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MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLISHER

A LIVABLE AND LOVABLE CITY

I am delighted to say that things are looking up at Filinvest City. The early part of the year was quite momentous, and I wish to personally share some of these affairs with you. First is the groundbreaking of Filinvest City's very own Marian Chapel at the River Park, Festival Alabang. This milestone project is very special to us, as this was built in honor of our late Chairman Emeritus, Mr. Andrew Gotianun Sr. Second is the rise of Botanika Nature Residences Tower 1. We are proud to be the flagship city of this unique residential concept by Filigree, the newest premier real estate brand in the country, that is a low density, ultra-luxurious condominium built around the concept of living with nature. Third, but definitely not the least, are the series of successful and well-attended events that add color and camaraderie to this township like Wanderland Festival and the 7-Eleven Run.

Filinvest's township portfolio is quickly expanding with our objective of building more urban communities that are fully integrated, future-ready and self-contained. Our work is never done as we continue to enhance and innovate. This summer, we encourage you to explore Filinvest City by foot. We believe that nature is a vital part of any space. As builders we take pride in finding the balance between softscape and hardscape. Current testament to this commitment is the Spectrum Linear Park—a lovely one-kilometer stretch of landscaped island with lush flora, seating areas, and art structures—and the augmentation of bike lanes that will help lessen carbon footprint. This is just the start and we hope that everyone will join us in our journey to becoming a total green and garden CBD.

I look forward to sharing with everyone more good news in our next issue. In the meantime, please enjoy our summer editorial lineup, which includes stories on how to enjoy Filinvest City's great outdoors amongst others. Thank you and happy reading!



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SEIZE THE SUMMER IN THE VIBRANT METRO SOUTH

THIS SUMMER, FILINVEST CITY OFFERS AN ENTIRE CITY AS YOUR PLAYGROUND. WHETHER YOU AIM TO FILL YOUR DAYS WITH EXCITING, HEART-THUMPING ACTIVITIES OR SEEK TO SLOW DOWN TO RELISH THE QUIET MOMENTS, THE SOUTHERN COMMUNITY WILL INSPIRE YOU TO HEAD OUTSIDE AND EXPLORE YOUR OTHER GROWING PASSIONS.

Find a cozy corner to read and meditate at any of the landscaped parks and gardens in the CBD like the Spectrum Linear Park. Bring your kids to run, play or even fly a kite. For those with more adventurous spirits, head to the Mountain Bike Trails where you can fuel your need for speed and explore the unbeaten paths.

For those who want to stay cool despite the heat, Festival Alabang opens its doors to its new annex, offering more exciting shops for the fashion forward and restaurants for the “epicurious.” Foodies and gourmands who are always in search of a new haunt will find a delicious new place to date (for breakfast, brunch or dinner) at Westgate Center with the arrival of Bean & Yolk and EarthOrigins, which both serve all-day breakfast.

Get ready as Filinvest City brings the community together through the Festival of Possibilities event happening on June 8. The biggest community fair to date in the Garden City, where you can enjoy different activities such as arcades, bazaars, and many more while being entertained by musical acts of popular local bands.



Filinvest City also makes sure that your kids seize the summer with programs that aim to mold the mind and hone their skills and talents at The Little Apprentice School at Westgate Center, Toddlers Unlimited at Festival Alabang, and La Vie Institute. Whether it's a personality development program or classes on arts and crafts, your kids have much to benefit from these fun, educational workshops.

In this issue, also discover what's up with **The Vibe's** cover girl Judy Ann Santos-Agoncillo as she shares her dreams for her fledgling YouTube show, Judy Ann's Kitchen, and her plans for the summer with her little brood. Find out how they spend their summer days and nights in the homey south, and their favorite go-to places around the city.

Just like Judy Ann, you'll never find a lack of reasons to spend time in the great outdoors. In Metro South, summer, indeed, becomes more fun!

FILINVEST CITY TOWNSHIP UPDATES

Filinvest City has cemented its position as a premier Garden CBD of Metro South, commanding land values reaching P230k/sq.m net, representing up to

**248%
GROWTH
IN LAND
VALUES
OVER THE
LAST FIVE
YEARS***

This translates to a more than 200% jump in accommodation values, from P9.2k/sq.m to P23.1k/sq.m.

Development in Filinvest City has seen an uptick with almost 50 buildings completed or has commenced construction from 2012 to 2017.



EASE OF TRAVEL

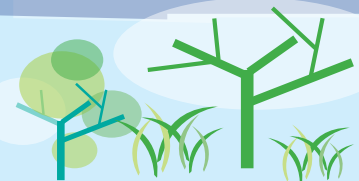
South Station houses provincial and city buses and vans bringing commuters to and from various points of Metro Manila and key provinces. The station has been recently equipped with the convenience of WiFi powered by Smart.

SHARE THE ROAD WITH BIKES



TAKE THE MORE
SCENIC AND MORE
ECO-FRIENDLY ROUTE
BY BIKING AROUND
THE COMMUNITY.

Filinvest City encourages all bikers and commuters to use the bike lanes within the major thoroughfares. To a greener, cleaner CBD!



GREENER CITY

Spectrum Linear Park, the almost kilometer stretch of green, is now open to the public. Play, relax, and exercise as a community here at the 'greenbelt,' which connects the north and south of the CBD.

RETAIL

GROSS FLOOR AREA BUILD-UP:
495,000 SQ.M
(61% growth*)



RESIDENTIAL

GROSS FLOOR AREA BUILD-UP:
235,000 SQ.M
(25% growth*)

- TOTAL NO. OF UNITS: 3,000 units.
From Studio to 5-bedroom units
- SOON TO RISE: 152,000 sq.m**

OFFICES

GROSS FLOOR AREA BUILD-UP:
534,000 SQ.M
CURRENT LEASING RATES:
P700/ SQ.M
LEASE RATES

*Comparison of 2017 and 2012 figures

**Expected within 2018-2019



FAST ON THE RISE

FROM STARTING WITH ONE BUILDING TO NOW HAVING 17 IN THE SOUTHERN CBD, CYBERZONE PROPERTIES INC. CONTINUES TO EXPAND AND ONLY SEES GREATER GROWTH IN FILINVEST CITY.

