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Amelia Park builder J.P. McClellan, left, and developers Joel Embry, center, and Mike Antonopoulos celebrate winning an award for smart growth. *Submitted*

Plantation promotions Don Neal, longtime assistant director, has been promoted to director of Amelia Island Management and Amelia Island Co. facilities director.

Neal has been with the company 24 years, having served on the AIM management team his entire tenure. He will oversee and manage the homeowner and condominium associations for property owners located at Amelia Island Plantation.

Also, Lisa Presnell has earned the designation professional wedding consultant after completing specialized training through the Association of Professional Wedding Consultants. Presnell started with Amelia Island Plantation in 1999, becoming wedding and event planning manager seven years ago. In addition to weddings and family reunions, the group handles local events, including Taste of Amelia, the Lincoln Day dinner and Fernandina Beach High School prom.

Amelia Park recognized Amelia Park was lauded for its innovative use of smart growth principles during the recent Best in American Living Award program at the 2008 International Builders Show in Orlando. Sponsored by Professional Builder magazine and the National Association of Home Builders, the award honors professionals who have produced America's finest homes and communities.

Amelia Park was an award winner in the Best Smart Growth Community category. Finalists were selected based on how well the communities protect and provide access to the natural environment; incorporate a mix of land uses; use land in an efficient and innovative manner; encourage multiple transportation options; are pedestrian-scaled and pedestrian-friendly; provide housing choices; respect local traditions; take advantage of infill opportunities; and deliver a genuine experience of place.

Founded in 1998 by co-managing partners Joel Embry and Mike Antonopoulos, Amelia Park is a 420-home community in Fernandina Beach. For more information visit the company website www.ameliapark.com or call Amelia Park Development at 261-8300.