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50+ Housing Awards Honor Communities For High Quality and Enriched Lifestyle

This year's winners of the Best of 50+ Housing Awards earned honors for providing a high level of quality and amenities to enrich the lifestyle in their communities. In a tough market, the projects have excelled in offering homes that make the lives of residents "easy and satisfying," says Pat Kelley, a St. Louis builder and chairman of the National Association of Home Builders 50+ Housing Council.

The annual competition recognized a wide variety of projects, from an Arizona retreat with mountain vistas to a luxury continuing-care retirement facility in Osaka, Japan. Finalists were

selected in more than 30 categories, ranging from amenities to home design, with communities classified by size.

In some groupings, several places received gold or silver medals, while in others only one development was cited. The association also presented some properties, including the one in Japan, with an innovation award for demonstrating exceptional creativity and insight.

Following is a list of some of this year's winners, which were announced at the "Building for Boomers and Beyond: 50+ Housing Symposium" in Philadelphia. Awards were given to

both age-restricted and all-ages communities in various stages of development. For more information on the association's 50+ Housing Council or to view a complete list of winners, visit www.nahb.org/50plus.

Best Small Active-Adult Community (up to 500 homes)

Gold Winner

- Parkview Court, Torrance, CA.

Silver Winners

- Brookhaven of East Cobb, Kennesaw, GA, (678) 354-4584 or www.jimchapmancommunities.com.

- Belvedere, Vallejo, CA, (800) 931-0933 or www.belvederevallejo.com.

- Reunion at Redmond Ridge, Redmond, WA, (866) 558-8413 or www.equityapartments.com.

Best Large Active-Adult Community (500-plus homes)

Gold Winner

- Sun City Festival, Buckeye, AZ, (800) 341-6121 or www.delwebb.com/festival.

Silver Winners

- Del Webb at Lake Oconee, Greensboro, GA, (706) 454-5430 or www.delwebb.com/lakeoconee.

- Trilogy Central Coast, Nipomo, CA, (866) 505-5496 or www.trilogylife.com.

Best Small Clubhouse In an Active-Adult Community (up to 8,000 square feet)

Gold Winner

- Traditions at River Oaks, Paso Robles, CA, (805) 226-8236 or www.traditionsatriveroaks.org.

Silver Winner

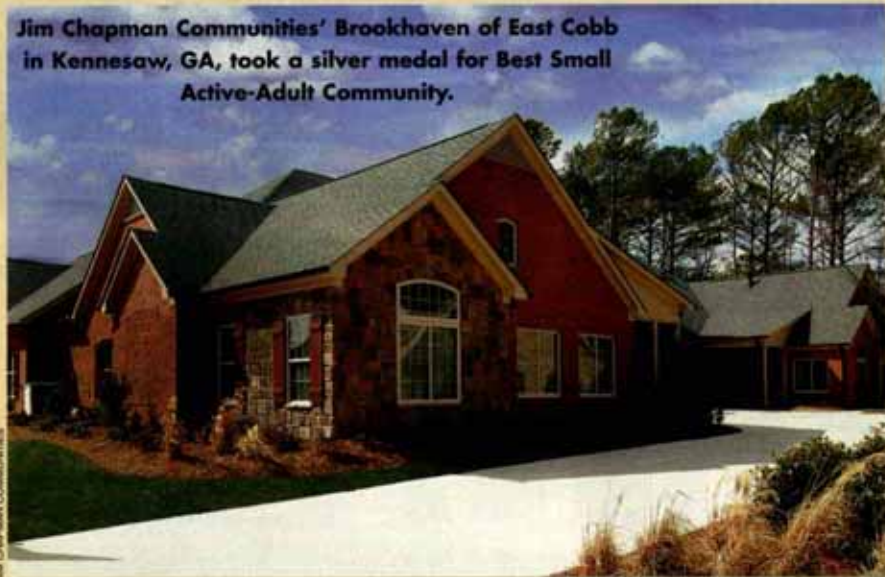
- Schuyler Commons at Colonial Square, Utica, NY, (315) 266-0145 or www.colonial-square.com.

Best Large Clubhouse In an Active-Adult Community (8,000-plus square feet)

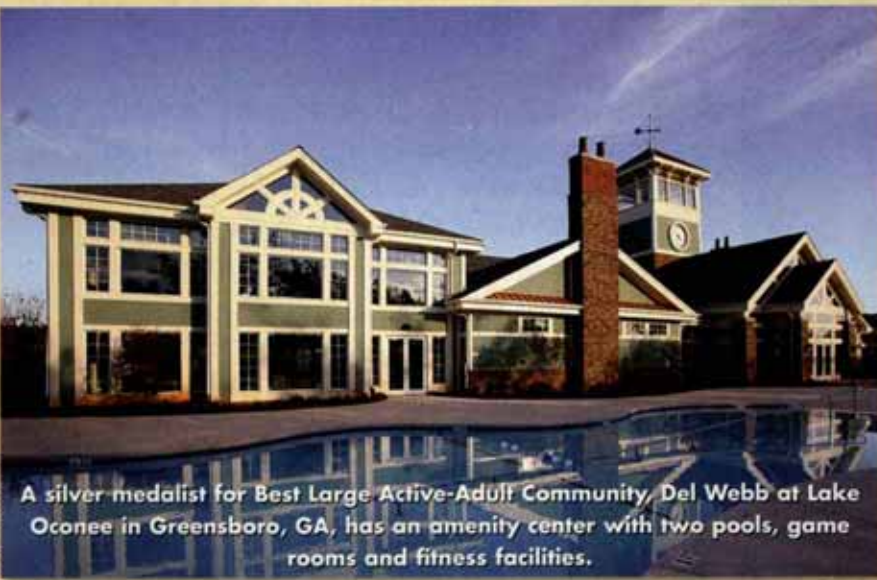
Gold Winner

- Heritage Todd Creek, Thornton, CO, (877) 203-4777 or www.lennar.com.

Jim Chapman Communities' Brookhaven of East Cobb in Kennesaw, GA, took a silver medal for Best Small Active-Adult Community.



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A silver medalist for Best Large Active-Adult Community, Del Webb at Lake Oconee in Greensboro, GA, has an amenity center with two pools, game rooms and fitness facilities.

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