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BABY BOOMER HOUSING



“Sam Houston” (actor Les Best) seals the deal with a kiss on the cheek for Lisa Prewitt, San Marcos city council member, after giving a speech about the legend of Sam Houston and the Kissing Tree in San Marcos. DAILY RECORD PHOTO BY DAVID SHORT

Subdivision name recalls tale about Sam Houston

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Designed specifically for baby boomers 55 and older, the new Kissing Tree subdivision by Brookfield Residential Properties held a symbolic ground breaking Thursday. Symbolic only because construction is well underway on the 1,332-acre development.

The name comes from the historical connection between Sam Houston and the city of San Marcos. In 1857, Houston gave a gubernato-

rial speech in front of an oak tree in the city and allegedly kissed several of the female attendees thus creating the legend of the “kissing tree.”

Located on Hunter Road between McCarty and Posey Roads, the new Kissing Tree subdivision will have 3,200 homes built by Brookfield with prices ranging from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Among the amenities are an 18-hole golf course designed by Gary Stephenson, an 18-hole putting course, 15 miles of scenic hiking

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and biking trails, and two public parks.

"The golf course will be open to the public and we will encourage them to come play," Edjuan Bailey of Brookfield said. "Target date for opening is the end of 2017."

Bailey said construction on model homes will begin soon with the first houses for sale

by the end of this year.

Other features of the development include indoor and outdoor pools, a fitness center with weights, yoga studios and more, fire pits, tennis courts, a community kitchen, biergarten and other gaming setups.



Great weather and plenty of refreshments led to a perfect groundbreaking at Kissing Tree subdivision. Former San Marcos Mayor Kathy Morris (left) helped herself to some. DAILY RECORD PHOTOS BY DAVID SHORT



Hays County Pct. 3 Commissioner Will Conley speaks to the groundbreaking assembly.



A large crowd of residents and community leaders gathered for the opening including Rebecca Ybarra-Ramirez, executive director of the Convention and Visitor Bureau, and Margaret Lindsey and Brian Bondy with the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce.



Hays County Judge Bert Cobb (right) spoke about the quality of life here as Brookfield Properties Sr. VP Shaun Cranston looks on.



Hays County Judge Bert Cobb, Pct. 1 Commissioner Debbie Gonzales Ingalsbe, San Marcos City Council members Scott Gregson and John Thomaides, Dirk Gonda with Brookfield, "Sam Houston," Major Daniel Guerrero, Edpuan Bailey and Shaun Cranston of Brookfield and Council member Lisa Prewitt all participated in the official groundbreaking.