



SITE STORY

A new tradition at Traditions

This spring, community spirit is blooming at Traditions in Milton, where Heathwood Homes has begun a program of workshops, seminars, club meetings and special events in the sales centre. To help this community grow and mature, this builder is helping residents of all ages meet their neighbours while joining in on all the fun. The program is an example of the community spirit building that Heathwood began decades ago at its first few neighbourhoods.

"It's been fun seeing how enthusiastic the Traditions residents are about all these great activities," says Heathwood president Hugh Heron. "Our sales centre has become a community centre that brings homeowners and their families together. We even have a Residents' Corner, where they can come in, have a coffee, check the bulletin board and chat with whoever is there. We're proud of the beautiful architecture and amenities here, but it really is people who make a community feel like home."

Attendance has been particularly high for the children's events, which include cooking, crafts, storytelling, and movie nights for families. This spring, Heathwood held an Earth Day event at Traditions and invited families to bring along their kids and make birdhouses. The turnout was tremendous, and Heron says, "Looks like some feathery friends will now have a new home at Traditions, as well." Youngsters will also be treated to an interactive performance by a local children's theatre group and a workshop on how children can plant their own garden.

Adults who are interested in fitness and relaxation are enjoying yoga nights, and like-minded neighbours are having fun getting together for book clubs, photography lessons and knitting classes for the experienced as well as for beginners. Among the many activities residents have to look forward to are instructional seminars on baseball, soccer and basketball, just to name a few.

Of course, one of the most exciting things about owning a home in this gorgeous area is adding landscaping and gardening to enhance its character. In May, Heathwood hosted a gardening seminar in the sales centre featuring well-known horticulturist, landscape designer

and television personality Charlie Dobbin, the co-host of HGTV's "One Garden Two Looks."

Many instructors for the events are local businesses that have joined Heathwood's Resident Card Program, which enables homeowners to take advantage of special offers and discounts. Play It Again Sports, Always Sitting Pretty (a resident dog groomer), CPR and babysitting classes from the local Red Cross, Main Street Yarns knitting supply store and many other local businesses have joined in to allow homeowners to experience firsthand the services available to them in friendly Milton.

Master-planned Traditions is situated at the west end of Old Main Street, adjacent to the beautiful Niagara Escarpment. Within the community, residents enjoy a woodlot, park and village square, connected by walking trails and bicycle paths. The homes here uphold the tradition of old Ontario, with heritage-inspired exteriors, and the community itself hearkens to early Ontario, when families were less reliant on vehicles and walked to town to run errands. Coach lamp street lighting puts the finishing touch on this captivating area, which homeowners find a nice place to put down roots and raise their families.

Homes at Traditions include an impressive level of standard features that are often considered upgrades with other builders. Designs incorporate open-concept spaces that accommodate the needs of today's busy families, and there is a basement you can finish in the future. All the homes are Energy Star-qualified, a feature that conserves energy, saves homeowners money and helps the environment. Several homes are available with quick move-ins.

Townhomes start from \$307,900; semi-detached from \$353,900; detached on 36', 43' and 49' lots from \$414,900. There are also four model homes to tour.

For more than 30 years, Heathwood Homes has been building well-designed new-home communities. Heathwood enjoys a substantial amount of repeat and referral business, which is a testament to the company's customer commitment, quality design and craftsmanship.

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FAST FACTS

Location: Milton

Builder: Heathwood Homes

Prices: Townhomes from \$307,900; semi-detached from \$353,900; detached on 36', 43' and 49' lots from \$414,900

Features: All homes are Energy Star-qualified; four model homes to tour

To see for yourself: Visit the sales centre at 3136 Main St. W., 1/2km west of Bronte St. Open Mon.-Thurs. 1-8 p.m.; Fri. noon-6 p.m.; weekends and holidays 11 a.m.-6 p.m. For more info, call 905-876-3140 or visit www.heathwood.com.