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he holidays are here, and with them comes joy, happiness, and all things merry. After a year of uncertainty and change, we look forward to everything that awaits us during this special time. It's good to be surrounded by friends and family, and where else can you get your fill of Christmas cheer than in Filinvest City?

As the days draw nearer to Christmas, everyone is more eager than usual to go out and be part of bigger groups, to see familiar faces, and to share experiences with others who have similar interests. We know this need for physical experiences is largely reliant on the outdoors. This year, we are proud to bring Central Park—the newest recreational space to Filinvest City. Here, we hope for connections to be made, bonds to be developed, and for people to be connected with others and nature in new ways.

It's been a long road for us, but we're proud to say that our community is thriving. We've seen the challenges, and we've overcome them. From the high-rise multi-tower development that helped spur growth and economy to nature-filled living spaces that offer a holistic kind of living, and the Central Park as the lush backdrop of friends and families reuniting—our thriving community never stops growing. We look forward to sharing more stories and updates that make up the vibrant Filinvest City life.

Merry Christmas and a Hopeful New Year!

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AT A GLANCE

2023 is going to be full of surprises! But before we jump into the new year, let us look back on the year that was, filled with growth, opportunity, and new learnings.

elping us tap into that gratitude mindset, Filinvest City proudly introduces the Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, the newest sanctuary along Civic Drive near Festival Mall River Park, which offers a quiet space for the prayerful. This architectural beauty is the product of years of design and comes alive through the talented hands and vision of the team, which includes Hiroshi Nakamura & NAP Architects, Helen Whittaker of Barley Studio, and Filipino sculpture artist Daniel dela Cruz. Check out the new chapel and happily resume your Simbang Gabi traditions as it opens its doors this holiday season.





Of course, Christmas always comes early as Filinvest City brings to life the iconic Garden City with brilliant lights and larger-than-life décor. Visit these pictureperfect corners and head to the parks and activity centers, like Central Park, where you can enjoy amazing food, fireworks displays, bazaars, Christmas carols, and concerts by your favorite OPM artists so you can ring in the holidays full of cheer!

And there's definitely more to celebrate apart from the much-needed Yuletide break—as Filinvest City garners more wins for the year.

This includes acquiring the highly coveted 3-star rating for BERDE Districts (Building for Ecologically Responsive Design Excellence) by the Philippine Green Building Council. In 2020, Filinvest City had been recognized by the US Green Building Council with the LEED Gold Award for Neighborhood Development (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). These incredible honors reflect Filinvest City's greater vision and dedication to building a truly modern CBD that is master-planned and sustainable, and which considers the well-being of the entire community. In addition to these recognitions, Filinvest City also cements its status as a "green leader" as it highlights the competitive edge of green offices when it comes to human capital. The higher productivity rates of these offices like Filinvest Axis Towers located in Northgate Cyberzone prove this!

Another testament of the CBD's sustainability commitment is another widely recognized real estate property under Filigree—Two Botanika, which follows the inspired blueprint of its predecessor. Visit the Filigree Showsuites and be taken by its charming spaces.

Another proud partner of Filinvest City that's celebrating another milestone is the iconic Palms Country Club, which turns 20 years old this year. Watch out for its highly anticipated rebranding, with promises of exciting new menus, upgraded facilities, and more memorable experiences for all its members.

There's so much to be grateful for this year; whether big or small, every win should be celebrated! Thank you for all your support and we look forward to delighting you with more exceptional experiences!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Filinvest City Family!

FILINVEST CITY TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Exciting new developments for greater expansion. A bigger, better Garden City of Metro South.

SMART CITY UPGRADES

Filinvest City lives up to its name as a modern, future-centric CBD through continuous smart city upgrades, including certain roadside locations with free Wi-Fi, an eco-friendly shuttle system, and a 24/7 CCTV system monitored by security in the city's own command center.

SUSTAINABILITY

Master-planned with wide roads complemented by melding dedicated bike lanes and landscaped pathways, Filinvest City's overall township design balances nature and a Live-Work-Play lifestyle.





A premier business district in Metro South, Filinvest City prides itself as the first CBD in the Philippines and the largest neighborhood development in Southeast Asia to be awarded by the US Green Building Council with LEED V4 Gold ND Certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).



Filinvest City is also the first CBD to be awarded with a 3-star BERDE Certification (Building for Ecologically Responsive Design Excellence) by the Philippine Green Building Council (PHILGBC).



As a smart city, the main goal is to provide a progressive and enhanced quality of life for its community. With Filinvest Connect as the trademark of all Filinvest Townships, the community is able to connect with technology, nature, and people through smart city solutions.



786,381 SQ.M CURRENT LEASE RATES:

Р550-Р750/ѕо.м

LEASE RATES →SOON TO RISE: 68,110 sq.m

RETAIL

ACTUAL BUILD-UP AS OF 3RD QTR. OF 2022:

544,048 sq.м

SOON TO RISE: 683.78 sq.m Wildflour (targeted completion in 2023)

Filinvest City has cemented its position as the premier Garden CBD of Metro South with commanding average accommodation values at P48.8k/sq.m as of October 2022, with consistent land value growth of

620% INCREASE IN THE LAST 10 YEARS

and a compounding annual growth rate of 22% in the past 10 years. Development in Filinvest City has seen an uptick with 117 buildings completed and 10 ongoing construction.

