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McCAFFREY HOMES PRESENTS HABITAT for HUMANITY with \$10,000 CONTRIBUTION.



Renewing their commitment to affordable housing for deserving families in Fresno, The McCaffrey Group presented a \$10,000 contribution to Habitat for Humanity during the August 24 Reba McEntire concert. Pictured with Reba McEntire (center) are Karen (left center) and Bob McCaffrey (right center) with this year's home recipients, Maria Ayala, (second from left), and Augustin Ayala, (far right).

Giving Back Because We Care!

The McCaffrey Group is proud to support many charitable organizations both locally and nationally. We believe in giving back to our community along with supporting worthwhile charities and recently presented Habitat for Humanity of Fresno with a \$10,000 contribution to fund their on-going efforts in the local community during the 2007 Reba McEntire concert series. In partnership with Whirlpool, the Reba concert series has been reaching out to mass audiences across the nation encouraging others to join them in supporting Habitat for Humanity.

"We are proud to join Whirlpool & Reba McEntire in helping Habitat for Humanity fulfill its mission to provide homes to deserving families in our community," said Robert McCaffrey, President. "As a local home builder, giving back to the community is very rewarding to our family and our entire team."

"Our organization is a natural fit for The McCaffrey Group and we appreciate their commitment," said Tony Miranda, executive director of Habitat for Humanity in Fresno County. "The McCaffrey Group has supported the work of Habitat for Humanity for many years."

If you'd like to help, go on line to www.habitatfresno.org or phone 559-237-4102.

1.

Natural Christmas trees need to stand in place for 24 hours before decorating so branches relax to a natural position.

2.

Holiday entertaining comes with more spills. A few zip lock bags with a damp cloth or paper towel located around the house is a great "First Response" to food and drink accidents.

3.

Before holiday photos, check your camera lens for smudges. A dirty lens can fool the automatic focus in digital cameras.

4.

Newspaper cleans windows better than paper towels. There's no lint and you're recycling too.

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Madison Place

Exciting First Move-Ins At Madison Place Start in November



Visit the Madison Place Welcome Center, located at Gettysburg and Hayes in northwest Fresno.

Madison Place community welcomes its first move-ins. As the first homes sold at the all- new Madison Place in Northwest Fresno are finished this November, excited families are moving in and realizing their dream of new home ownership. Almost from the first day the models opened in May, Madison Place has been a top selling community with five floor plans in single and two story designs ranging from 1,457 square feet up to 3,892 square feet of living space. Typical lot size is large at 7400 square feet allowing 2 and 3 car garage configurations and still enough room for generous yard space. There are sure to be more new neighbors on the way as rapid sales spurred the early release of the second phase well ahead of schedule. Low interest rates and greater home value from the mid \$200s continue to attract new homebuyers.

Each of the five designs present dramatic exterior styles of Tuscan, French or Craftsmen architecture with rich finishes and textures including stone or rock and brick masonry, courtyards, patios, porches and concrete tile roofs. Many wonderful amenities are included in the purchase price including ceramic tile flooring at the entryway, kitchen, breakfast nook, laundry room and baths, built-in Whirlpool kitchen appliances with gas cook-tops and a gas stub at rear yard for use with a barbecue.

Located within the award winning Central Unified School District, Madison Place is just one mile from Koligian Stadium and the new Koligian Education Center including the new Harvest Elementary and future middle and high schools.

We're pleased to welcome the first neighbors to this exciting community as they celebrate the holidays in a new home!



Come home to family values

Local Did *you* Know

- ★ Did you know Fresno holds the largest Veteran's Day Parade in the Western U.S. with veterans, marching bands and additional participants totaling over 8,000 people?
- ★ Did you know that Sierra Vista Mall Children's Electric Parade showcases 2,400 kids, adults, animals and floats, all decorated with lights, through Old Town Clovis?
- ★ Did you know there is a Clovis, New Mexico where the mercury dips below zero in December and January? There is also a Fresno, Texas that began as a settlement in 1824 and was later named by a settler from Fresno, California!
- ★ Did you know the old Fresno Water Tower at Fresno and O Streets in Downtown Fresno was originally designed to house a two-story library, as well as serve the water needs of 1894 Fresno? Today it houses a visitor's center for the City and County of Fresno.
- ★ Did you know the decorated Christmas Tree at the Monviso Building, McCaffrey Corporate Headquarters has a 16 foot base diameter, stands 35 feet tall from the ground to the top of the star and has over 1800 individual lights? This holiday tradition is installed the Friday after Thanksgiving each year.

