

\$50 million live-work-play development in the works for north Oklahoma City



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This artist's drawing depicts the style of single-family home planned for Wilshire point.
[Rendering provided]

Wilshire Point, a \$50 million live-work-play community, will be the deluxe topping for a pizza slice-shaped parcel of land tucked in the southeast corner of Classen and Wilshire boulevards a block east of Nichols Hills, its developers said Friday.

The developer is Burlington Crossing LLC, a partnership including Blackstone Commercial Property Advisors, led by developer, broker and attorney David Bohanon; Johnston Builders, led

by Gary, Jay and Craig Johnston; and equity partner CC Capital, led by local investor John Parsons.

For Bohanon, it's the continuation of his long-held conviction that not everyone who wants to live where they work and play wants to do it all downtown. Work is expected to start within weeks with some elements completed early next year.

Wilshire Point will be Blackstone's first lifestyle-oriented, mixed-use project. Blackstone and its partners previously developed the garden-style office parks Deep Fork Creek at NW Grand and Classen, and Tower Lakes at E Britton Road and N Kelley Avenue.

Wilshire Point will include 25 urban-designed single-family homes from 2,000 to 4,000 square feet, up to 180 upscale apartments, more than a dozen garden-style offices, possibly larger corporate offices, executive garage storage condos commonly called "man caves," and 40,000 square feet of "discreet" self-storage, according to conceptual plans.

It also will have decorative ponds with fountains, streams, foot bridges, and a mile of walking paths, developers said, as well as a resort-style pool, fitness center and community center, an outdoor food truck court with pavilion, native landscaping and other features and amenities.

Mass appeal

The developers said they aim to create an "enclave ... designed for a diverse mix of Oklahoma City residents and business owners, ranging from millennials to baby boomers desiring a vibrant, inclusive, sustainable, connected and affordable community in which to live, work and play."

Other possibilities envisioned include a pet park, coffee shop and breakfast bistro, deli and lunch cafe, casual indoor-outdoor restaurant and pub, limited retail and services, public meeting spaces, a pavilion for art shows, food trucks, live music and entertainment and farmers markets.

"Creating beautiful, vibrant communities is our mission," the developers said. "Wilshire Point will be a fully inclusive and connected 26-acre oasis, combining all of the elements desired by young, old and everyone in between, with 21st-century modern urban amenities, all within immediate access to Oklahoma City's vibrant East Nichols Hills area

"Wilshire Point will be a welcome enhancement to the existing dynamic along the Western Avenue and Classen corridors, and Nichols Hills township, and will also complement the continuing development of Classen Curve, Triangle, Nichols Hills Plaza, Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, Chesapeake and MidFirst corporate campuses, as well as the numerous other established restaurants, shops, businesses and other amenities in the immediate area."

The property extends from a point and widens south from Wilshire for nearly a half-mile, bounded on the west by Classen Boulevard and on the east by the BNSF Railway right of way. Burlington Crossing acquired it for \$2.2 million in September 2015 from Chesapeake Land Development Co. LLC, county records show.

Civil engineering is being provided by Tim Johnson of Johnson & Associates and financing by First National Bank of Oklahoma.