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New And Noteworthy

New sections, new amenities open at mountain communities, plus Georgia locale gets new chef and golfing award.

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SKY-HIGH ADDITION OPENS

Located along Mountain Air's private runway and recently opened, the 127-acre Settlers Edge neighborhood is nestled along the edge of the mountainside at elevations reaching nearly 4,500 feet.

"Since Mountain Air opened its gates 17 years ago," says President Randy Banks, "owners and guests have been asking for a chance to purchase property in the area now known as Settlers Edge. That opportunity is now here."

Reservations are being accepted for a limited number of ownerships ranging from \$900,000 to \$4.5 million.

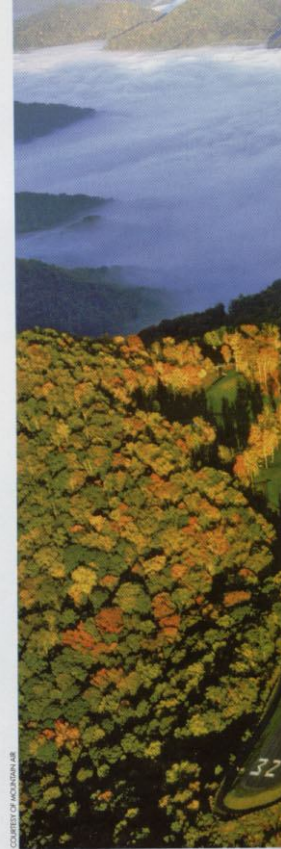
For information, call 800-247-7791 or go online at mountainaircc.com.

NEW VILLAS ON TAP AT VA. LAKE

The newest and final waterfront community at The Water's Edge on Smith Mountain Lake, Va., will consist of 10 luxury villas, with almost 4,500 square feet on two levels.

Two different architectural plans are available in the gated community. Each style will feature brick

The recently opened Settlers Edge neighborhood at Mountain Air sits high along the mountainside and near the community's private air strip.



COURTESY OF MOUNTAIN AIR

The new luxury villas at The Water's Edge in Virginia will be built with eco-friendly materials and offer open decks, master suites and vaulted foyers.



COURTESY OF THE VILLAGE COMPANIES

and wood siding, 10-foot ceilings, covered porches, and open decks with vaulted foyers, custom cabinetry, master suites and state-of-the-art appliances.

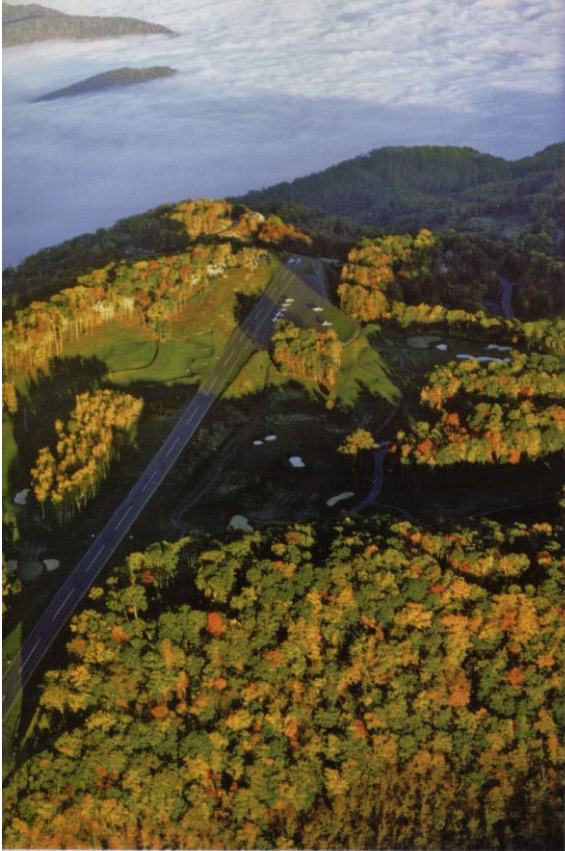
The Grand Villa project will incorporate "green building" techniques, using environment-friendly building materials throughout the homes.

Non-binding reservations are being accepted by Prudential Waterfront Properties at 540-721-8659. Prices range from \$1.7 to \$2 million.

TOWN HOMES LAUNCHED IN HIGHLANDS

Old Edwards Hospitality Group of Highlands, N.C., has begun a new residential development to be called Satulah Village-South. It will include 14 luxury town homes on secluded sites, with all properties a short walk from the shopping, galleries and dining available in downtown Highlands.

Residents will have free membership in the Old Edwards Inn's recently completed fitness center, which includes a weight-training studio, outdoor workout terrace and heated outdoor saltwater swimming pool.



Units start at \$1.35 million. For additional information, contact 866-526-8008 or visit oldedwardsinn.com.

MANOR HOME CONDOS UNDER WAY

Ground was broken this fall near shopping, dining and entertainment areas to clear the way for construction on a 196-home neighborhood known as The Chateaux. Located 15 minutes to the southeast of downtown Asheville, N.C., the condominiums will be built at varying elevations on terrain that offers views of the surrounding mountains.

Prices will range from the high \$400,000s for the 1,500-square-foot, two bedroom-two bath manor homes to \$1.2 million for a 3,000-square-foot penthouse. All homes will feature single-level floor plans with views from three sides and have reserved underground parking.

Incorporated within the 28-acre community will be wooded walking trails, sidewalks lighted by gas post lamps, a formal English garden, a cascading waterfall flowing into a natural wading pool, and a

preserved plant and bird habitat. In addition, the community will include a 3,700-square-foot clubhouse and covered outdoor pavilion.

Contact 828-684-7302; ChateauxAsheville.com.

CLIFFS FARM MARKS FIRST YEAR

The Cliffs' Organic Farm, located in The Cliffs at Mountain Park in Travelers Rest, S.C., has celebrated its first anniversary following its initial harvest in late summer 2006. The farm has grown in popularity with the organization's team of executive chefs, the 3,000-plus property owners in the various Cliffs communities and the area's local farming cooperatives.

Executive chefs of The Cliffs Properties incorporate the produce from the 10-acre garden into menus at all of the company's residential areas.

"The Farm," says Jim Anthony, founder and president of The Cliffs Communities, "is an extension of our wellness programs in each of our communities."

For more information, call 877-371-1000.

Satulah Village-South, developed by the Old Edwards Hospitality Group, will feature secluded luxury town homes in close proximity to shopping, dining, culture and entertainment in downtown Highlands, N.C.