Having had the foresight a decade early to invest in dynamic Metro South, Cyberzone Properties Inc. (CPI) is now reaping the fruits of its good business, recently completing its 17th building, with four more in the pipeline as part of its aggressive projection for 2018.

CPI is a proud Philippine real estate developer, which is responsible for the first PEZA-approved I.T. park development in Filinvest City. Today, it manages several prime office spaces and BPO buildings in Northgate, including the Vector Three Building, which boasts of being the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Building of Northgate Cyberzone.

“There’s no better time than now to invest in Filinvest City. For us, the number one reason that made it easy for us to decide to establish base here years ago was the fact that Filinvest City is the gateway to Calabarzon,” shares Maricel Brion-Lirio, senior vice president of Cyberzone Properties Inc. Thanks to its proximity to SLEX, the Skyway, Alabang Zapote Road, and the newly opened CAVITEX, Filinvest City becomes the ideal location for multinational corporations seeking to establish headquarters in the south as well as business leaders, entrepreneurs, and employees.

Brion-Lirio shares that their decision to expand in Metro South was founded on thorough study and planning. Through the company’s initial surveys, which aimed to gauge the demand for leasing properties, CPI found that many employees and executives

from Batangas and Laguna were seeking to work in a CBD, and preferred Filinvest City as it offered not only accessibility, but a balanced live-work-play lifestyle. “Unlike other business districts, where it’s so congested, here, people can go biking after work, walk around the malls, and explore the city. You can definitely achieve a healthy lifestyle and balance here,” she adds.

As a real estate developer, CPI does more than simply build high-rises for lease. It, as a company, anticipates what its locators need and want, and Filinvest City presents these very locators a unique opportunity and competitive advantage. Filinvest City is a master-planned development that is tied together by a vision of progress. All aspects of what makes a city great—business, employment, retail, entertainment, and community, etc.—are fully realized in this modern community. One of the most palpable sustainable initiative done was the completion of the District Cooling System (DCS), now known to be the largest in the country. DCS is a centralized production and distribution of chilled water. This chilled water is distributed via an underground distribution network in a closed piping circuit. One of the key benefits of using DCS is improved electrical efficiency.

On the business front, the thriving CBD continually grows exponentially every year, with local and foreign investors establishing operations in the thriving Northgate Cyberzone. In retail, Festival Alabang has become a landmark, offering a newer, more diverse mix with the completion of its expansion. For families and urban

professionals, the Metro South becomes an ideal home and haven with its green initiatives and dedicated spaces for gardens, parks, and nature trails.

“Our locators seek variety. Aside from proximity to residential neighborhoods and condos, they’re looking for the complete lifestyle, which Filinvest City delivers through



its diverse offerings and amenities. The South is a very livable community with fresh air and a fun, laid-back vibe that all want to be part of,” says Brion-Lirio. In addition, as part of its long-term goal to become the “Great Garden City of the South,” Filinvest City is investing in the development of more eco-friendly, LEED buildings, which CPI is excited to be part of.

For businesses, both small and large-scale, Filinvest City has proven to be a great economic partner, and Brion-Lirio believes this, too. “We are very happy with our growth in Filinvest City, and have completed numerous projects. And we look forward to more milestones in the future,” she ends.



FILINVEST CITY SET TO HOLD FIRST-EVER COMMUNITY FAIR FESTIVAL OF POSSIBILITIES

FILINVEST CITY, THE PREMIER GARDEN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT IN METRO SOUTH, PRESENTS TO ITS COMMUNITY AND GUESTS YET ANOTHER REASON TO COME TOGETHER. ENJOY THE CITY'S HEALTHY OUTDOORS, AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS AS IT HOSTS ITS FIRST-EVER FESTIVAL OF POSSIBILITIES AT THE FILINVEST CITY EVENTS GROUNDS ON JUNE 8 FROM 3 P.M. ONWARDS.



The Festival of Possibilities is a festivity aimed at bringing the community closer. Through this exciting estate-wide fair, city dwellers will surely get to explore the possibilities of play and music with activities consisting of inflatables, games, a bazaar, and an awesome concert featuring some of the country's best-loved bands like Parokya ni Edgar, Franco, Autotelic, and Ben & Ben.

"We are happy to host the first Festival of Possibilities as it showcases Filinvest City's lush greeneries and open spaces," says Filinvest Alabang, Inc.'s vice president for Township Don Ubaldo. "We also believe that with Festival of Possibilities, we further cement our stature as a community that brings together family and friends through fun, engaging events."

So, don't miss out on all the fun! Simply present proof of residence or employment in Filinvest City to get a pass to the event. Non-residents and non-employees, meanwhile, may buy tickets priced at P500 at the venue gates or may present receipts (minimum of P200 per receipt) equivalent to P1,000 from any of the merchants in Festival Alabang, Westgate Center, and Fastbytes Northgate Cyberzone to get one (1) ticket.

Without a doubt, the Festival of Possibilities promises to be a delightful experience to its community and guests as they bask in Filinvest City's verdant surroundings and fresh air.

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GOING GREEN

FILINVEST CITY, AS A **MASTER-PLANNED MODERN COMMUNITY**, BELIEVES IN EMBRACING THE GREAT OUTDOORS AND WORKING WITH NATURE, RATHER THAN AGAINST IT.



Explore the Garden City of the South using its bike lanes

Since it was first conceptualized, Filinvest City was envisioned to become the model of a modern city, primed for progress and fitted with all the features to make it a world-class CBD. While it was built to compete against other major business districts in the Metro, Filinvest City positioned itself differently—a cut above the rest—by focusing on becoming a greener, cleaner community, one which would not compromise the health and beauty of its natural surroundings.

Here we look at the different green initiatives that the rising CBD has undertaken to ensure a more promising, thriving, balanced lifestyle for its community.



