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Lakewood Ranch's Waterside Place Wins Gold

The National Association of Home Builders awarded Waterside Place at Lakewood Ranch a gold "Best of American Living Award (BALA)" for the mixed-use community category. Now in its 38th year, the BALA Awards is the building industry's premier residential design awards program.

According to the judges, Waterside Place is "a great Main Street-type setting that emulates a beach/condo style development. The architecture is great, and the city center is clearly successful." The BALA Awards spotlight building industry professionals who have redefined design excellence for homes and communities across North America. Winning projects showcase what building industry professionals need to know to set their product apart.

The 36-acre Waterside Place – a retail, services, dining, and entertainment destination for the region – is walkable to a wide variety of rental and for-sale neighborhoods designed for every life stage and price point. The town center is home to the Farmers' Market at Lakewood Ranch, Ranch Nite Wednesdays, live music on the plaza Friday and Saturday nights, monthly Movies in the Park, and is home to the "Sights and Sounds at Waterside Place" music and arts series.

"We are delighted that Waterside Place has received national recognition for its architectural excellence, and its growing success as a mixed-use community that serves the local population while drawing guests from the broader Tampa Bay region," said Laura Cole, senior vice president of LWR Communities. "Our collection of international restaurants is growing and offers the most diverse array of waterfront restaurants in the area."

For more information about Waterside Place, visit WatersidePlace.com. For more information on Lakewood Ranch, please contact Lisa Barnott at 941-757-1542.

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About Waterside Place

Waterside Place serves as the heart of Waterside – Lakewood Ranch's first Sarasota village – and offers an elevated community experience that extends beyond that of a traditional town center. Situated on a 36-acre peninsula overlooking the mile-long Kingfisher Lake, the development blends entertainment with 112,000 square feet of unique in-line and freestanding commercial, retail and office space; diverse dining options; an eight-acre park; miles of nature trails; communal "pop-up" spaces, and more.