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Community values education

Summerlin offers 26 public, private and charter schools

It has been said that schools are the heart of a community, and this is especially true for the master-planned community of Summerlin, according to Danielle Bisterfeldt, senior vice president of marketing and consumer experience.

With 26 schools including public, private and charter facilities, Summerlin offers more educational choices than any other Southern Nevada community, maintaining a focus on education that has been integral to the development of the community since its inception.

"The community's history began with The Meadows, a premier college preparatory school built on land donated by The Howard Hughes Corp. and the very first structure to be built in Summerlin — a few years before the first residents moved in," Bisterfeldt said. "Today, nearly 35 years later, The Meadows is still considered one of the valley's top-ranked private schools."

According to Bisterfeldt, the decision to donate land to The Meadows was intentional to help put the new community on the map, making it a destination for the hundreds of families whose children attended school there — well before Summerlin began to take shape. For the first public school in the community, the William R. Lummis Elementary School, named for a cousin of Howard Hughes and the executor of his estate, The Howard Hughes Corp.



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Summerlin

With 26 schools, Summerlin offers more educational choice than any other Southern Nevada community. West Career & Technical Academy, pictured here, was recently named by U.S. News & World Report on its annual list of best high schools in the country as the second-highest rated high school in the valley, coming in at No. 402 among 18,000 schools nationwide.

donated \$250,000 to the Clark County School District to help underwrite the creation of a new school prototype that was used as a model for other schools throughout the district for many years.

"Planning for schools — both public and private — was foundational to the development of the

master plan," Bisterfeldt said. "From the community's inception, land was specifically designated and sited for both public and private schools. We continue to work closely with the CCSD, as well as private school operators, to ensure that Summerlin continues to offer more educational choice than any other community in

Southern Nevada."

Today, Summerlin's 26 schools include 10 acclaimed private schools, including Bishop Gorman High School, a Catholic college preparatory school; Faith Lutheran Senior and Junior High schools, as well

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Touchstone Living breaks ground on townhomes

Prices start in the \$200,000s

Touchstone Living has announced its newest community, Independence, providing first-time homebuyers an affordable and attainable path to homeownership.

Located on the former Royal Links Golf Course, the 162-acre site will include 1,600 new townhomes offering two to four bedrooms and

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starting in the \$200,000s — far below the current median price of a home and among the most affordable in Southern Nevada. Independence was chosen as the name of the community to signify a buyer's freedom from renting.

"Our focus at Touchstone Living is helping current renters understand that homeownership is possible. Building more rental properties is not the answer to the current housing affordability crisis," said Tom McCormick, owner of Touchstone Living. "Ownership is the best option to escape escalating rental prices and provide homebuyers the ability to become invested in their



Tonya Harvey Touchstone Living

Located on the former Royal Links Golf Course, Independence by Touchstone Living will eventually be home to 1,600 townhomes and is focused on providing attainable homes to first-time homebuyers.

community and to build wealth."

The Independence community will offer homebuyers an extensive list of resort-style amenities, including multiple playgrounds and swimming pools, picnic pavilions, pickleball and basketball courts, cornhole, dog parks and miles of

walking trails meandering through 22 acres of open space.

Every Touchstone Living home comes with a long list of upgraded features, including Energy Star-certified appliances: washer and dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, cooking range and microwave. Window

blinds and a Ring doorbell are also standard in every home.

Initial construction is expected by late summer, once the community receives all final approvals.

Independence is on Valley View Drive near Hollywood Boulevard, providing homebuyers with quick access to Hollywood Regional Park, including the 29,000-square-foot skate park and indoor gymnasium, Hollywood Aquatic Center and nearby police and fire services.

Independence also offers quick access to the 515 freeway and miles of biking trails along the Las Vegas Wash and within the Clark County Wetlands Park. Golf courses, shopping, dining and additional services are located nearby.

Additional information about Independence can be found at touchstoneliving.com/independence.

Touchstone Living is locally owned and operated in Southern Nevada. Founded in 2013, Touchstone Living is uniquely focused on helping first-time homebuyers understand the benefits of homeownership and are partners every step of the way in the homebuying process.

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