Feel the warm summer breeze at Spectrum Linear Park

RIDE AROUND THE CITY

Filinvest City is divided into different economic zones, and these are all interconnected by a convenient network of e-jeepneys. Professionals and residents can take these and safely reach their destination. These e-jeepneys contribute to the greater green scheme of the CBD as they're powered by electricity, thereby reducing carbon footprint and pollution.

FUTURE-READY

Filinvest City's vision of building a sustainable and future-ready city was further cemented with several initiatives. One of the most remarkable initiative is the District Cooling System (DCS) in Northgate Cyberzone, now known to be the largest in the Philippines. With DCS, electricity consumption for air-conditioning requirements in Northgate Cyberzone will be reduced as it serves up to 20 office buildings.

WALK THIS WAY

While other CBDs feel congested, Filinvest City planned ahead to prioritize open spaces and gardens, allowing

the city and its people to breathe. Supporting the community of active individuals, the Metro South has allotted bike lanes and wide pedestrian pathways so that residents and guests will be encouraged to walk and explore the city by foot.

PALM PERFECTION

Helping the runners, walkers, and aspiring athletes of Metro South, the city has planted numerous trees across the CBD to offer a soothing shade from the heat and sun. To date, the city has planted an estimated 3,000 Date Palms that not only help cool the city, but which does wonders to beautify the landscape.



Spend some quiet time in Filinvest City's walk paths with date palms

SEEDS OF HOPE

As the Garden City of the South, Filinvest City ensures that it fills its open spaces with gardens and parks that the community can enjoy. With its own nursery, the city has placed under its care hundreds—if not thousands—of seedlings, which will one day be replanted in pocket gardens and parks throughout the CBD.

STRETCH OF GREEN

Spectrum Linear Park is a one-kilometer innovative “greenbelt” that connects the northern and southern zones of the CBD. Here, professionals, families and *barkadas* can find a quiet corner to sit, read, relax or play. Joggers, runners and walkers also make use of this scenic stretch for their morning and evening routines.



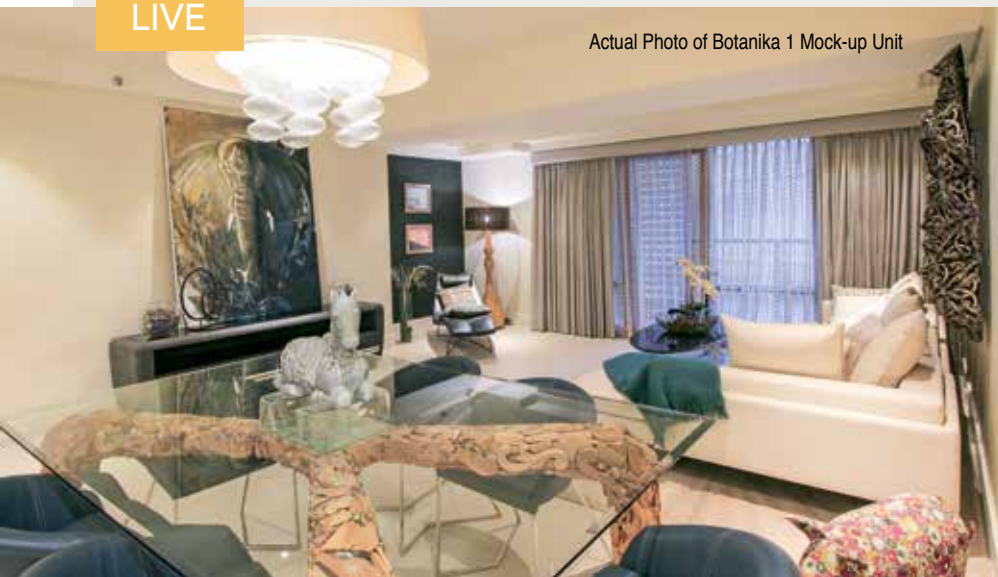
E-Jeepneys

GLOBAL RECOGNITION

Filinvest City recently applied to be registered with the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for Neighborhood (NDv3) planning—making it the first development in the Philippines to seek certification. The US-based council, a nonprofit organization, recognizes impressive design and developments that are environmentally responsible, from construction to maintenance. Today, only two other countries in the world hold that prestigious recognition—Italy and Japan. Hopefully soon, through Filinvest City, the Philippines will earn its mark.



Zumba at the Promenade at 6 A.M. during Shared Zone Sundays



State of the ART

DEFINING LUXURY AS A CONCEPT OF LIFESTYLE, BOTANIKA IS MORE THAN WHAT PEOPLE SEE. SINGAPORE-BASED ISABELLE MIAJA POINTED OUT THAT IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE MATERIALS BUT HOW PEOPLE FEEL WHEN INSIDE.

Now ready for occupancy, Botanika Nature Residences, a master-planned upscale condominium complex by Filigree, is for the rarified few. It harmoniously co-exists with its environs, providing residents a home where they can enjoy luxurious, close-to-nature living, similar to that of an oasis at the heart of a bustling metropolis.

Seamlessly integrating outdoor and indoor spaces, the interiors of Botanika are just as luxe and opulent as the open amenity areas. Residents' own spaces are no less lavish with roomy, larger-than-usual condominium units cut into two-bedroom suites, three-bedroom flats, three-bedroom garden bi-level units, five-bedroom garden bi-level units, and grand penthouse units ranging from 123 to 343 square meters.

Add to the generous living spaces are the indoor amenity areas such as the main lobby, business center, kids indoor play area and the mock-up unit, interior-designed by award-winning Isabelle Miaja of Miaja Design Group. Of Spanish and French descent and based in Singapore, the US-trained Miaja draws from her DNA, which fuses a number of cultures. The taste-fully designed tower 1 common areas, which serve as the extension of the residents' private suites, are furnished and fitted, draped and adorned with stunning pieces.

Says Miaja, "When we design, we build every project around a story line that is connected to the place, the people,

and its art, the whole cultural background." She thus roamed around and shopped for antiques in Manila, Pampanga and other cities, taking in as much as she could. "I have to reinvent everything and give it a new twist," she adds.

