

Heartland Homes Joins Stumpf Homes in Willow Bend for Larger Variety

STORY AND PHOTOS
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There's something for everyone in Willow Bend, one of Swansea's newest upscale communities.

Located off Munie Road, the two-street, no-outlet development offers privacy, seclusion, and safety. Only 20 estate-style homes will be constructed here with homesites ranging from 13,000 square feet up to a half-acre, including lookout, traditional, and cul-de-sac sites.

The sky is now the limit in Willow Bend thanks to a recent partnership between Stumpf Homes, a St. Louis-based builder, and Heartland Homes of Belleville. Heartland Homes, which specializes in constructing authentic ranch homes, and Stumpf Homes, which is renown for its two-stories, is a match made in heaven.

Heartland Homes President Timmerman maintains an endless number of floorplans buyers can browse through, and he invites custom ones as well, realizing a home's personality should be designed to fit that of its owners.

His creativity and attention to detail is noticeable in his recently completed "Carlton" ranch plan in the back of Willow Bend, located at 4108 Woodlawn Park. This beauty, listed at \$355,000, offers 2,350 square feet of finished living space in addition to an unfinished, lookout basement with 9-foot ceilings and rough-in plumbing and three-car garage.

The home's exterior boasts a brick front with stone accent features at front elevation and stone portico at the front door, and immaculate landscaping.

The interior often takes guests back with its large, open flow; three bedrooms; two-and-a-half baths, a plethora of hardwood flooring; designer ceilings; split-bedroom concept; stunning back wall of windows and gas fireplace in the great room; and a gourmet kitchen like no other.

The kitchen was solely designed for entertaining and family time with its glazed cabinetry, granite countertops, island, stainless steel appliances, breakfast nook, access to a covered lanai, and a hearth room with gas fireplace. The master suite features a tray ceiling, and

This Stumpf Homes decorated display showcases the premiere design of the community.

luxury bath with an enormous, adjoining walk-in closet.

Stumpf Homes President Gene Stumpf III says the convenient location of the neighborhood near Frank Scott Parkway, Fairview Heights, Belleville, and Scott Air Force Base is a huge selling point.

"It's near everything, and yet secluded," he said. "Where we sit most people haven't even noticed that development and construction have begun and we've been here over a year – it's a best-kept secret."

Stumpf Homes' prices for its seven plans begin in the low \$290,000s, and it has a very impressive decorated display home on-site. Every home Stumpf builds includes the following standard features, and more: colonist doors, large baseboards, garage door openers, pedestal sink and oval mirror in powder room, fireplace, designer drywall ceiling or painted crown molding in dining room, Moen faucets, towel bars, 5-foot shelf in laundry room, and design consultations with the sales



Stumpf Homes offers seven floorplans with prices beginning in the \$290,000s.

manager, and flooring and lighting professionals. Master luxury suites feature oval tub with cultured marble decking, marble shower, and backsaver vanities with raised panel doors.



This "Carlton" ranch, built by Heartland Homes, is available for its first family.



The openness of this Heartland Homes' plan excites even the choosiest homebuyer.

Willow Bend, Swansea

- Builders:** Stumpf Homes, Heartland Homes
Prices: From \$270,000s
Homes: Up to 4,100 square feet
Property: From 13,000 square feet
Information: Stumpf Homes, (618) 233-9700; Heartland Homes, Susie Blanchet, RE/MAX Preferred realtor, (618) 779-8989
Decorated display hours: Stumpf Homes and Heartland Homes, both 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily
Directions: Illinois 159 to east on Frank Scott Parkway, right on Old Collinsville, right on Munie