An award-winning mixed use development company, Sivica Communities excels at meeting consumer needs for lifestyle-driven homes, amenities and commercial services. Sivica's self-contained hometown neighborhoods provide residents with quality places to live, work and play. Popular Sivica communities include Heritage at New Riverside in Bluffton, S.C.; Rice Hope in Savannah, Ga. and The Highlands in Macon, Ga. As the Southeast's premier developer of master-planned communities, Sivica is dedicated to creating unforgettable places people love to call home. For more information about Sivica Communities, please visit www.sivicacommunities.com online.

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