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Leaf River Group to build Class-A upscale apartments in sought-after Fairhope
New development will feature natural green space and walking trail

(Fairhope, Ala.) – Leaf River Group, based in Jackson, Miss., will develop a Class-A apartment community named The Retreat at Fairhope Village behind the Publix Shopping Center located on Highway 98. The 240-unit property will be located on Fly Creek Avenue and will feature upscale amenities, ample natural green space, and walking trails.

“We’re excited to bring a first-class housing option that supports Fairhope’s vision of the walkable village concept,” said Stewart Speed, president of Leaf River Group and developer of The Retreat at Fairhope Village. “Our goal is to meet the housing needs of those who’ve decided to move to the area while keeping with the craftsman-style architecture that is seen throughout the city.”

Leaf River Group has worked with the city to make adjustments to the development plan to allow for more green space and a wider buffer to Fly Creek (located adjacent to the development). In addition, the developer has improved environmental friendliness, offered better compliance with Fairhope’s comprehensive growth plan and is addressing the proven need for upscale apartments in the city. As a result, the Fairhope City Council recently voted in support of moving forward with the development of The Retreat at Fairhope Village.

According to City of Fairhope Mayor Tim Kant, “In 2000, the Fairhope Comprehensive Plan, with broad community support, called for a village-type development, and this is finally coming to fruition. In preparation and as the development is being constructed, some of the most stringent and comprehensive environmental protection techniques are being required for the site and Fly Creek. This includes phased construction installation of storm water best management practices and an environmental impact study to protect Fly Creek.”

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The Retreat at Fairhope Village will feature a clubhouse with gourmet kitchen, coffee bar, fitness facility with yoga room, resort-style saltwater pool, outdoor fireplace and grilling area, community walking trails, reading library, dog washing station, and bike racks. The residences will feature 9-10' ceilings, garden tubs, walk-in closets, stainless steel appliances, tile backsplashes, and patios/balconies.

“The Retreat at Fairhope Village embodies craftsman-style architecture and character by incorporating board and batten elements and bay windows as seen in many Fairhope landmarks,” stated Ryan King, senior project designer for Niles Bolton Associates and project architect for The Retreat at Fairhope Village.

Minutes away from scenic Mobile Bay and beautiful downtown Fairhope, The Retreat at Fairhope Village will offer one, two, and three bedroom apartments. The first phase of the development is expected to be complete by the end of 2017. Phase two of the development will include residences for purchase including condos and townhomes.

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