RESIDENTIAL ACTUAL BUILD-UP AS OF 3RD QTR. OF 2022:

332,947 sq.м

TOTAL NO. OF UNITS: 4,300 units from Studio to 5-bedroom units

SOON TO RISE: 38,000 sq.m by end of 2022 (The Levels Burbank and The Crib Alabang)



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THE NEW GENERATION CBD

WHAT SUSTAINABILITY MEANS TO FILINVEST CITY AMIDST THE CHANGING TIMES

B uilding something truly exceptional takes vision, and Filinvest City has become the full actualization of this very vision of a modern, green, sustainable development. It is building a master-planned CBD that not only serves the current community, but the future generations thereafter.

THE FUTURE IS SUSTAINABLE

Recently, the renowned Garden City of Metro South received the highly coveted 3-star rating for the Pilot Version of BERDE Districts (Building for Ecologically Responsive Design Excellence) by the Philippine Green Building Council. As the first central business district in the country to achieve this, Filinvest City is breaking ground and paving the way for others to follow suit.

As a pioneer, Filinvest City had been recognized by the US Green Building Council, a global organization, with the LEED Gold for Neighborhood Development (Leadership in Energy and Environmental design) in 2020, which helped catapult it to global recognition status.

But what does it mean to be a truly green and sustainable city?



For the BERDE recognition, Filinvest City passed all the stringent criteria and fulfilled the key indicators of sustainability—proper management, use of land and ecology, energy, water, waste management, transportation, health and well-being, and community engagement.

Through its eco-friendly approach to city planning, Filinvest City has taken a strong stance against climate change and is future-proofing its development by integrating green practices from the very start such as cost-saving green architecture, proper waste management, environment protection, energy efficiency, and more. Every aspect of building and development from its parks to its business mega-blocks to its microdistricts—is done with sustainability and resiliency in mind.

By building for the next generation, Filinvest City offers a living blueprint of what a city of the future looks like with smart urban design, well-planned economic zones, and integrated open spaces and parks that support active lifestyles and healthier well-being.

PANORAMA OF GREEN

A notable aspect of Filinvest City's master-planned development is the Green Belt System of lush gardens and parks across the 244-hectare property. There are five (5) parks, namely Spectrum Linear Park, Central Park, Creekside Park (Future Development), River Park, and the Festival Mall Water Garden, which have become respites for families and professionals who work nearby.

Effectively, these spaces provide people with "breathing room" and ensure the health of the entire CBD as this network of parks and gardens serves as the "lungs of the city."





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We will continue to innovate and offer the best in sustainability and the best way of life. Through our vision, we hope to encourage more companies in the country to do the same to ensure resiliency, longevity, and do better for our residents in the future.





A CBD TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY

But green, sustainable design goes beyond simply constructing buildings that are eco-efficient; it's master planning a whole development that nurtures the health and well-being of individuals and communities.

This includes considering convenient movement around the city with an efficient transport system; accessibility to world-class hospitals and schools; nurturing a dynamic local economy supported by numerous employment opportunities; and even offering a healthy mix of malls, activity centers, parks, and commercial sites where people can bond, be active, and relax. Filinvest City, fortunately, delivers on all these and more!

In the Metro South, buildings and spaces are designed specifically to support the live-workplay lifestyle that the CBD promotes. For Filinvest, sustainability is not a passing trend; it's an urgent and direct response to responsible development.

"At Filinvest City, we place great importance on sustainability as a key indicator of quality and affordable living, which we continuously strive to offer the community," says Filinvest City First Vice President for Townships, Don Ubaldo. "And we will continue to innovate and offer the best in sustainability and the best way of life. Through our vision, we hope to encourage more companies in the country to do the same to ensure resiliency, longevity, and do better for our residents in the future."





THE LUXURY OF LIVING IN A VERTICAL VILLAGE

S equels hardly ever live up to the beauty and hype of the original, except for this one. Two Botanika, a distinguished Filigree concept, captures the vibrant spirit of its predecessor and elevates vertical village living by highlighting community, luxury, and world-class innovation.

AN UNPARALLELED LIFESTYLE

Here, living at Two Botanika, you can enjoy life's simple, yet profound pleasures every day. Walk into the lush atrium and be greeted by a relaxing expanse as you go up the glass elevator. Take in the vast verdant landscapes. Feel the warmth of the sun on your skin, the refreshing chill of the breeze, and listen to the subtle chirping of birds and other sounds of nature. It's a truly wonderful and luxurious experience that's perfectly designed to inspire your soul.

