

# Amelia Park wins Best In American Living award

The team of people instrumental in developing Amelia Park accepted the Best in American Living Award for the traditional neighborhood development at the International Builders' Show in Orlando. The award was accepted at a ceremony Feb. 12 for first place in the Best Suburban Smart Growth/Community category.

"It was an honor to be a member of the team that accepted this prestigious award," said J. P. McClellan, who has been project manager of Amelia Park since 1998 and is the Northeast Florida Builders Association Nassau Council president. "Amelia Park has been an exciting adventure for me, it has enabled me to apply over 30 years experience in building and design to an integral model of development that recognizes and honors our relationship with each other, the environment, and the way we live. It has been a privilege to have been a part of the whole."

The BALA awards are sponsored by Professional Builder magazine and the National Association of Home Builders, and showcases homes that illustrate design quality, succeed

in the marketplace and exemplify the "Best in American Living."

There were 106 award winners in 41 categories.

The Best In American Living Award design competition is open to builders, architects, designers, developers, land planners and interior designers nationwide. The BALA winners will be posted on Professional Builder's Web site, [www.housingzone.com](http://www.housingzone.com) for up to one year after the ceremony. They also are featured in the February issue of Professional Builder magazine.

The categories for the BALA awards include: Best Single-Family Detached home; Best Single-Family Attached; Best Multi-Family up to five stories; Best High-Rise Multi-Family six stories and above; Best Single-Family Attached Urban, Infill; Best One-of-a-kind Custom Home (Built for a Client); Best One-of-a-kind Spec Home; Best Affordable Home (both detached and attached); Best Rental Development



Accepting the BALA Award for Amelia Park were (l-r) Joel Embry, town founder J.P. McClellan (also at left with award), builder/project manager, and Mike Antonopoulos, partner.engineer.

Up to and Including Four Stories; Best Rental Development Five Stories and Over; Best Community up to and Including 150 Homes; Best Community 151 Homes and over; Best Urban Smart Growth Neighborhood/Community Award; Best Suburban Smart Growth Neighborhood/Community Award; Best Rural/Exurban Smart Growth Neighborhood/Community Award; Best Kitchen in a Home; Best Master Bath; Best Bath; and Best Specialty Room in a Home.

Amelia Park is a Fernandina Beach community on Amelia Island that was designed as a traditional neighborhood. The layout of the

homes, sidewalks, porches and community amenities promotes interaction between neighbors.

Located on 115 acres, the neo-traditional community has a YMCA, a playground, walking trails and four lakes. A Montessorri School and a chapel are under construction. There are 410 homes planned for the community and 300 have been built by Brylen Homes. The community includes single-family homes starting in the \$470,000s, villas beginning in the \$300,000s and townhomes beginning in the mid-\$300,000s.

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