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## First 'green home' debuts in Tarpon Point Marina Home is 35 percent more energy efficient

**SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

BCB Homes has opened its new La Torre model, the first Certified Green Home in Tarpon Point Marina, announced Nick Cross, director of sales and marketing for the developer, Grosse Pointe Development.

Featured in Tarpon Estates, La Torre offers three bedrooms and three-and-one-half baths in 4,224 square feet of living area. La Torre is BCB Homes' first model to be built in Cape Coral, and offers views of Tarpon Point's lush landscaping and gulf-access waterways. The two-story home emphasizes outdoor living with three patios and a sun deck.

As the first Certified Green Home in Tarpon Point, La Torre received a Home Energy Rating System score of 86 meaning it is 35 percent more energy efficient than a home built to standard Florida building code. Additional green features include a central dehumidification system to improve indoor air quality by preventing the growth and survival



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The new La Torre model is the first Certified Green Home in Grosse Pointe Development's Tarpon Point Marina project. It's also homebuilder BCB Homes' first model in Cape Coral.

of mold; a water recirculation system which enhances water circulation by immediately delivering hot water; and a spray-foam insulation to prevent the

leakage of cooled air outside. Water efficiency is aided by the inclusion of Energy Star® appliances and native drought-tolerant landscaping.

Community amenities at Tarpon Point Marina will include MarinaVillage, featuring a waterfront retail center; a 184-room resort-style condo/hotel; two waterfront restaurants each with indoor and outdoor seating; a day spa and fitness center; resort-style pool; and a deep-water marina with 175 slips for boats up to 75 feet long. Other features in MarinaVillage open to the public include fishing charters, tours and boat rentals.

Situated at the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River, Tarpon Point Marina is located at 5902 Silver King Boulevard. At build out, Tarpon Point Marina will have 976 single-family homes, condominium homes, park homes and lake-view homes.

The Sales Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. To learn more about Tarpon Point Marina, call 549-8500, or log on to [www.tarponpoint.com](http://www.tarponpoint.com). ■

## Shell Point opens newly remodeled courtyards



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A pair of sculptured cranes in a stone fountain is the centerpiece of the newly renovated courtyards at Shell Point.

Shell Point Retirement Community held the official grand opening last week, for the recently renovated courtyard garden of the Mid-Rise Courts. President Peter Dys, and Vice President of Operations, Timothy Ficker, officiated the ribbon cutting ceremony in front of more than 250 Shell Point Residents of the Mid-Rise buildings and their guests. The Mid-Rises are comprised of three 4-story buildings on the north end of the Island at Shell Point overlooking the Caloosahatchee River.

"This courtyard has added such a wonderful element to the Mid-Rise Buildings, so that the residents can sit and enjoy nature either

on their own, or visit the courtyard with their friends and families," said Ficker. The new courtyard garden is anchored on both ends by cascading waterfalls. A serene fountain is the focal point of the garden which features meandering pathways, shady areas for seating and a beautiful sculpture in the center, all surrounded by some of the most beautiful landscaping.

Shell Point Retirement Community is a continuing care retirement community located in Fort Myers off Summerlin Road, just two miles before the Sanibel causeway. Shell Point is a nationally recognized leader in the retirement industry. ■

## Richardson Homes earns Parade of Homes accolades



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The Brisa Del Sur model from Richardson Homes, Inc. won a number of awards in the 2007 Parade of Homes competition.

Richardson Homes, Inc. Brisa Del Sur model won a number of awards at the 2007 Parade of Homes including: the Superior Home Award, best exterior design, best landscape design, best kitchen, best bath, best livability, best interior design, best outdoor living, best pool, and the Merit Award - Interior Design for Karen L. Benson & Associates

The two story, 7,845 square foot, Bud Lawrence designed Mediterranean villa is a spacious retreat with five bedrooms

and six baths. Its picturesque views defines classical elegance. A large master suite and home theatre media room provides a perfect haven. The stone floors and exquisite, ornate detail brings this style together with a classic touch. Outdoors, this magnificent home's warmth overflows to the negative edge pool and outdoor fireplace overlooking a deep draft dock just minutes from the river. ■