Two Botanika is not only a beautiful space, but a functional one that nurtures your individual spirits and also the heart of the community. The atrium shows this as it introduces opportunities for social interaction and engagement. "(Unlike in condos that close you off from others,) when you come out of your unit in Two Botanika, you actually see your neighbors moving through the building. You can wave at them and smile, so there are opportunities to meet and greet at every level. That's part of being a village of neighbors," says Bill Higgins of Architecture International, responsible for Botanika's overall design together with Leandro V Locsin Partners.



He also adds, "Every corner of Botanika is connected by architecture and is aesthetically thought-out. As much as it's an architectural masterpiece, the development is also designed to promote social interaction and relaxation. It's a catalyst for community engagement."

LIFE'S ESSENTIALS WITHIN REACH

Botanika lies in the exclusive district of Filinvest City in Alabang, beside the Palms Country Club, which provides convenient access to all of life's essentials. Lifestyle malls, groceries, restaurants, schools, and hospitals are all just within a leisurely walk, on the tree-lined streets of the township.

Thus, Two Botanika residents can immediately enjoy all the perks and privileges of being part of an award-winning walkable garden city.





BEAUTIFUL INSIDE, OUT

Complementing the offerings of the first tower, Two Botanika offers more expanded living options that seamlessly marry its interior spaces with the refreshing outdoors. For example, its 1-bedroom suites feature deeper balconies that provide more outdoor space for its residents.

And those with growing families, Two Botanika introduces its 4-bedroom bi-level unit, which opens up to an expansive lanai and breathtaking grand ceilings. "In many ways, if you look at the plan, Botanika is very much more like a single detached residential house in a residential village," Andy Locsin of the world-class Filipino firm, Leandro V. Locsin Partners, said. Enjoy the stunning views, the lush foliage, the fresh breeze, and the bright sunshine, which bring warmth and life into your home. And while each unit provides comfort and privacy, there are many shared amenities that allow you to fully feel part of this special, crafted community like the Sky Lounge.

Indeed, Two Botanika is an architectural beauty, one that utilizes and maximizes its unique location, topography, climate, and culture to deliver an unmatched lifestyle. And this is thanks to design experts who poured over every detail of Two Botanika's master plan to create a truly invigorating space: Filipino lead design consultant Andy Locsin, New York-trained designer Tina Periquet, and Singapore-based interior designer Isabelle Miaja.

They lent their unique expertise and keen creative eye to create generous spaces that re-envisioned modern city living.

A CREATIVE COLLABORATION

The Principal Architect of Periquet Galicia Inc., Periquet is responsible for the space planning and interior design of Two Botanika and the Filigree Showsuites. She focused on creating spaces built with flexibility and versatility incorporated at Botanika's 3-bedroom unit. With this feature, owners can easily transform their space from home office to creative corner to guest room.

Periquet shares: "The concept of the building is you're in a vertical village. So, there is a nice sense of community and it's really very much in keeping with the overall idea of being in a healthful place where you can just relax and not feel confined the way you normally would in a condo tower. Here, there is a sense of expansiveness, openness, actual ventilation, and daylight."

Locsin wanted to protect the vision and ensure that the development stayed true to the values of the iconic garden city. "An important aspect of Botanika that attracted us to the project is that the developers wanted to build in an ethical, responsible way. From the very beginning, there was an intention to ensure that this building was in one-way shape or form."

Indeed, Filigree takes great pride (and seriousness) in building life-nurturing and community-enhancing projects as seen in Botanika's acclaim as a 4-Star BERDE Certified project and the first Health + Well-being 3-Star Certified residential building in the country. "It is really about going back to the simple things—a beautiful garden, bumping into your friends, feeling part of the community, feeling safe, and breathing good air," said Locsin. "That is true luxury, and people are discovering that."



FILINVEST AXIS TOWERS: THE EDGE OF GREEN OFFICES

hile the hybrid office setup is now the norm, physical collaboration is still essential in a competitive environment. But how can companies keep their teams engaged and professionals productive? Shift the focus from just "work" and aim toward nurturing a healthy work environment, providing employees all they need to thrive.

And this is what Filinvest City, particularly Axis Towers, gets right when it comes to serving the estimated 78,000 workforce in the Metro South. The renowned developer takes a radical approach to achieve competitive business.

BUILT FOR BETTER BUSINESS

Located in Northgate Cyberzone, Axis Towers is a premier business address, not only because of its ideal location, but because of its unique philosophy. It embraces sustainability and holistic living, and translates that into better designed working spaces.

Unlike other offices in different CBDs where employees are forced into tiny, windowless facilities, here, Axis Towers is designed with thoughtful, functional spaces for productivity, relaxation, and community.

The Axis Towers maximizes this with its four-tower, mixeduse development that has office and retail components. And connecting the four buildings is an experiential link that offers a park-like setting with a relaxing water feature. Here, in this inspiring space, people can take a break, decompress, and recalibrate as they go about their business day.

INTEGRATING SUSTAINABILITY

The Axis Towers is, indeed, a modern marvel and was built with sustainability in mind. Its exterior uses Mereyra Limestone, agglomerates, and wall covering made from recycled materials like old newspapers, while the softscape utilizes endemic species, which lend vibrance and color to the surroundings.