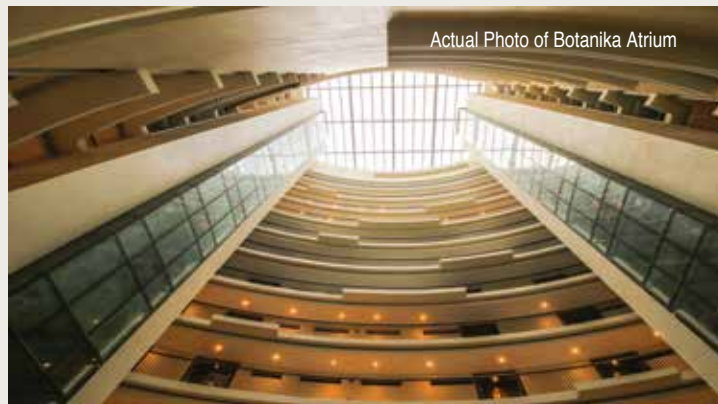
The main lobby breathes a profound fusion of local and modern, of Filipino folk elements and the contemporary, as envisioned by Miaja. An organic theme strikes in when one comes in the lobby—a compelling vertical wall with flora-inspired covering and orchid metal sculptures accentuated by warm lights, a striking carpet covering a portion of the lounge area that provides a vibrant touch in contrast to the ivory floor, a minimalist furniture played up with bright cushion, warm and modern pendant lights, a green wall and a landscaped wall art—all these make up for a welcome fit for a five-star hotel.

Just a few steps and then it opens up into the lush atrium pleasing the eyes with the view of the iconic building structure with open space at its core—well-lit by natural lighting coming from the glass sunroof by day and warm hallways radiant with bollard lights accentuating the lush landscaping and the water feature at night. Residents also have a bird's eye view of the atrium as they go up the scenic elevators designed with timber paneled interiors continuing the organic theme, where they can appreciate an architecture so aesthetically thought-out—a pleasant ride to their cozy unit.

Coming up to the mock-up unit, also interior designed by Miaja, will always be a lovely progression of experiences.



Actual Photo of Botanika Business Center



Actual Photo of Botanika Atrium

Nature is simple as it is complex. Botanika Nature Residences also similarly share a contradiction. According to Miaja, “With Botanika there is also a city feel in another sense because (the structure) is sharp and crisp. But, organic and beautiful classic lines are also combined here.”

The fusion of the natural and the contemporary is also reflected in other common indoor areas. The kids play room has colorful storage solutions for toys, vibrant area rugs and hip furnishings stitching up a modern indoor recreational concept for play and study areas. Meanwhile, the business center with a meeting room furnished with modern furniture selection is a place for grown-up assemblies or just when residents want to catch up with some literary classics.

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Actual Photo of Botanika Main Lobby

come to you at once, but you love them when you come in, and you start to appreciate everything,” she shares.

Other shared outdoor amenities include the outdoor play area with treehouse, the al fresco atrium deck and of course the tiered infinity kiddie and lap pools—the jewel within Botanika—surrounded by lush landscaping complete with sundeck, changing rooms and veranda. With all these princely amenities, Botanika offers its residents the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing environment in their own vertical home affording them a vacation, a staycation or a day in the park in their own residential development.

All this luxury and more await you at Botanika, now ready to welcome residents to its first tower—completed on time and at best quality—with its ready for occupancy status.

For details, visit www.botanika.com.ph or call (02) 880 2868.

EATS

BREAKFAST BITES

AT WESTGATE CENTER

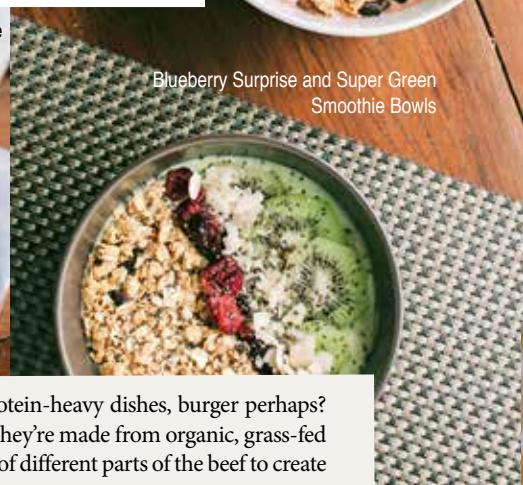


Organic Bacon, Egg, Cheese, and Greens Pancakes

Wake up to brighter, sunnier days with amazing breakfast meals from **EarthOrigins** and **Bean & Yolk**. Whether you prefer your first meal of the day as just a perfectly brewed cup or a feast hearty enough to sustain you in the hours ahead, find your perfect breakfast at these new restaurants in Westgate Center. Start off your day on a good note!



Classic Organic Chicken Sausage Plate



Blueberry Surprise and Super Green Smoothie Bowls

EARTHORIGINS: BACK TO BASICS

EarthOrigins, known for its delicious organic picks, offers straight-up good-for-the-soul, good-for-the-body cuisine. Every item on the menu has been thoroughly studied and meticulously put together, ensuring the best synergy of flavor.

For those who are taking a more mindful approach to their nutrition, you'll be delighted as EarthOrigins tells you exactly what's in every bite. All the ingredients in their recipes are shared on the menu. Origins is also open to removing and replacing ingredients in their dishes (accommodating those with allergy limitations), to further ensure that you enjoy their meals at the restaurant.

"I have been blessed with a gift of taste, when I taste a dish, I know exactly what's in it," shares the owner, Arman Lorenzo. And this amazing talent he has used to weave amazing flavor combinations to create memorable dishes that not only taste incredible, but which are healthy and fresh.

For breakfast, start off strong with protein-heavy dishes, burger perhaps? EarthOrigins' beef burgers are a treat as they're made from organic, grass-fed cattle and are made using a combination of different parts of the beef to create the perfect balance of protein and fats.

You'll notice that some burgers use black buns, and these are actually infused with activated charcoal, which absorbs toxins in your body. So with every bite, you're not only feeding your body, you're helping to detox it, too! Pair your burgers with EarthOrigins fresh potato fries, which are a treat! Plain and simple, and prepared without preservatives, the fries are sliced fresh and popped into the fryer.

