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Olympia is a family-oriented Minto community offering an active lifestyle. The Wellington community features a dramatic entry and an elegant clubhouse with numerous recreational amenities.

## Architects make sure Minto communities feature best of what Florida has to offer

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Each day, people move to Florida to experience its comfortable lifestyle. While people's reasons for doing so vary, one thing that most have in common is the desire to live in a location that takes advantage of our warm climate; beaches; shopping and dining options; and abundant recreation, cultural, health and educational facilities.

"Today's Florida residents want it all," said Dirk Neumann, director of product development and design for Minto Communities Inc. "They want high-quality, efficient home design that holds value and stands the test of time. Just as important, they want a sense of neighborhood from a community in a prime location that they do not have to leave for fun, relaxation or recreation."

With this in mind, savvy developers and architects are paying close attention to community details.

"Today's buyers want more than just a house," Neumann said. "They want a new home designed for the way people live today — one that is part of a great neighborhood offering a fabulous lifestyle inside and outside their front door."

Said Mitch Kunik, founding partner of Affiniti Architects, a Boca Raton-based firm that has designed various Minto communities: "Minto communities are designed for various types of living experiences and architectural character."

Olympia and PortoSol in Palm Beach County are two family-oriented Minto communities that offer an active lifestyle. The locations are ideal, because nearby are schools, shopping, restaurants, health-care facilities, golfing, and access to major highways and airports.

Both clubhouses offer great rooms and kid-friendly amenities, including outdoor basketball and tennis courts, pools with waterworks for kids, and a screened porch for a picnic or barbecue.

"PortoSol in Royal Palm Beach is for the person who searches for that hometown, close-knit, neighborhood feel," noted Kunik. "It has 100 acres of land with lakes, greenery and a central park. New homes are priced from the \$200,000s."

At Olympia in Wellington,



Minto communities are designed for various types of living. Buyers looking for a beachside lifestyle combined with small-town charm will find Villas by the Sea, in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, an ideal choice.



The lifestyle created and amenities offered in Minto communities allow residents to live like they're on vacation. For example, Artesia is in a prime location in Sunrise and provides a variety of amenities.

the grand entry of bridges and dual gatehouses opens up to a 10-acre recreational oasis. Olympia's clubhouse offers a fitness center with an indoor basketball court, outdoor tennis and basketball courts, a sun deck, covered loggia, and a pool with spa and waterworks.

"Olympia's public areas were designed to maximize the visual by tying together various areas for dramatic effect," Neumann said. "A buyer can live a great lifestyle in a new home priced from the \$300,000s."

Artesia, in Sunrise, is a modern community with an "old estate" feel that is reinforced by its clubhouse. Artesia provides concierge services; a spa and fitness center with an indoor basketball court and aerobics room; tennis courts; poolside cabanas; a lap pool; tiki bar; library; boardroom; great rooms for parties and movies; billiard and card tables; a demonstration kitchen for cooking classes, held on-site; and a small café serving light snacks and refreshments.

"Artesia's clubhouse has so much detail and architectural interest that it creates privacy from the community entry for the three pools and fountains in the rear," Kunik said.

At Artesia, prices start in the \$200,000s.

Those looking for a beachside lifestyle should visit Villas by the Sea. On the ocean in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, this low-rise community has a small-town feel while being convenient to the great amenities South Florida has to offer.

The Villas by the Sea clubhouse offers an exercise room, a room for community activities and events, and a pool and spa with cabanas overlooking the beach and ocean. Prices at Villas by the Sea start in the \$400,000s.

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