Indoors, Axis Towers optimizes comfort and efficiency with water-saving toilets, faucets, lighting that emit low wattage LEDs, and cove lighting. The building's unique X-pattern positioning also allows it to maximize natural lighting, while also minimizing heat retention. For its smart design and compliance with the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED standards, the first tower has already earned itself a LEED Gold Certification.

HAPPY WORKERS, STRONGER ECONOMY

With the Axis Towers' intuitive green features and unparalleled working conditions, tenants and professionals feel that they can truly focus on work—and this effectively leads to greater job satisfaction, higher job retention, and increased productivity.

"Apart from Filinvest City's strategic location and accessibility, business owners and professionals are drawn to work and invest in the southern CBD because of our commitment to improved employee well-being and corporate productivity through better environs," Filinvest City's First Vice President for Townships, Don Ubaldo said.

From its well-thought-out micro-districts to its LEEDcertified office developments, down to its parks and gardens, Filinvest City has become a great example of how high-value, progressive development can coexist with nature and be the driver of a stronger local economy.





our lady of lourdes chapel: A Sacred Sanctuary

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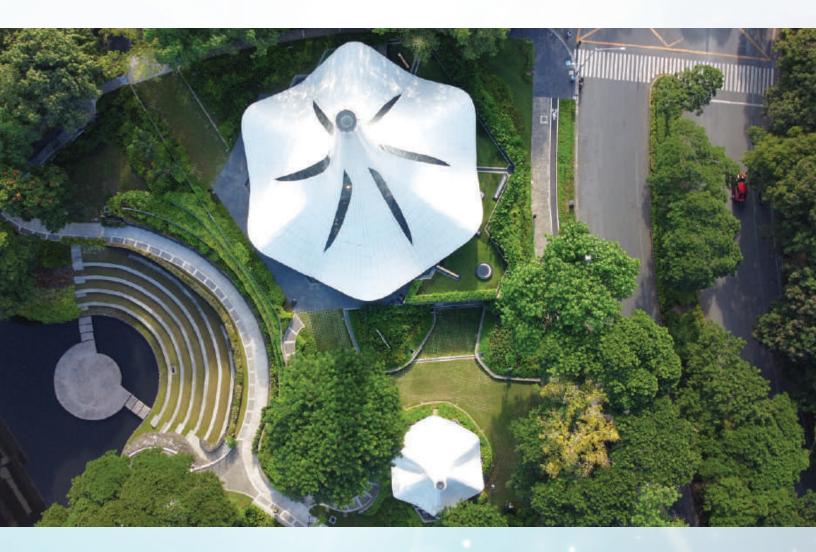
The past few years have been particularly trying for many of us. But what has bound us together and lifted us through these difficult times as a community has been hope and gratitude. So, it is only divinely timed that the Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel finds its home in Filinvest City.

fter years and months of development, the Chapel finally opens its doors to the praying public, completing the innovative lifestyle of the Garden City. Indeed, here in the Metro South, you'll find the perfect home and space to live, work, play—and pray!

"The dream for Filinvest City has always been to build an environment that inspires and enables possibilities," shares Francis Gotianun, Senior Vice President for Filinvest Hospitality Corp. "Once everything was built and done, we wanted to finally welcome her (the Chapel) to Filinvest grounds so that the community may have another space where they can feel safe, protected, and at peace."

A QUIET SANCTUARY

Standing as an immaculate white fixture atop graceful rolling hills, the Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel offers a quiet respite for meditation and reflection. With the beautiful sunset at its back, the Chapel makes for a mesmerizing scene as it sits atop a hill, along the gardens of Filinvest City's River Park, near Festival Mall. And at its front runs the gentle river, whose calming waves and sounds lend a soothing rhythm to the sacred place.



Cocooning the chapel are more landscaped gardens that are designed with walkways and jogging paths. And an amphitheater sits next to the property. With these features, the Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel truly aims to welcome and comfort all those who traverse the area.

In order to bring to life the full vision of the masterplanned development, no effort was spared in creating this architectural beauty. The Chapel was carefully designed by a team of artists, craftsmen, and contractors, including the revered Japanese firm Hiroshi Nakamura & NAP Architects, who rose to the challenge of creating a simple yet elegant place of worship for the community.

Contrary to belief, simplicity is the most difficult to execute as one must have a sophisticated hand and refined sensibilities to build a space that is both practical and beautiful. However, its beauty should never distract from its original purpose, which is to be a calming corner for the prayerful.

HOPE BLOOMS

The form of the Chapel itself takes inspiration from the white lily, a bloom often depicted in art as the symbol for the Virgin Mary. And as one enters the cozy space and gazes upward, you'll see the ceiling and roof unfold into delicate "petals." These petals are composed of white metal panels intricately adorned with stained glass designed by Helen Whittaker of United Kingdom-based Barley Studio. And as the sunshine pours through this, the Chapel becomes awash in soft light and vibrant color, adding a touch of whimsy and wonder.