For something lighter, fill up and fuel up on any of their pasta dishes, which are made with organic noodles.

With EarthOrigins, find a more delicious reason to wake up earlier. It is open from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M.



Classic Beef Burger





Breakfast Ramen



BEAN & YOLK: BREAKFAST HUB

Starting off as a small, 15-chair breakfast haunt in Makati, Bean & Yolk has made its way to Filinvest City, waking up the neighborhood with its exciting brunch menu.

“Bean & Yolk was inspired by our travels, as I previously worked as a flight attendant in PAL (Philippine Airlines). When I was stationed abroad, I would hang out at the coffee shops in Australia, LA, and London, and noticed how baristas were like chefs,” shares Patricia Jorolan, the brains and palate behind Bean & Yolk.

Today, Patricia and her husband Chukoy have teamed up and brought life to their simple food concept, focusing on perfecting coffee and eggs. “Just freshly baked bread and fresh ingredients,” nods Patricia.



Chicken Curry Salad, Cereal
Waffles, and Tapa Bowl



For first timers, Cara’s Fave is a must-try, the duo agree. The warm, gooey delight is their version of the grilled cheese sandwich, which uses two kinds of cheeses and hot honey. This is laid on a warm, freshly baked brioche bun that lends that wonderful crunch and full bite. For something that delivers more complexity of flavors, the Chorizo Mama energizes the taste buds. It’s a pseudo burger made with homemade chorizo—without preservatives—that’s slathered on with hot and sweet homemade BBQ sauce.

A light meal great for easing into your day is the Chicken Curry salad, that is as light and as bright as the Metro South sunrise. “Here, you can have breakfast anytime of the day. Come here for breakfast and stay as long as you want. We have sockets at all tables so you can work and more tables so you and your friends catch up or work without being disturbed,” smiles Chukoy.

And to power you through beyond breakfast, Bean & Yolk has its selection of coffee-based and milk-based treats. And these are no ordinary beverages as they’re prepared with roasted beans, sourced only for that day, and fresh, organic milk and almond milk.

Come in hungry and leave energized, fully ready to take on the day ahead! Bean & Yolk is open from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M.



A woman with brown hair, wearing a white short-sleeved dress with a small bow at the waist and light-colored sandals, is walking towards the camera on a paved path. The path is lined with green trees and red pillars on the left, and a grassy area with more trees and red pillars on the right. The background shows a clear sky and more greenery.

Cover Story

Bring in the SUNSHINE

"I loved the relaxing, laid-back lifestyle of my previous home, which is exactly what you'll find here in the South, too."

It's a bright, sunny day at **Spectrum Linear Park in Filinvest City**, with beautiful greens softening the landscape that's framed by silver high-rises and dominant buildings. And the only thing brighter than the skies is **Judy Ann Santos-Agoncillo's** bubbly disposition.

The **Vibe's** cover girl steps onto the shoot ready and energized. "This is my first time here, *di ko alam na may ganito pala!*" she says with glee, walking down the one-kilometer stretch of gardens that defines the innovative greenbelt. "I'll definitely bring the kids here next time."

STAYING STAR POWER

Judy, as she's more fondly called, despite over three decades in the business, still charms with unbeatable star power. Her recent flick, "*Ang Dalawang Mrs. Reyes*" with Angelica Panganiban earned a hefty P120 million at the box office early this year, and she's set to headline another *teleserye* on ABS-CBN.

Though she's thankful to her fans and audiences who still tune in to watch her on the small and big screens, Judy Ann reveals that she has simpler wants in life today.

"*Sa totoo lang*, I feel that I am not that famous anymore, though I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue acting. *Sa ngayon*, I'm not the first priority when it comes to movies or *teleseryes* anymore, which is fine with me," she says with a smile, revealing that this, at first was a bitter pill to swallow. But she has since come to terms with her current slide from popularity.

"But I've come to that point in my life that I've accepted it...It's the circle of life, and accepting change is the key to being happy. Don't resist the change or improvement."

Buoyed by a more empowered perspective, Judy Ann is embracing the new chapter in her life and career, seeking to savor the moments with her brood and exploring new, exciting projects.

SEIZING SUMMER

This summer, Judy Ann shares, the Agoncillo family is keeping it low-key and simple with their plans. "We just told the kids that maybe we will go around the Philippines. *Sabi ko nga sa kanila* that there are also nice beaches here and places to explore, and not necessarily *kailangan namin lumabas ng bansa*," she explains.





“There’s so much open space, gardens and parks here, which is great for the kids. On our part, we especially like the bike trail and the carless Sundays. The community (in the South) is small, but it’s complete,”

Judy Ann admits that her kids—Yohan (13), Lucho (7), and Luna (2)—are quite easy to entertain, which is why they’re happy just as well to spend their summer break at home in the blossoming Metro South.

“We don’t mind staying at home; we love it *nga*. Watching movies and playing—that’s our favorite pastimes. And *si* Ryan *naman*, you cannot remove him from the South. He grew up here. This is his base.”

THE CALL OF THE SOUTH

When they first got married over a decade ago, Judy Ann admits that making the big move to Alabang wasn’t a major leap for her as she’s an Antipolo girl who loves the great outdoors. “I grew up in the north, surrounded by greens; I only moved to Manila because of work. Whenever I would get stressed, I would always find myself longing for the quiet of nature.

“I loved the relaxing, laid-back lifestyle of my previous home, which is exactly what you’ll find here in the South, too,” adds the Southern belle who has been living in the area for almost a decade.

HOME HITS

According to Judy Ann, if the family isn’t at home watching movies or having an impromptu picnic in their backyard, you’d most likely find them at Commercenter, their favorite neighborhood haunt. “We love the cinema, it has a nice mix of restaurants, it’s not too big, and I do a little bit of my pampering there as well at the Aivee Clinic,” she beams. The couple also loves to eat, but they also take great time and effort to keep in shape. They often head to a fitness center located in Westgate Center for their gym dates.

