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NEW HOMES IN THE GREAT PARK NEIGHBORHOODS' CADENCE PARK COMMUNITY IN IRVINE. (PHOTO BY JEFF GRITCHEN, ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/SCNG)

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All around Orange County Great Park, on land once occupied by the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, several distinct communities collectively known as Great Park Neighborhoods are in varying stages of completion and construction. In all, the developments by FivePoint are expected to eventually include approximately 10,500 homes by myriad homebuilders.

The blend of builders and neighborhoods brings an eclectic feel to the masterplanned community, with a mix of architectural influences like Spanish, farmhouse, California Monterey and modern. The shared spaces feature the parks, community pools and recreational facilities Irvine residents have come to expect while blending seamlessly into the surroundings.

First to begin opening, in 2013, was Pavilion Park, with about 700 homes. Beacon Park came next with a little more than 1,000 homes, starting in 2015. Parasol Park, named for the large Parasol Pine that sits in the middle of the neighborhood park, started opening in 2017 with about 725 homes.

In various stages of construction and sales are homes in the Rise, Novel Park and Cadence Park neighborhoods.

The overall Great Park Neighborhoods project had 553 sales in 2019, ranking it among the nation's top 20 best-selling master-planned communities, according to a June 3 article in the Orange County Register.

When finished, Great Park Neighborhoods is also expected to have 138 acres of open space as well as trails that link to the Great Park itself.



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