The ceiling of the Chapel is a fascinating visual piece as each window features a Marian symbol at its center with an abstract and colorful background underpinned by the geometrical structure. The lines are also softly feminine, with no abrupt blunt corners. It's a graceful form that merits all the appreciation. An interesting side note: there are 18 sections within each window; a reference to the 18 Marian Apparitions experienced by Saint Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes.

COVER STORY

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From the ceilings down to the walls, art is infused into the design. Tasked in creating the visual masterpieces inside the Chapel is renowned Filipino sculptor, Daniel dela Cruz. He designed the three, stunning life-sized obras that depict the Holy Family.

The sculptures are made from multiple layers of metal in various shades of copper and silver, with touches of gold leaves. Despite the heavy material, dela Cruz uses a delicate hand, adding lightness and movement to the pieces. As you pore over the details of each piece, you'll be able to admire the many intricate details that can only be done with the artist's special techniques.

IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

The Chapel officially opened its doors on October 24, with the first Mass and blessing officiated by His Excellency, Most Reverend Jesse E. Mercado D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Parañaque (DOP). In attendance were the Gotianun Family, Filinvest executives, and LGU representatives with Muntinlupa City Mayor Ruffy Biazon.

Today, the public can visit the Chapel and attend Holy Mass every Saturday at 5pm and Sunday, 10am. Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel will also be open for Simbang Gabi Masses starting December 15 until December 23 at 7:30pm. Visitors may also inquire about other Catholic services such as confessions, sacramentals, and spiritual formations such as recollections and seminars.

The Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel has opened its doors at the most opportune time, reminding the community to remember the reason for the season and to always make time for prayer and gratitude.

For more information and schedules, visit www.facebook.com/lourdeschapel.alabang.









COME TOGETHER for Christmas

With the cold nip of the breeze, Christmas is finally here! And Filinvest City is set to excite and delight Southerners with more Yuletide fun at Central Park, the newest center for this season's holiday activities.



ver the years, Filinvest City has made a name for itself as the go-to Christmas destination for families, *barkadas*, and Christmas shoppers, thanks to its memorable Yuletide festivities and magnificent Christmas decorations. The whole city truly comes alive at this time.



And this 2022, Filinvest City is not only going bigger and better, but also more heartfelt with numerous more opportunities for people to bond and make memories. After two years isolated in the pandemic, needless to say, everyone wants to reconnect and so Filinvest City launches its Come Together for Christmas Campaign, with Central Park at the center of the festivities.

The gracious grounds of this new park offer the perfect stage and space. Central Park is just a short walk from villages and office buildings. So, at any time of the day, you can simply head out for a relaxing walk by yourself, with family, or friends, and enjoy the ambiance. You can even take part in the day's activities with concerts, bazaars, food fairs, art exhibits, and more scheduled throughout the month. Discover new sights and happenings as Central Park brings together the whole community for food, fun, and more family bonding.



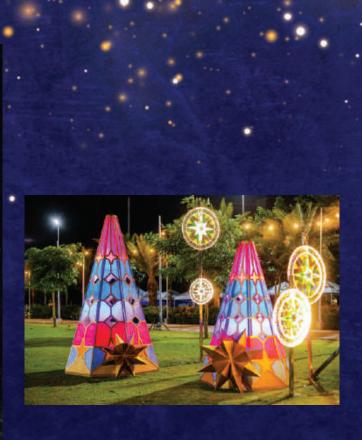


LIST OF TO-DOS AND MUST-TRIES

CENTRAL PARK

If you're looking to jazz up your Fridays, starting November 18 until December 17, head to Central Park to catch special performances by your favorite OPM bands like Ebe Dancel, Rivermaya, Itchyworms, Lola Amour, Franco, and Urbandub.

Starting November 18, see the city come alive as well with brilliant, twinkling lights and Instagrammable life-sized Christmas decorations, Eats by the Park, Saturday musical performances and character appearances for kids.



RETAIL CENTERS

Of course, while down South, take a trip around the city and discover different Instagram-worthy corners to spark your Christmas joy!

For more fun and thrills, Festival Mall and West Gate will be hosting a trove of activities. Catch the Rhythm & Lights Show on November 5 and 25 and December 10 and 17 at the Water Garden for fireworks, endless shopping, and live bands. Then, at the same venue on December 3, bring your family and the popcorn for a merry movie night at the Open-Air Cinema One event.

If listening to Christmas carols is a family tradition you want to uphold, be regaled by some of the country's most talented choirs as they sing Yuletide hymns and jolly Christmas songs every Saturday at 6pm, at the UG of the Carousel Court, Festival Mall.

And when at Festival Mall, head down to the UGF Expansion Hall for the Grand Christmas Fest. Dive into fun with games, meets and greets, and picture-taking with larger-than-life mascots on December 4, 11, and 18, at 3pm and 5pm.