But more than the modern conveniences and the diverse mix of lifestyle malls accessible to their home, what really drew Judy Ann and Ryan to take root in Alabang is the laid-back vibe and feel of the place. The southern part of the Metro becomes not only the perfect place for busy urbanites and professionals to



relax, but also the ideal home and haven to raise a family.

"I remember our own childhood when we were happy just playing *patintero*, running around. Now you see kids always on their gadgets. So, I do appreciate that here, there's something more interesting that they can do than just be glued to their screens," says Judy Ann.

"There's so much open space, gardens and parks here, which is great for the kids. On our part, we especially like the bike trail and the carless Sundays. The community (in the South) is small, but it's complete," nods Judy Ann. From schools to malls, supermarkets, hotels and cinemas, everything is within convenient reach.

A NEW PASSION

Free from the stress and the confining feel of other typical cities, Judy Ann shares that the southern community has inspired her to explore her other passions such as cooking, which she does on her new YouTube channel, *Judy Ann's Kitchen*.

"I thought about starting *Judy Ann's Kitchen* for a long time. I love watching cooking shows and the Food Network, but it always felt stiff. The chefs are very technical and precise, so I wanted to show that you can cook and make mistakes and that's totally fine," she says beaming.

A true Filipino cook who doesn't hold back on flavor, Judy Ann gets creative in the kitchen and shares her delicious learnings with her fans. "I just love combining flavors together and creating a new taste. I want to bring that energy, curiosity and passion to *Judy Ann's Kitchen* because the show is more about inspiring people and not being judged. If you love to eat, you can cook. If you love to cook, you can eat," she says.

To date, her channel has over 150,000 subscribers and continues to grow every day. "I'm so excited and happy *na maraming sumusubaybay*," she shares with glee. She has many more plans for her fledgling digital show, but she doesn't want to preempt anything. Hopefully, she says, Judy Ann's Kitchen will tour public schools around the metro to teach children about health and nutrition, and to come up with her own line of aprons. "*Marami pang* plans, but for now I don't want to put a lot of pressure and preempt myself. I just want to enjoy it," she beams.

With her star continuing to shine and her spirit fully invigorated by new exciting endeavors, Judy Ann only sees brighter days ahead. "What I've learned is that life is too short to be unhappy. Embrace the change; don't resist."

"At the end of the day, you are the only one who can make yourself happy because you alone know what your heart needs to be full," she ends.



SUMMER FUN AT SCHOOL

Instead of parking your kids in front of the TV and having them spend their time glued to their gadgets, this summer break, let your kids spend more productive time having fun with others, nurturing their talents, and learning a new set of skills. While the school year may be officially over, the fun and learning should never stop!

Here are some of the exciting Programs and Workshops you can have your kids try this summer!



THE LITTLE APPRENTICE SCHOOL

800 6917

2/F, Westgate Hub, Filinvest City

www.thelittleapprentice.com

1. PLAY GROUP (1.5- to 3-year-olds)

For your tiny tots who will soon be entering preschool, enroll them in the Play Group summer school, which eases kids into the basic school routine and classroom environment. The Play Group will introduce your kids to classes on music and movement, art, circle time, playground time and story time.

2. ARTS & CRAFTS (3- to 5-year-olds)

The Arts and Crafts Workshop allows your kids to fully express themselves and hone their artistic skills. Get ready for messy sessions filled with giant collages, glittery projects, and novel artifacts!

3. READING (Open to children ages 4 and up, who know the phonetic sounds of the English alphabet)

In the age of cellphones, computers and gadgets, it's become harder to nurture a love for reading. With this series, let your child discover new worlds and see them grow excited to pick up a book.

4. COOKING (4- to 6-year-olds)

If your child has the inklings to be a great chef, bring them here! Have your children learn basic cooking skills and see them light up as they make easy breakfast fare, Bento-style baons and easy party treats.

5. GOOEY SCIENCE

Let your kids get down and dirty as they learn to make their own playdough, slime, paint, and glow in the dark experiments. Have your child discover there's more to science than weather and simple mixtures of color!

6. ETIQUETTE FOR KIDS (5- to 10-year-olds)

Here, the kids will learn basic social skills and etiquette: what's proper, when to do things, how to do things, how to address people, and so on. This is an important class that will teach your children how to navigate themselves better during public functions and family gatherings.

All summer classes are available from April 2018-May 2018.

TODDLERS UNLIMITED

850 4064

3/F, Festival Alabang, Filinvest City
www.toddlersunlimited.com

1. BENTO CLASSES WITH NIKKI GARCIA (7 and up)

Open for mommies and kiddies, the Bento Classes with Nikki Garcia offers a different kind of bonding experience between parents and child. Learn how to make healthier lunches for your kids and have your picky-eaters discover food through play.

2. GALILEO ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS (3.5- to 12-year-olds)

Give your child a head start by enrolling them in Galileo. The enrichment program helps kids to hurdle more challenging subjects such as English, Math and Singapore Math.

3. GALILEO KIDDIE COOKING CAMP: COOKING WITH NUMBERS

(5- to 11-year-olds)

Whip up amazing dishes and let the kids get comfortable in the kitchen with the help of the Galileo Cooking Camp. The five-session workshop covers all the basics of cooking—how to use basic kitchen tools and appliances, cooking techniques and the like.

4. CHESS CLUB WITH COACH JUAN ENGELBRECHT (6-year-olds and up)

Chess isn't only a game; it becomes a great tool to help children learn how to solve problems, strategize, and anticipate consequences. Chess is a sport that is known to improve concentration and academic performance in children.

Classes run from April 2018-May 2018.



LA VIE INSTITUTE

831-7414

2/F, Commercenter, Filinvest City
www.lavieinstitute.com

1. TEENS PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

This TOTAL Personality Development program aims to develop emotional intelligence. The program begins with strengthening one's self-mastery, enhancing image, and setting the foundations of social awareness through etiquette training and effective communication.

2. YOUNG ADULTS PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Much like the former, this development program covers the art of conversation, image presentation and personal style, managing stress and public speaking, among others. This series of workshops aim to help new graduates and working professionals find their winning edge, as well as get comfortable and confident in their own skin.

