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Puttin' on my hard hat...

BUILD-UP

Last month, Geranium Homes hosted a series of Hard Hat Tours at its Neighbourhoods of Cardinal Point in Stouffville. Homeowners and the got a behind-the-scenes look at "Geranium Green" — the builder's energy-saving and sustainable building program that exceeds current Ontario Building Code standards.

Attendees were outfitted with hard hats, clipboards and pens

and a handout illustrating the many Geranium Green components of every home at Cardinal Point.

Construction management experts explained items of note, such as the raised heel trusses that create additional space between the tops of windows and the roofline for a more appealing elevation and for better insulation, thereby reducing heat loss and ice-damming that can be

caused by the freeze-thaw cycle of Canadian winters.

Other green features include the durable, maintenance-free stone windowsills on front and rear elevations and the eco-friendly Hardie Board used on these homes.

Cardinal Point is Geranium Homes' master-planned ravine with several styles of townhomes. Registration is now under way for a new

phase, which will be released very soon, with prices starting from the low \$200s.

The sales office and two designer-decorated, fully furnished model homes are located on Millard Street, just east of Highway 48, one street north of Stouffville Road (Main Street).

For more information, visit www.geraniumhomes.com or call 905-640-9999.



Berkley Homes celebrated the ground-breaking of their new Wasaga Beach community, Blue Water, last weekend with a Mexican fiesta.

Summer camp in the backyard

The kids who live at Traditions didn't even have to leave home to go to camp this summer.

Heathwood Homes turned the sales centre at its Milton development into Camp Heathwood, where Milton Youth Theatre Productions provided counsellors and a program of activities for the young residents.

Inside, the children painted, coloured and crafted picture frames, fridge magnets, bird feeders and garden decor. There were musical games, karaoke, hip-hop and drama/improvisation games plus outdoor sports and scavenger hunts.

"I can't think of a better use for our sales centre than as a gathering place where neighbours of all ages come together," says Heathwood Homes president Hugh Heron.

This includes Heathwood's Residents' Corner, where families can stop by for a coffee and a chat and check out the bulletin board to see what's new in the neighbourhood.

Heathwood also puts on classes and events, from yoga and knitting to gardening seminars and a



book club. Some of the instructors own businesses in town and are part of the Residents' Card Program — Traditions families can take advantage of special discounts at participating businesses.

These programs "all help to make our owners feel at home right from the start," says Heron. "Moving is a big deal, especially for children, and the sales centre becomes a home base for connecting. It makes the transition that much easier."

Traditions is situated at the west end of Old Main Street. Townhomes, semis and detached homes start from \$309,900, with quick move-ins available. There are also four model homes to tour.

For more information, visit www.heathwood.com or call 905-876-3140.

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