The Christmas Spirit can be found and felt at every corner of the CBD. Make lifetime memories and resume your long-paused family traditions at Filinvest City. Let's come together this Christmas!

Festive Feasts & Christmas Treats

It's truly the best time of the year! Families come together, friends celebrate, and loved ones are just happy to be in the moment. And in the Metro South, you won't find a lack of places where you can just be free to enjoy these wonderful moments. Here's our list of must-dos and must-trys if you want to wine and dine this yuletide season.



HOLIDAY TREATS AT ACACIA

Allow Acacia's culinary team to indulge you with a feast filled with holiday cheer. Satiate your appetite with irresistible banquet meals that start at P21,630 nett for 10 persons. Or if you'd like something more intimate, you can make reservations for your Christmas dinners at Acacia for December 24 and 25 (6pm to 10pm) for just P1,988 nett per person. You may also opt for an equally decadent sit-down dinner at The Lobby, which offers a memorable 4-course meal for P1,700 nett. And don't forget to indulge in your desserts this Christmas with Yuletide Treats such as Gingerbread, an array of decadent cakes, and signature Choco Ho Ho hot chocolate at The Lobby.

A DIFFERENT VIBE AT VIVERE

Vivere enthusiastically gets guests into the joyful Christmas spirit with its 12 Days of Christmas. Here, be dazzled by endless merriment and magical moments that include Christmas Tree Lightings, a Black Friday Sale, Santa Meet & Greets, choirs and Christmas jazz performances, and more!

For Christmas, Vivere helps you bond and get closer with loved ones with its numerous banquet deals like the Simbang Gabi special. Complete your spiritual holiday tradition with authentic Filipino flavors in the sky! Join Vivere as they serve traditional rice cakes and thick hot chocolate to warm your holiday mornings, from December 16 to 25 and January 1.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH CRIMSON

Head on to one of the Metro South's favorite hotels, Crimson Hotel Alabang, and discover new experiences for the entire season. Starting at Café Eight, enjoy Christmas Eve and Christmas Day buffets with all the flavors of a traditional Filipino kitchen (P2,600 per person). You can even usher in 2023 with a satisfying Toast to the New Year dinner buffet (December 31) and Ring in the New Year Brunch Buffet (January 1), which boasts a decadent spread of your favorite dishes (P2,600 per person).





THE BEST OF BAKER J

Looking to liven up your Christmas spread at home? Shop around for beautiful holiday treats at Baker J. They entice with their sweet, whimsical array of tempting treats and classic confections. Grab their classic French Christmas delights, which are bound to put a smile on people's faces when given as gifts—or you can treat yourself and have a festive time all your own.

AN ENTICING TIME AT ALIBI LOUNGE

If you're looking to chill to a different vibe, head on over to the Alibi Lounge & Bar and escape into its exquisite libations. In partnership with Moet Hennessy, Alibi lifts your spirits with fine European blends that help take the edge off the holiday chill.





MORE TO LOVE AT FIREHOUSE PIZZA

Firehouse Pizza delivers a generous Italian twist to your Noche Buena spread. Choose a classic pizza and one of their signature pies, and pair them with two absolutely decadent pastas, a calzone salad for four, and drink-all-you-can iced tea for a feast that even Santa himself would happily tuck into!



Park Surrounded Community

As a renowned Garden City and green-certified central business district, Filinvest City houses several leisure and recreation-friendly open parks for the residents and the community, including the River Park, Water Garden, Axis Park, Spectrum Linear Park, and Central Park, the new convergence center for community gatherings. But how do these spaces inspire, relax, and encourage greater well-being? We ask our community.

JUMP MUNTI

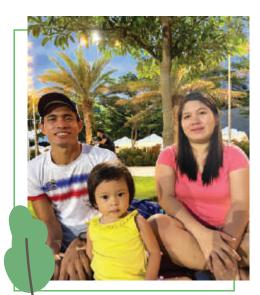


YOGA GROUP -THE MOTION COLLECTIVE

We started conducting yoga classes where people can feel safe, relaxed, and also get a chance to meet new faces. Central Park became a venue to unwind and bond with family, friends, and even our pets!

Open spaces are very, very important in urban developments, as these provide a venue for community, movement, expression, connection, and even business! Especially during the pandemic, these open spaces became a NEED. And now that face-toface movement is returning, everyone's craving the beautiful outdoors!

We love the freedom of space we have in Central Park and how we can ground ourselves with nature.



What we love the most is the open field where you can freely get fresh air. It's not too crowded and it has beautiful scenery. It's the perfect spot to unwind or enjoy your relaxation. You can also enjoy it by bringing your own sports gear, or simply wearing your most comfortable workout clothes and moving around the park. There are also bicycles that you can rent. It's the best place to bring food. You can get a spot for your picnic mats and bond with your family and friends. (Just practice CLAYGO). It's a big help to our jump community to just continue moving.





Fitness Instructor, Bellevue Hotel

I love this green community center because this is the place to run with my team; RIOT (Running is my Therapy). Central Park is really helpful because this is the only big park in the city. The feature I like the most is the grass area, the slides, and the pretty landscapes. We also have a picnic here with my family.