3. YOUNGSTERS PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

(Open to kids as young as 6 years old)

This program is customized to fit the learning styles of participants for maximized learning. Kids will not only develop higher emotional intelligence and develop social skills rooted in confident and strong communication, but they'll be able to learn through effective play.

Summer classes are until August.

THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER IN THE GREAT GARDEN CITY

Revel in the sunshine and seize the summer by heading outdoors. At Filinvest City's masterfully designed wide roads, open spaces, bike lanes, and verdant gardens you'll find no lack of reasons or activities to get active and fully enjoy the season.

HERE ARE SOME GREAT WAYS TO FILL UP YOUR SUMMER DAYS.

FURTHER ENJOY THE BRIGHT SKIES AND WARM WEATHER.



1

WALK, JOG, RUN

Whether you enjoy a leisure walk, jog or intense run, do all that and more within the safe confines of the city. With pedestrian lanes and lush canopies covering the streets, runners and walkers will be protected from traffic and the extreme heat.

Active individuals will be delighted as Filinvest City opens up sections of Corporate, Commerce, Parkway and Filinvest Avenues for Shared Zone every Sundays from 5 A.M. to 10 A.M. Run with confidence and even bring out the kids for some weekend family fun.



2

STROLL ALONG SPECTRUM LINEAR PARK

The Spectrum Linear Park is an innovative "greenbelt" that traverses the northern and southern points of the city. This one-kilometer stretch of greens is fitted with gardens and benches, so enjoy a scenic stroll to Spectrum Midway and discover more of the Metro South.



3

ADVENTURE ON THE TRAIL

At the adventure trail, run, bike, and hike by yourself or with friends and family. Bring out your wheels and head to the nine-kilometer stretch of rugged terrain, which becomes the perfect space to train and work off your excess energy.

RENT A BIKE

If you don't have a bike of your own, no problem! Along Asean Drive near Parkway Avenue, you can rent wheels—from kiddie bikes to city bikes and even those with sidecars—at just P100 an hour. Take the weekend off to teach your kids how to bike.

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BIRD WATCHING

Bring out your binoculars and take your kids to a fun-filled afternoon at the Filinvest Trails. Discover the amazing variety of wild birds that inhabit the sanctuary, from the yellow-vented bulbul, barred rail, white-breasted waterhen, white-throated kingfisher, little egret, black-crowned night herons and many more!

COOL OFF

On a hot summer's day, seek refuge and cool off at the water garden at Festival Alabang. A quick trip to this outdoor park will calm restless kids and their parents. Couples can delight in the more romantic ambiance care of the amazing water foundation display and shimmering lights.

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MASTER YOUR STROKE

If you want to practice your swing and complete a few holes on the green, look no further. Visit the South Point Driving Range, located adjacent to Manong's Bar & Grill, which is open to amateur and professional golfers. Filinvest City is incredibly accessible to golf courses in the South like Tagaytay, Laguna, and Villamor Airbase.



8

DANCE OFF

Sweat off the calories and get back into fighting form just in time for beach season at Filinvest City's free Zumba classes. Held every Sunday at Promenade Avenue, the classes give you the opportunity to meet your other neighbors and engage with the community through a fun morning of dancing.



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DINING DESTINATIONS

If eating were a sport, Filipinos would undoubtedly be champions! Discover new foodie finds and amazing dishes at the River Park and Westgate Center. From exciting food fusion to soulful authentic cuisine, discover dishes to satiate every craving and appetite. For bonus, enjoy a different kind of ambiance as you dine with a view.



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CONCERT OUTDOORS

With its wide open grounds, Filinvest City has become the first choice of many local and international event franchises and festivals such as Color Manila Run Series, one of the biggest fun runs in the country, the highly successful Wanderland Music & Arts Festival, and the upcoming Festival of Possibilities.

SHARED ZONE

In its mission to promote a balanced lifestyle, Filinvest City has introduced Shared Zone five years ago wherein one side of Parkway, Commerce, Corporate, and Filinvest Avenues is closed off to cars every Sunday from 5 A.M. to 10 A.M. Get to know why Southerners love this unique initiative of the Garden City.

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It's the only area with free space where we can exercise and enjoy the nice sights. We also like that it is full of trees. We come here not only during Shared Zone Day but also during holidays.

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— Anthony and Catherine Felipe



“

We have been going to this area way before Shared Zone started. This is where we assemble and train and take our snacks after. We like that there is no noise and the ambiance is great for exercising.

”

— Team Generika (Bong Libres, Antonio J. Ana, Chester Gans, Abe Dayuta, and Josh Celis)

“

Shared Zone makes it possible to enjoy the outdoors as a family. It is safe for our kids to bike here. We have also joined several Shimano and Endurance Races here in Filinvest City so we are very fond of this area.

”

— Cabatit Family (Anthony and Alona with their daughters Frances, Clare, and Toni, and Lola Leonila)



“

I used to walk inside our village, but then there are more cars now, and it became dusty. When I saw the people here who seemed to be enjoying, I tried it out for myself. I have been exercising here for two months now. I find it safe, quiet, and relaxing.

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—Glecyn Millanes



—Warren and Nemia Martin
with their dog Yassi

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We go here during the weekends to bring our dog out and to exercise. We normally have our bikes for a ride on the bike trail. What we really like here are the trees. Nature is alive here.

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We come here to enjoy the bike trail which we find is just the right balance, not too hard and not too easy. The whole outdoor space is not only great for exercising but even for al fresco dates. This is a well-centered zone and a more down to earth version compared to other CBDs.

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We like the area and the breeze here. Plus, it is so near our homes. We come here at least twice a week to ride our scooters. We would usually start riding in the RITM area and go downwards.



—Allister Miranda,
Adler Quion, and
Jason Miranda



—Jules Crisologo and Isabela
Miranda with their dog Yoske

7-ELEVEN RUN 2018

Last February 4, runners enjoyed sweating it out in the great outdoors for the 7-Eleven Run. The race—divided into nine categories: 42KM, 21KM, 16KM, 10KM, 10KM Buddy Run, 5KM, 5KM Buddy Run, 3KM, and 500M Kids Run—took the participants through the green, master-planned urbscape of Filinvest City, including a leg through Spectrum Linear Park, the unique “greenbelt” which spans the north and south ends of the township. During the marathon, participants were not only able to test their stamina and compete against other racers in their category, but also discovered the beauty of the township designed with canopied streets, verdant gardens and parks.

