



Construction begins on church at Amelia Park

Amelia Park Development announces the commencement of construction of a church at the traditional neighborhood development. Groundbreaking for the sanctuary and parish hall took place in January and construction is expected to be complete by this summer - creating a facility for worship as well as gatherings and meetings of Amelia Park residents.

"A church is an important component of any neighborhood and we are pleased to include a place of worship at Amelia Park," said Joel Embry, managing partner of Amelia Park Development, in a press release. "Not only will this be a place for quiet reflection

and church activities, it will also be a convenient community meeting place for all Amelia Park residents to utilize on a regular basis."

Amelia Park Development has worked diligently to include essential elements of design at Amelia Park to provide civic, community and commercial spaces within walking distance of a broad mix of nearby homes.

Already the neighborhood includes such community components as a neighborhood park and pavilion, a town square, a retail and office center, a YMCA, walking pathways and sidewalks. The Amelia Park master plan also calls for the eventual addition of a school.

"The worship and meeting space was a key element of the original Amelia Park master plan created by Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company, so we are exceedingly pleased to see this progress," Embry said.

The church at Amelia Park will house the worship community of Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Designed by Amelia Island architect John Dodd and built by Amelia Builders of NE FL Inc., the 2,500-square-foot church will reflect some of the classic, simple, traditional architecture that is prevalent at Amelia Park and will accommodate more than 100 people. The church is located at the neighborhood's Citrona Drive entrance near the McArthur Family YMCA.

Besides helping to provide a sense of community, "Our church will contribute aesthetically to the neighborhood as well," said Father Michael Bowhay, rector of Holy Trinity. "The design configuration, materials and site planning for the church all reflect our desire to add to the overall beauty and balance in Amelia Park."

For more information about Amelia Park, visit www.ameliapark.com or call 261-8300.



A rendering of the church currently under construction at Amelia Park, which will house the worship community of Holy Trinity Anglican Church. *Submitted*