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## COUNTRY VILLAGE ESTATES

Uptmore Homes developing new community in historic Castrovilla

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A Southern-style farmhouse on a quarter-acre lot is one of the options Jack Uptmore of Uptmore Homes offers at the Country Village Estates, a new community being built in Castrovilla. The small town, also known as the Little Alsace of Texas, is about 26 miles west of San Antonio in Medina County. Construction at Country Village Estates will begin in January, but lots are available for purchase now. Home prices will start in the high 400s. Uptmore said via email that the homesites located off US 90 on Country Lane are the only sites available within the city limits of this historic city.



Castrovilla was founded in 1844 by diplomat Henri Castro and settlers from the Alsace region of France. Drive around town, and you can see traces of the Old World at places such as the Steinbach Haus, which serves as the city's visitors center, and the renowned Haby's Alsatian Bakery.

Uptmore said they have been doing business with Castrovilla State Bank for more than 25 years. "We built their bank on Hwy 90 and have built several other homes and projects in the Castrovilla area," he said. "Most recently, the Briggs Ranch casitas for the golf course."

The custom homebuilder has been developing residential and commercial communities in the San Antonio area for more than five decades. Harvest Hills, a development near New Braunfels, also has homesites for sale.

Castrovilla's small-town feel and proximity to San Antonio are why Uptmore believes it offers a great opportunity for homeownership. "We confirmed through the chamber of commerce, Castrovilla State Bank, and local Realtors there was a great demand for new homes."

**Q: How many homes will be built?**

**A:** This phase has only 53 available building opportunities. The community is in the final stage of development. We are currently meeting with buyers to reserve a lot and start the home plan selection process.



Photos courtesy of Uptmore Homes

**Q: Are you only offering certain floor plans, or will you help buyers design a plan?**

**A:** We are offering certain floor plans to simplify the process, but we are also able to build a custom home.

**Q: Will the community have any amenities?**

**A:** The biggest advantage, at this time, is these lots are the only available large ¼ acre+ lots in the city limits of Castrovilla. They will have 5-foot-wide sidewalks and

the fastest internet (1 gig) in Castrovilla. The Castrovilla Regional Park is only eight minutes away and provides, pool, tennis courts, basketball courts, a soccer field, riverfront access, and walking trails.

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**Q: Will supply chain issues impact your start date for construction?**

**A:** No, we are actively building and working through the current supply chain challenges.

**Q: How long, on average, can people expect to wait for a house to be completed?**

**A:** Six months is the average construction time at this time.

**Q: What amenities do most homebuyers request these days?**

**A:** Open floor plans, energy efficiency, high-speed internet, natural gas appliance availability, home office, and flex spaces, three-car garages, and more exterior space which these homes will provide.

**Q: Your website mentions that your custom homes have luxurious amenities, like what, for example?**

**A:** Customization is a personal choice that allows for customization of almost every component in a home. Insulation, windows, roofing, appliances, counters, advanced home automation, entertainment areas, and much more.

**Q: Tell me about your family's**

**historic ties to Castroville. Do you or any family members still live there?**

**A:** My great-great-grandfather Nicholas Tschirhart came to Castroville at the age of 30 from the Alsace region of France. He was among the first colonists to come to Castroville in 1845. He had 11 children so, there are many descendants still in Castroville and throughout the world. We have an annual family reunion that attracts hundreds of family members.

**Q: What would you like people to know about Uptmore Homes and this community?**

**A:** We are excited to announce that Country Village Estates has been chosen as the Greater San Antonio Builders Associations site for its 2022 Parade of Homes. We have built 15 Parade homes throughout the years and are honored that it will be in this community. Uptmore Homes can be seen throughout the San Antonio area and Hill Country. We are looking forward to providing a unique collection of homes in this great community. The Medina Valley Independent School District has the unique distinction of an A rating. Many of the homesites will not have a rear shared fence with a neighbor.

For more information about Uptmore Homes and Country Village Estates, call 210-696-2522, or go to [uptmorehomes.com](http://uptmorehomes.com).

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