“Having 7-Eleven Run here is a testament of our commitment to promote an active lifestyle,” shared Don Ubaldo, Filinvest Alabang Inc.’s vice president for Township. “We designed more green spaces and parks, so people can go out and run or even walk. Bike lanes are also present in major roads. Infrastructures are there to encourage people to live their lives actively.”



WANDERLAND MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL 2018

For another highly anticipated edition of the Wanderland Music & Arts Festival, Filinvest City opened up its Events Grounds for music-lovers and concert-goers. Deemed to be the biggest avenue for the best indie music in the world, Wanderland Pixels welcomed on stage concert headliners, Kodaline and Jhené Aiko. Hundreds came, filling up the expansive venue, and all enjoyed the day of fun, music, art and other exciting activities.

Irish band Kodaline delivered their smooth grooves during their set, which included “All I Want” and “Brother.” Following suit, Grammy nominated Aiko wooed the crowds with her soft, sultry stylings with hits, “While We’re Young” and “Sativa.” On the local front, Wanderland lent the stage to IV of Spades, Ben&Ben, Asch, Quest and Jess Connolly, among others.





RONDA PILIPINAS 2018

As a city designed for active individuals, Filinvest City opened up its streets and lanes for another exciting competitive race, Ronda Pilipinas 2018. Touted as the biggest and grandest nationwide Road Bicycle Race, Ronda Pilipinas takes competitive racers across Luzon, which crosses over a thousand kilometers. The race was divided into 12 legs, with the last 50km held at Filinvest City, Alabang on March 18. Racers who participated in the competition were energized by the invigorating landscape of Metro South.

“We are proud to be part of this year’s Ronda Pilipinas, especially because it complements our vision for Filinvest City as a green city with expansive tree-canopied roads and fresh air, making it ideal for biking and other sporting events,” says Don Ubaldo, vice president for Township.



CENTURY TUNA SUPERBODS RUN

During the Century Tuna Superbods Run, participants came in their creative attire to show off their fine form and passion for running.

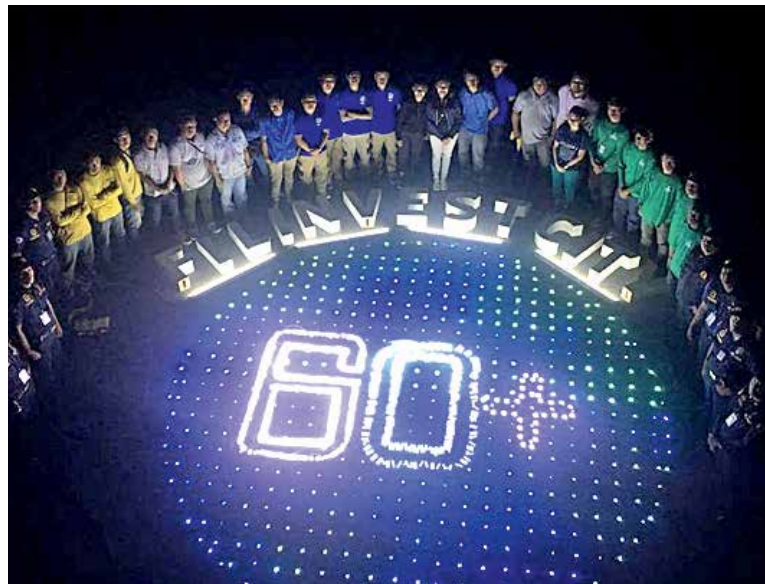
The race began before dawn and took the runners on a challenging route around Pacific Rim, Filinvest City. The race drew a diverse crowd with the young and old, veterans and newbies, regular joes and celebrities gathering for a fun jog around the community. Spotted at the run were Matteo Guidicelli, Gerald Anderson, and Regine Tolentino, who were joined by the finalists of the Century Tuna Superbods Ageless 2018.



FILINVEST CITY BREAKS GROUND FOR THE MARIAN CHAPEL

Offering a serene corner for the faithful is the new Marian Chapel in River Park, Festival Alabang. The uniquely designed chapel will be set amidst the lush greenery atop the hill, which fronts the quiet river. Designed by Hiroshi Nakamura & NAP Architects of Japan, the Marian Chapel will delight visitors with its architectural beauty which draws inspiration from the form of the white lily.

At the groundbreaking, Filinvest's top executives were present, including Filinvest Land Inc. FVP and Head of Project Development and Management group Engr. Winnifred Lim, R. Villarosa Architects Managing Partner Arch. Roger Villarosa, Arch. Hiroki Nakamichi of Hiroshi Nakamura & NAP Architects, Filinvest Development Corp. Vice President Michael Gotianun, Filinvest Alabang Inc. Executive Vice President Catherine Ilagan, R. Villarosa Architects Partner Arch. Roy Villarosa, Filinvest Development Corp. Junior Architect David Gotianun and DCI President Jose Oscar Salvacion.



THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR EARTH HOUR 2018

Last March 24, Filinvest City community came together to make a grand stand and statement against climate change. For Earth Hour, Filinvest City locators and residents from nearby neighborhoods were encouraged to switch off their lights for one hour. The only light fixture that was left was the LED image setup on Block 30. Thanks to everyone's participation, a significant amount of energy was conserved that night.

FILINVEST CITY AND FLUOR DANIEL INC. LAUNCH BIKE TRAIL CLEAN-UP

In another initiative to protect the environment, Filinvest City partnered with Fluor Daniel, Inc. and hosted a Bike Trail Clean Up along the Mountain Bike Trail in Pacific Rim, Filinvest Avenue, Corporate Woods and Laguna Heights Drive last April 13. Over 50 employees and volunteers joined the green drive and picked up 92 kilograms (202.4 pounds) of trash and debris. Filinvest Corporation City Association Inc. (FCCA) assisted in the event.





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