



ABOVE: Anderson Communities' Townley Park community at Leestown and New Circle roads earned the Community Planning/Mayor's Award for best suburban/infill project. | PHOTO BY JOSEPH REY AU



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BEST SUBURBAN/INFILL PROJECT

This year the Sales and Marketing Council created a new SAM Awards category: best suburban/infill project.

It is one of three Community Planning/Mayor's Awards. The other two honors are best urban/infill project and best use of natural environment in a development.

Developer Dennis Anderson of Anderson Communities won the new award for Townley Park, a new residential community off Leestown Road, just inside New Circle Road.

The neighborhood features Craftsman-inspired homes with front and back porches, small yards and rear-entry garages. It sits behind Townley Centre, a new village of restaurants, retail shops and offices, also developed by Anderson.

"It's great when the thing you strive to do — build better communities — is recognized by your peers," Anderson said. "It's nice to receive that recognition."

The mixed-use development, which also includes townhomes, couldn't have happened without the support of the Meadowthorpe Neighborhood Association across Leestown Road, Anderson said.

In addition, the Urban County Council unanimously approved the neighborhood's development and the planning commission approved the needed variances, Anderson said.

Jeff Scates, who co-owns Harmony Homes with Anderson, then executed their plans as the sole builder in the neighborhood.

"You can have a vision; we can all dream," Anderson said. "But getting a development through the planning is hard work, and then building and developing it is nearly impossible."

In addition to selling homes, Anderson has enjoyed other rewards from Townley Park.

"This community has energized this whole side of town," he said. "Property values have risen and there is new vitality" in a neighboring shopping center.