Referring Your Friends and Family



If you're a McCaffrey homeowner, you already have experienced the excitement of seeing your dream home come together. We hope the memories you make and the pride in ownership you enjoy is equal to our dedication in building the best home for your dollar. We feel our best advertising is a job well done for every McCaffrey homeowner. If when sharing your new home experiences with family, friends or business associates, you recommend a new home buyer to follow your lead, you will receive \$1,000 dollars reward upon close of their escrow on a new McCaffrey home as our way of saying thanks.

i am referring:

name _____ phone () _____ date: _____
 address _____
 city _____ state _____ zip _____
 email _____ i presently own rent

referred by:

name _____ phone () _____
 address _____
 city _____ state _____ zip _____
 email _____

date/time referral card received at the McCaffrey Homes community's Welcome Center:

Prices effective date of publication and subject to prior sale. Referral fee is available effective September 1, 2006. The McCaffrey Group referral program is subject to change and/or termination without notice or obligation. Referral card must be presented at the time of purchase by the referred party. Participants may refer up to four referrals that successfully close escrow. Check/Gift Certificate will be mailed to referring party within 60 days of close of escrow of the referred party. Must be the original purchaser of a new home built by The McCaffrey Group to participate. Only one referral fee will be paid per transaction. Models shown do not reflect racial preference. Built by The McCaffrey Group, Inc., Lic #417849. McCaffrey Home Realty, Inc., CA real estate broker #01222049.

Calendar of Events

November

Veteran's Day Parade
 Sunday, Nov. 11th

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 Lighting of the
 McCaffrey Christmas Tree
 Friday, Nov. 23rd



December

Happy Holidays!
 Holiday
 Electric Light Parade
 Saturday, Dec. 1st

SAVORY CRAB STUFFED MUSHROOMS

- 24 fresh mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons minced green onions
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 cup diced cooked crab meat
- ½ cup soft breadcrumbs
- 1 egg beaten
- ½ teaspoon dried dill weed
- ¾ cup Monterey Jack Cheese divided
- ¼ cup dry white wine

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F, prepare a 9x13 inch baking dish with 3 tablespoons melted butter.
2. Remove stems from mushrooms, set aside caps. Finely chop stems.
3. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the copped stems and green onions, cook for 3 minutes until soft. Remove pan from heat. Stir in lemon juice, crab meat, soft bread crumbs, egg, dill weed and ¼ cup monterrey jack cheese. Blend the mixture.

4. Put mushroom caps on the buttered pan and stir until caps are coated. Arrange caps cavity side up, stuff cavities with the green onion, crab meat mixture. Top with remaining cheese. Pour wine into pan around mushrooms.
5. Bake uncovered 15 – 20 minutes until cheese is melted & lightly browned. Serve warm.

Cook's
 Corner



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4.

Madison Place Now In Clovis from \$289,990

New home shoppers will be excited to know Madison Place is now available at our Clovis community starting from \$289,990. The new floor plan designs provide up to 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, and 3,357 square feet that showcase Tuscan, French Cottage or Craftsman architecture. The community features pool size lots, a neighborhood park, walking trail & Clovis Schools. For more information visit the models at Gettysburg and Hayes in northwest Fresno, open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., or by phone at (559) 322-7533.



seasonal care



• TIPS •

As the chill of winter approaches you can take a few key steps to ensure your home keeps you warm and comfy during the winter season. Please take time to inspect these items in and around your home and attend to any that need maintenance.

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Exterior

- Flush drain lines with garden hose to clean out debris
- Remove debris from downspouts and splash blocks with a garden hose and confirm that water drains away from the house
- Adjust sprinkler timer for season
- Maintain drainage swales for positive drainage of surface water away from house, in from fence and out to the street
- Caulk and paint exterior painted surfaces as needed
- Touch up caulking around doors and windows as necessary
- Inspect weather stripping on doors and repair or replace as necessary
- Check operation and tighten bolts on roll-up garage doors monthly
- Inspect and clean the fireplace per manufacturer's instructions

Interior

- Change return air filters monthly
- Inspect plumbing fixtures for leaks and repair immediately
- Inspect all tile surfaces and re-grout or re-caulk as needed
- Test smoke detectors and replace batteries annually
- Test and reset Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (G.F.C.I.) breakers monthly
- Weather permitting, open windows to allow cross ventilation
- Decorate safely for the holidays, do not overload circuits or use worn extension cords

For your convenience, additional homeowner maintenance tips can be found in your Homeowner's Manual or please do not hesitate to contact our Customer Service department at (559) 256-7000. Warm winter wishes to you and yours!