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## **LAKE OLYMPIA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

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LAKE OLYMPIA, one of Fort Bend County's most established master planned communities, attracts homebuyers with its beautiful natural environment and convenient close-in location. Home sales in Lake Olympia have been remarkable this past year despite the soft market. "There is simply no other community this close to Houston offering such an abundance of lakes and trees" says Andrew Choy, president of Lake Olympia Development Corporation. "People are sold on Lake Olympia as soon as they get out on the lake." Built around 130 acres of natural lakes and miles of wooded shoreline, Lake Olympia is clearly unique.

The development was Choy's creation and opened in 1984 after years of careful planning. He attributes the community's success to the fact that it offers what is most important to homebuyers: water, trees, good schools and security. His vision as a developer was to build smaller neighborhoods with lots of open space and then integrate them into a 1,000 acre community. This enables the homeowners to benefit from the advantages of a large community without sacrificing the feeling of a small friendly neighborhood. "Protecting the natural environment is an important part of our plan", says Choy. "We have strict controls to prevent the cutting down of trees, and many areas, including one island, are designated as permanent nature reserves." Choy referred to such a concept as "Master Planned by Nature". This unique open-space planning enables Lake Olympia to offer a greater variety of homes than any other community in the Houston area. Priced from \$100,000 to well over \$1 million, homes in Lake Olympia have attracted school teachers and celebrities alike, such as Warren Moon, Jack Pardee, Billy Ray Brown, Doug Johnson, etc.

Lake Olympia is represented by some of Houston's top builders such as David Weekley Homes and Ryland Homes

priced from the \$100s to \$160s in several different sections and by a diverse group of quality custom builders priced from the \$200s to over \$1 million in the stately custom and estate home sections.

The excellent Fort Bend Schools are a big drawing card here, with Palmer Elementary and Lake Olympia High School located within Lake Olympia and Elkins High School less than one mile away. The middle school's new computerized "Technology Program" has attracted students from other communities such as First Colony and from as far away as New Territory.

The recent excitement surrounding Lake Olympia is related to the opening of its newest section, Lakeshore Forest. This is Lake Olympia's first "Garden Home" neighborhood and features 86 unique lakefront and wooded homesites, a product that Fort Bend County has been anxiously awaiting. David Weekley Homes has been chosen exclusively to build here and has been selling exceptionally well since the section opened a few weeks ago. "The first two Lakeshore Forest sales were to current Lake Olympia residents who wanted to change their lifestyle but won't leave Lake Olympia! That says a great deal about this wonderful community" says Dick Vandy, Weekley's on-site salesman. Lake Olympia is building a grand entrance to this section and the Marina area which will include fountains, a security station, huge Roman columns, archways, decorative walls and lavish landscaping.

Lake Olympia is less than 18 miles from downtown Houston and 14 miles from the Medical Center. This strategic location coupled with its natural beauty and variety of homes make Lake Olympia an outstanding living environment. Lake Olympia's main entrance is on Highway 6, one mile east of Murphy Road. For more information call 437-3737. Daily boat tours are available at the Visitor Center.