MAYE DALIVA

Accountant at Insular. Lives at Mondrian Residences

HAILLY AINA FLORES Student, NU Laguna

When we visit the Water Garden, I really love the view, the people, and the comforting vibes, especially at night. With the night lights and the river, it's the perfect place where I can retreat when I feel stressed. What I love the most about Central Park is its open spaces. Here, the kids can play, and I can bring my dog to walk. During the pandemic, since I live nearby, Central Park became our go-to place where we could head out for our regular walks.



ALEX LEDESMA Trade Marketing, Mondelez PH

We love that Filinvest City has allocated open, green spaces in its development in Alabang, which is accessible to the public, pet-friendly, and serves as a hub for community activity. As a pet owner, I value these green spaces where I can walk my dog Teo safely, be near where we live, and enjoy good air quality within the city. Here, I can exercise and find environmental stimulation. It's a different green environment that is easily accessible on the weekends when we cannot go too far.



ROVE CANTUBA

Marketing Assistant, lives in Muntinlupa, works at Axis Tower 1

As a fresh graduate and a new employee, I appreciate Axis Park because I can unwind here when things get overwhelming at work. Its green features and beautiful landscape help boost my



creativity and productivity. Axis Park also serves as our comfort place for me and my friends. Here, we can catch up and be able to bond, most especially during the hardest times. It helps us experience nature even when we're in the city.



GRAZEL ABOULFADAL Executive Assistant, Crossboulder Wealth

For us, most of the time, we visit the Spectrum Linear Park when we're stressed at work or when we want to walk around. These little breaks relax us and we feel safe walking around. We also enjoy seeing people having fun, especially during the weekends. These weekend fairs also provide us with a wide array of food choices.

CITY EXCLUSIVE

The Palms Country Club: The southern community's Club of choice for 20 years

sk any true-blooded Southerner and they'll have numerous stories and fond memories to share about their trips to The Palms Country Club—summers spent by the pool, tennis lessons with their parents, and many more fun birthday parties, weddings, and other celebrations hosted on their beautiful grounds.

A proud fixture in the community especially for families, The Palms Country Club first opened its doors 20 years ago to the active community of the Metro South. Located along Laguna Heights, right beside luxury condo Botanika Nature Residences, the Club offers first-class facilities, modern amenities, and superb dining options.

Today, it is still a premier destination in the South and a favorite hangout among families, professionals, and active individuals who seek a quiet, yet fun reprieve in the city. "If you mention the Palms Country Club, people automatically associate it with great food, the best service, and an overall great experience," shares Chef Hans Neukom, general manager. This is why, two decades later, the Club enjoys a full, sold-out membership.

A PROMISE OF NEW

As the Palms Country Club celebrates its milestone anniversary, Chef Hans excitedly shares that they have an amazing lineup

of events and activities for its members and the community. "What we promise is the best of leisure, recreation, and cuisine," he nods.

As it enters its new chapter of growth, the Club is undergoing a full revamp and rebranding. And along with this comes a year-long plan to modernize its facilities and offerings to cater to its growing, discerning clientele.

"What we're really proud of is the fact that we're just not some ordinary club for golfing or for just businessmen. We cater to the family, because we believe in family values. And we have shown that even after 20 years of operation, we are still well-

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respected. And that's not something many other businesses can say," Chef Hans explains.

ENDING THE YEAR WITH A BANG

Apart from the renovations and the upgrading of amenities, the Club is also updating its food offerings and restaurants. This time, they'll be focusing on creating healthier, cleaner, and more sustainable fares with less wastage and less plastic. Diners can explore these new eats this holiday season.

But for now, guests can look forward to the Club's Christmas and New Year's Eve feasts which are set to be truly exceptional. Chef Hans

reveals that they'll be offering their traditional Christmas spreads, but with tasty new additions such as Roast Goose, cochinillos imported from Spain, and US-certified Angus beef and prime rib.

"This year, you shouldn't miss out on our New Year's Eve bash which is always the biggest NYE's celebration in the South!" he exclaims.

The bash is essentially two parties held simultaneously—one for the kids and one for the adults with live entertainment, magic shows, and delicious buffets. Families can enjoy their respective parties with time apart. But they can still come together and celebrate as the night gets closer to midnight.

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CITY NEWS

It takes clear vision and drive to build a future-ready community, and Filinvest City's green efforts are already bearing fruit with back-to-back wins and awards from both local and global organizations.



FILINVEST ALABANG, INC. WINS 3-PEAT INTERNATIONAL STEVIE AWARDS

Filinvest Alabang, Inc. (FAI)—the visionary company behind Filinvest City—bagged the GOLD STEVIE® Company of the Year Award for Large Scale Real Estate Business Category from the International Business Awards. FAI also received the People's Choice Stevie Award for the Favorite Company category for three consecutive years.

Stevie Award winners were determined by more than 200 judges who are the world's most respected executives, entrepreneurs, innovators, and business educators.

