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BartonPartners' Takes Home Five Pyramid Awards for New Home Designs

Norristown, PA – April 30, 2008 – In recognition of the best new architectural designs in the Delaware Valley region, the Home Builders Association of Chester and Delaware Counties recently presented its annual Pyramid Awards at a banquet and ceremony in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, with BartonPartners Architects/Planners of Norristown, PA garnering five Pyramid Awards for three communities it designed in the Greater Delaware Valley.

These Pyramid Awards recognize structures and developments that illustrate design quality, succeed in the marketplace, and exemplify the nature of homes and communities in the area. Entries were judged on criteria such as exterior design and interior floor plan, use of space, materials, and curb appeal.

Two home and community projects designed by BartonPartners each earned two awards, with a third recognized once:

- Green Street Mews, a townhome community in Downingtown developed by Progressive Housing Ventures, was named “Smart Growth Community of the Year”, and BartonPartners’ floor plan F at Green Street was recognized as “Home of the Year: Best Multifamily Townhome Under 2,000 sq.ft.”
- Foxfield, an age-preferred community located in Bethel Township, PA developed by the McKee Group, was named “Community of the Year: Best Multifamily Condo Under \$325,000” for the overall project and “Home of the Year: Best Multifamily Condo/ Flat Under 1,500 sq.ft.” for its Chandler Model.
- Brinton Village, an enclave of 29 clustered homes in Thornbury, PA developed by the Benson Companies, was named “Community of the Year: Best Multifamily Townhome over \$500,000”.

About the Communities



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Green Street Mews is a prototypical smart growth development. Sidewalks along the community frontages provide a continuous link to the extensive sidewalk system throughout the Borough of Downingtown, including Main Street shopping and restaurants, schools, playgrounds, parks and trails, the SEPTA and Amtrak rail stations just one mile away, the elementary school playground, and local retail and restaurants on nearby Lancaster Avenue. Despite the small 1.65 acre site, Green Street Mews attractively and efficiently integrates three buildings of back-to-back townhomes into the existing residential community. Rear-loaded garages contribute to the pedestrian-friendly design of the community. Proximity to major commuting arteries saves on gas and reduces pollution. Highly energy efficient construction saves energy and substantially lowers homeowners’ utility bills.



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Located on 174 acres in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, **Foxfield** offers residents the convenience of local shopping, dining, and entertainment, in a neighborhood designed to attract active adults in search of a new alternative for 50+ living. The community offers buyers a choice of housing products, including ranch homes, carriage homes, and condominiums. The units range in size from about 1,000 to 1,850 square feet. Most residences were designed with optional sunrooms, screened porches, decks, lofts, and basements, allowing buyers the opportunity to customize their homes. The 9,200 s.f. community clubhouse, one of the development's greatest assets, paired with a planned 9-hole chip-and-putt golf course are just two reasons why the Foxfield community has experienced a great amount of sales success.



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At **Brinton Village**, twenty-nine townhomes, twins, and single family homes incorporate Craftsman and Cottage architectural design elements to reflect the area's rural farmhouse style. Exteriors are natural stone and stucco with metal roof accents, barn style garage doors, and porches, while inside, a variety of variations within the floor plans allows the builder to offer a degree of customization to reflect varying lifestyles of their buyers. Homes at Brinton Village feature deep eaves and interior volumes spaces which allow for low sloping roofs. This architectural feature reduces the visual impact of the height of the homes, providing better integration of the homes into the surrounding landscape.

About the Firm

BartonPartners is a fully integrated architectural and planning firm, recognized nationally for its innovations in design, with a staff of nearly sixty architects, planners, designers, and landscape designers. Founded in 1990 and committed to facilitating conscientious development, the practice originated in residential development in the Middle Atlantic region, and has evolved to include mixed-use and transit-oriented design, commercial and retail architecture, single- and multi-family projects, 50+ lifestyle communities, adaptive reuse and rehabilitation of existing structures, and urban infill development throughout the United States.

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