



# Common Quotes

## Please take it for GRANITE!

Hamilton Commons Condominiums on Cumberland offer granite countertop options for your kitchen. Granite is an extremely durable and popular construction stone. Granite is formed from melting of high grade metamorphic rock or crystallized mafic magmas. It absorbs other minerals around it creating different colors and patterns in the stone. When exposed and raw, it is a coarse looking rock. After granite is polished, it is stunning.

Granite has been used in construction for many decades. The Red Pyramid of Egypt was constructed of limestone and granite blocks, whose red hue rendered the name. The Great Pyramid of Giza has a granite "sarcophagus fashioned of Red Aswan Granite."\* In the South of India, many Hindu temples are made of granite. A more natural way to see

granite is at Yosemite National Park. There is a Half Dome solely formed from Granite.

Today, it is used as a dimension stone. It has been used to build foundations and monuments. Scottish granite has been used to make curling stones and England utilized it make tram rails.

Granite is quarried the world over. Brazil, India, Portugal, Spain, Southern Africa and Sweden are the more remote locations. The United States quarries are in New Hampshire, Vermont, and Minnesota. Each location produces varying colors and patterns. No two slabs are exactly alike. Due to variation the type can be specified; however the outcome can not. Our supplier does their best to match and blend each

countertop. The outcome may be seen in Model 603.

Maintenance of granite is very simple. Soft cloth and warm water usually does the trick. Every 3 months a granite cleaner should be applied. It protects and restores the original luster. When you are deciding on countertop for your new condominium, please, take it for granite!

[www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Granite](http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Granite)



### State of the Commons

The "State of the Commons" is to update current progress on construction and development of Hamilton Commons.

#### Building 6

604 is available for selection and purchase. It is the ONLY Sequoia floor plan in Phase One. Contact Holly today if you are interested!

#### Building 5

The Dogwood (504) and Magnolias (502, & 501) are available for flooring and appliance selections. These homes can be completed in 8 weeks. 503 was entered in the Parade of Homes. It is move in ready! 504 is the only Dogwood built and available at this time!

Please call for an appointment!

#### Building 1

106 is SOLD! 101 and 104 are PENDING. 105, 103, & 102 are Magnolia plans available for personal selections. These homes can be completed in 14 weeks! Choose yours TODAY!

#### Literature Available:

- *Common Quotes Issues*
- *Declarations*
- *Covenants*
- *Pricing*
- *Photos*

#### TABA Parade of Homes was a HUGE success!

503 drew a crowd of 681 visitors!

If you are considering one of our condos, please, contact us as soon as possible informing us of your preferred location.

We do not want YOU to miss the FIRST OPPORTUNITY to purchase!

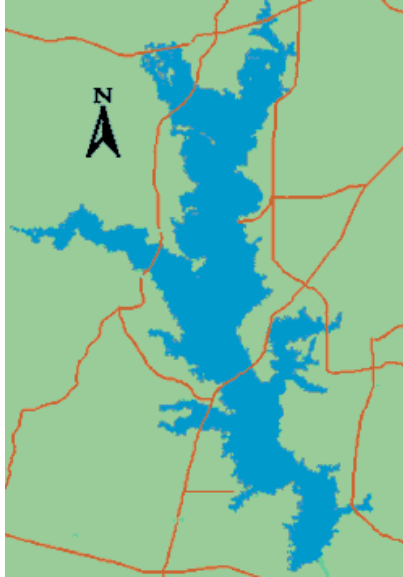
PLEASE CALL HOLLY HIGHTOWER AT 903-561-6000 FOR MORE INFORMATION!



# Know Your Neighbor...Lake Palestine



East Texas is known for its lakes and fishing. Hamilton Commons Condominiums on Cumberland aren't far from one of the best! Lake Palestine is located 15 miles Southwest of Tyler on Highway 155. It is a 25,560 acre lake with a maximum depth of 58 feet. The lake is well known for its fishing. Large mouth bass, crappie, sunfish, and catfish may be pursued year round. Be advised, you must have a Texas Fishing License to fish legally. If you are a devout fisherman, numerous angling clubs and tournaments are at Lake Palestine such as: C.A.S.T.—Northeast Region, Fishers of Men Tournament Trail—Texas North Central, Media Bass Northeast and East Texas Divisions, and The 2 of Us—Northeast and Metroplex Regions.



will be able to view it when visiting several local towns. Chandler is to the North on Highway 31 West. Coffee City is located centrally on Highway 155 South. Berryville and Frankston are on the South side of the lake. There are numerous boat launches, restaurants, and water activities in each of these areas. A map (of the entry ramps) is available on the referenced web site. Dine at San Pedro's Mexican Restaurant & Grill when in Chandler. The Purple Pig on Highway 155 in Flint is a good place to sample BBQ. The 7 B Ranch in Frankston is well worth the south lake trip. Water activities abound as water skiing, boating, swimming, fishing, and jet skis are all allowed at Lake Palestine. With all this to offer, you should pay a visit to your neighbor ... Lake Palestine!

As expansive as Lake Palestine is, you

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/recreational/lakes/palestine/>

## NEWS YOU CAN USE... [WWW.RETIREMENTLIVING.COM](http://www.retirementliving.com)

### Amenities in Active Adult Communities Will Be Changing

With retirement funds severely diminished in the past year, Baby Boomers are reevaluating their needs as they realize they have long lives to lead. Health, family, friends, convenience and value will be moving to the forefront of their lifestyle choices. There is a "New Normal" developing as a result of the recession, the excesses of past years, the over inflated value of homes, and the "bigger the better" approach.

The golf club style resorts with small lot single family homes have in the past defined the typical 50+ community with their grand clubhouses and luxury lifestyle. While this is not likely to change, it is reflective of only a small percentage of the market.

In the future different types of communities will attract the remaining population of Baby Boomers. The removal of age restrictions is being sought even on existing site approvals. Multigenerational communities will intermingle with younger families and urban and mixed-use locations that provide walk ability, convenience and mass transit. Non-married friends and family are living together; in-laws, parents and boomerang kids are living with baby boomers.

The proximity of communities to commercial centers for shopping, entertainment, cultural and educational events is becoming more important, as is access to health care. Many boomers will still want to work or do consulting therefore home offices and work niches will be standard in homes with the "New Normal."

In the past, clubhouses had defined spaces and functions. Today, open floor plans with multifunction rooms permit residents to "make their own" activity center. Social clubs are the rage. Lifestyle directors are becoming the concierges for the residents, organizing trips, travel and social parties. Larger fitness clubs are replacing fitness rooms even in the smallest clubhouses. Aerobic and Yoga programs are becoming more popular. Juice bars and fitness cafes create a social venue. The bottom line is that the needs and desires of the Baby Boomers are still undefined and developing. Time will tell what the "New Normal" turns out to be.

<http://www.retirementliving.com/RLletter.html#amentieschanging>



Another issue will arrive next month...

Quick Question?

*What Charities benefit from the Tyler Area Builder's Parade of Homes?*

Azleway Boys' Ranch and St. Paul Children's Foundation benefit from the TABA Parade of Homes!

## Here to There

*Kohls Department Store* is 1.2 miles from Hamilton Commons. Kohls carries clothing, accessories, and house ware items. 7715 S. Broadway Avenue.

*Tyler Library* is 6.9 miles from Hamilton Commons. The Library is open Monday—Saturday at 201 S. College Avenue. 903-593-7323

*Lake Palestine* is 13 miles from Hamilton Commons.