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BOOMER DEVELOPMENT

Kissing Tree breaks ground

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News came early in 2016 that San Marcos would be home to a massive development marketed to those 55 years old and older with active lifestyles.

The project, Kissing Tree, hit the ground running because all the necessary permits — environmental studies, water and wastewater and other preliminary hurdles — had already been secured under the development's previous name of Paso Robles.

The 3,200-home development is located off Hunter Road at Centerpoint. Model

homes were constructed and ready for buyers to make commitments late in the

summer.

The homes are all in the \$250,000 to \$500,000 price range. The development, which encompasses 1,332 acres, also includes two public parks, an 18-hole golf course and hiking and biking trails.

Central to the culture of Kissing Tree is "The Mix," a meeting place that features fire pits, corn hole, billiards, bocce ball, pickleball and tennis courts, a community kitchen, coffee bar, Biergarten and barbecue

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pits.

The "baby boomer" community will be the first of its kind along the Interstate 35 corridor between Austin and San Antonio, similar to Sun City in Georgetown.

Kissing Tree and La Cima, a gated community being built west of San Marcos Academy, will both be served by an extension of Centerpoint Road connect-

ing it to Ranch Road 12.

La Cima is a mix of housing and retail with a "corporate hub" and space for schools. There will not be any retail within Kiss-

ing Tree although some is planned across Hunter Road.

Kissing Tree is being developed by Brookfield Development, which also owns the Blanco Vista subdivision off Post Road to the north of downtown San Marcos.

The name was changed from Paso Robles to Kissing Tree because the former is a common subdivision name. Kissing Tree refers to an oak tree in San Marcos where Sam Houston gave a speech in 1857. Along with delivering the speech, he is reported to have kissed several women in attendance.