

# Pulte Homes' Vida's Way Development Enters Phase 2 Off Curley Rd.

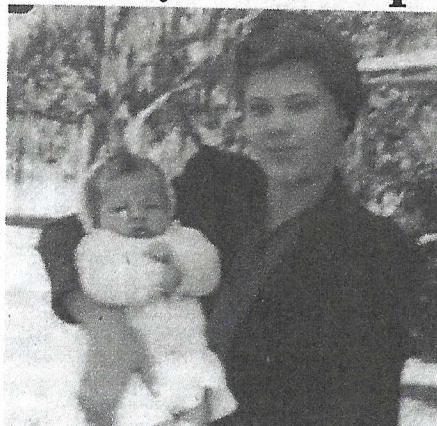
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Vida's Way, a single-family-home community located north of S.R. 54 and south of the Watergrass development off Curley Rd., is one of the newer developments in Wesley Chapel. It is being developed by Pulte Homes, which also is the only builder in this 332-acre portion of the sprawling 1,800-acre DePue Ranch, which still operates as a working cattle ranch and farm. The community's name "Vida's Way" is a tribute to Vida Claire Barnes DePue, the matriarch and caretaker of the DePue/Barnes Ranch for more than 50 years, before she passed away in 2010, at the age of 88. Vida's husband passed away in 1954, leaving her to manage the ranch with her family.

Since purchasing the land from the DePue family in 2023, Pulte has worked with Vida's grandson Michael Nutt to ensure that the builder honors the family's deep roots that are providing the foundation of this new community.

"Obviously, we named Vida's Way for her," says Pulte VP of sales Jacque Gendron. "We are honoring her legacy with this community, down to the details. Even the Vida's Way's logo is a cow brand because of the cattle ranching the family did on the property."

Gendron adds that when naming all of the streets in the Vida's Way, "We actually sat down with the family before trying to get those street names approved by Pasco County." For example, one of the streets is "Michael's Favorite Way," which is named for Vida's grandson Michael Nutt. Pulte also invited the family to walk through the



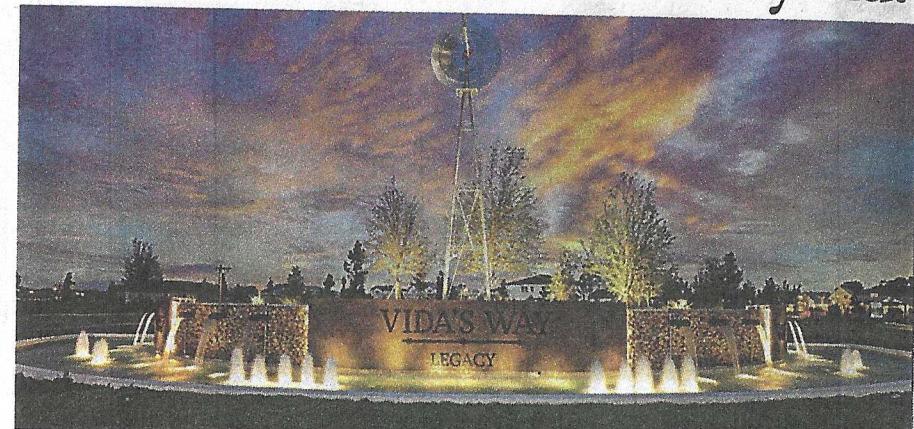
(Top left) Vida Claire Barnes DePue holds Mary F. DePue Nutt at the Barnes Ranch. (Photo provided by Madonna Jervis Wise) (Top right) The entrance to Vida's Way. (Below) The Stewards Park Clubhouse at Vida's Way. (Photos from VidasWayFL.com)

community's models so they could see how Vida's Way is developing.

Pulte also is currently building homes in the Two Rivers community just east of Wesley Chapel and New Tampa. Some homes in Two Rivers and Vida's Way are the same models, although others are different.

"We do have some of the same floor plans in both communities," Gendron says. "But, Two Rivers has our Echelon series, homes which are being built on 70-foot-wide lots. We don't have those in Vida's Way."