FILINVEST CITY STANDS OUT AT MANILA BULLETIN'S 1ST SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

Filinvest Alabang, Inc. was recognized for Filinvest City at Manila Bulletin's first Sustainability Forum, aptly titled, "Beyond Green."

The online event featured diverse speakers who shared their respective organizations' important initiatives and how their developments are master planned to make the future more sustainable for the next generation.

Don S. Ubaldo, First Vice President for Townships of Filinvest Alabang, Inc., presented "Filinvest City Alabang: Developing the Philippines' First BERDE-certified CBD" and gave more insight into how Filinvest City is paving the way for sustainable townships, especially as it leads with its 3-star BERDE Certification.





FILINVEST REIT WINS BEST SUSTAINABILITY COMPANY OF THE YEAR AT THE 13TH ASIA CEO AWARDS 2022

It's win after win as the Filinvest Real Estate Investment Trust (FILRT) becomes the first and only REIT company recognized as a Circle of Excellence Awardee for Best Sustainability Company of the Year. The group was recognized at the 13th Asia CEO Awards 2022 due to its worthwhile accomplishments in environmental progress, demonstrated leadership, and commitment to sustainability.

FILRT's property portfolio consists of 17 high-quality commercial buildings, 16 of which are situated in Northgate Cyberzone at Filinvest City, Alabang.

CITY NEWS

The Garden City of Metro South supports the active lifestyles of the numerous residents and professionals residing in the CBD with events and causes that nurture well-being, as well as the community.



TO END POLIO: 4 LEAD CLUBS OF DISTRICT 3830 HOLD FUN BIKE & RUN

As part of the campaign to eradicate Polio globally, Rotary Club District 3830 hosted a "Fun Bike & Run to End Polio" event, which gathered close to 500 participants at the Filinvest City Event Grounds last October 16, 2022.

THE BULL RUNNER'S BULL SESSIONS WELCOME MARATHONERS AT FILINVEST CITY

Known as the only marathon in the world that caters to first- or second-time marathoners, the Bull Runner, in partnership with Garmin, held its first and second Bull Sessions at Filinvest City. It is a 22-week journey with a total of five Bull Circles or Running Talks, six Bull Sessions or Running Clinics, a send-off party, and the Dream Marathon 2023.





THE 7-ELEVEN RUN MANILA RETURNS TO FILINVEST CITY

After two years of holding the run online, the 7-Eleven Run returned to Filinvest City last September 24 and 25, 2022 for its 10th edition. Over 12,000 runners from Metro Manila and nearby provinces gathered at the heart of the metro and participated in the first leg of the race this year—the two other legs were held in Cebu and Davao.



MNL CITY RUN ORGANIZES A CHARITY RUN FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

In celebration of National Mental Health month last October, the MNL City Run 2022, aptly titled, "We Mind Care, a Charity Run to Mental Wellness," hosted its running event on November 5, 2022, at Pacific Rim, Filinvest City.

The event's main aspiration is to raise awareness on the challenges of mental healthcare delivery in our country, especially during the ongoing pandemic. Proceeds of the charity run will go to Elsie Gaches Village, a residential care facility in Alabang for children with special needs.

CITY NEWS

Filinvest City is spreading more joy and whimsy during the holidays with fun concerts, the best Christmas sales and fairs, and more to delight the merry crowds.







NOEL BAZAAR RETURNS TO FILINVEST CITY

The longest-running and most awaited Christmas event, the Noel Bazaar is back this holiday season and is headed to the Filinvest Tent again on December 16-18.

Enjoy a wide array of specially curated items and unique gift finds, from novelty picks to stylish apparel, Christmas decorations and home furnishings, body and beauty products, and even fashion accessories, shoes, and bags. The proceeds will be donated to the GMA Kapuso Foundation and Inquirer Foundation.

WESTGATE'S YULETIDE HARMONIES COMMENCES IN NOVEMBER

Westgate Center welcomes the Christmas season with good food and holiday hymns through Yuletide Harmonies, a special musical event that was held on the four Saturdays of November, starting 7:00pm at the Activity Park.

Live performances by different chorale groups were held to signal the start of the most wonderful time of this season.





ART FAIR, SUNSET DJ, AND MORE AT THE SOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL 2022

The South Arts Festival, held last November 12 and 13, 2022, regaled music and art enthusiasts as they were treated to two days of amazing art and great food.



The art fair presented affordable art for sale, sunset DJs, and featured spoken word performances. There was also free art supplies testing sponsored by the art supply store, Art Nebula; a presentation by Likha about the ins and outs of non-fungible tokens (NFTs); and sip-and-paint sessions.

SUPPORT PINK FOR CRIMSON'S BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Since 2017, Crimson Hotel Alabang, the premier fivestar hotel in Metro South, has been raising breast cancer awareness through its "Passionately Pink" program. This program offers a choice selection





of exquisite eats, luscious libations, and a room package that makes for a perfect urban getaway for both couples and families.



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