Of the 700+ homes to be built in Vida's Way in multiple phases, 223 have been sold, and 126 have closed in Phase 1. Homes in Vida's Way start at \$385,990 for the 1,707-sq. ft. Harvey model (one of several "Regal Series" Pulte floor plans),



with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a 2-car garage, and go up to the Roseland model (part of Pulte's "Elite" series), which starts at \$687,900 for 4,272 sq. ft., which is customizable from 4-5 bedrooms, 3.5-5 bathrooms and has a 3-car garage.

In April, Pulte opened many of Vida's Way's amenities to the community, notably the 6,874-sq.-ft. Stewards Park Clubhouse, which features a resort-style pool, fire pit, pickleball court, event lawn, playground, recreational and social spaces for residents to enjoy.



Another amenity is Fudge and Rusty's Dog Park, named after the DePue family's pets. It offers an outdoor space for families to bring their animals to socialize and enjoy the company of their fellow four-legged neighbors. Additionally, near the dog park are walking trails that stretch for miles around the community, allowing residents to explore the abundant nature of Vida's Way.

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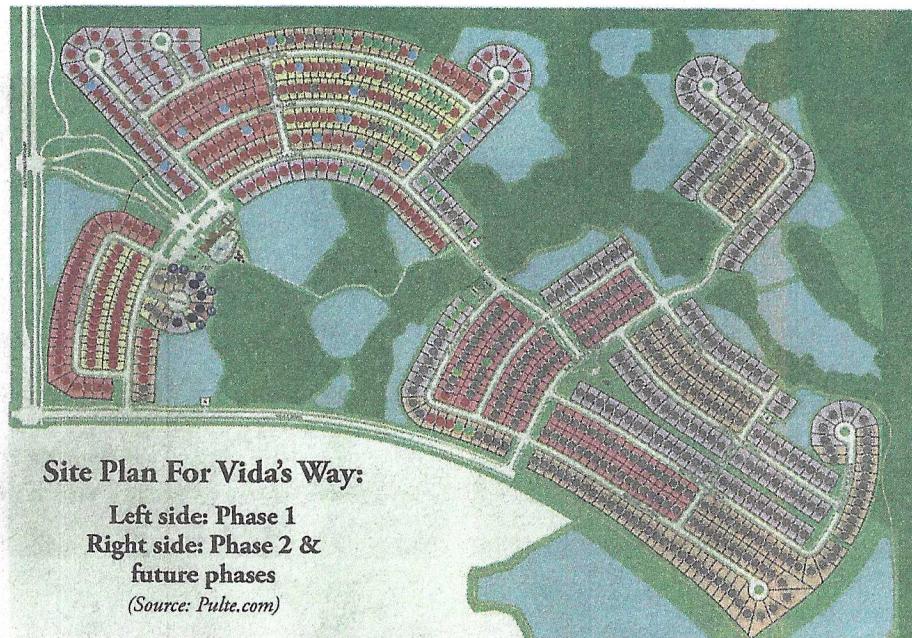
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### Site Plan For Vida's Way:

Left side: Phase 1  
 Right side: Phase 2 &  
 future phases  
 (Source: Pulte.com)

The site plan for Vida's Way shows the diminishing number of available lots in Phase 1, as well as the first sales in Phase 2. (Source: Pulte.com)

And, whether you're already a horticultural enthusiast or a first-time gardener, the clubhouse also features Vida's Bloom, which offers residents a private social space to grow their own fresh vegetables and fruits while connecting with the land. This unique garden area continues Vida's legacy of growing fresh and healthy meals for her family and friends.

Although Phase One of Vida's Way isn't yet sold out, Pulte has already opened Phase Two.

"We currently have 100 additional homesites in Phase Two," Gendron says. "And there will

likely be three additional phases that will bring the community up to its expected total of more than 700 homes." Pulte also is the exclusive builder in Phase 2 of Vida's Way.

This is not the first time Pulte has developed a community in the Tampa Bay area. The home builder also developed K-Bar Ranch in New Tampa, Evergreen in Thonotosassa, and Riveredge in Riverview.

For more information about the available homes and all of the amenities in Vida's Way, visit [VidasWayFL.com](http://VidasWayFL.com).

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