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Discover the cove

Many Realtors call the Rhoden Cove Road area home for a myriad of reasons. For the story, see Page 7.

This home at 739 Rhoden Cove Road will be featured in the open-house event this afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Rhoden Cove Road area is a popular retreat

By Christie Orros

SPECIAL TO REAL ESTATE WEEKLY

There are many ways to tell where a city's most desirable neighborhoods are: awards from the community, well-kept yards and how many Realtors live there.

If the latter point holds true, then one of the most desirable places to live in Tallahassee is the East Timberlane Road/Rhoden Cove Road area. A large percentage of Tallahassee's Realtors call this vicinity home, including myself.

It's no wonder families of all trades and professions love to settle on those hills. It's a quick zip to downtown via Meridian or Thomasville roads and just around the corner from popular northeast shopping districts.

Timberlane Road winds past presidentially recognized Gilchrist Elementary School, plummets down to one of the steepest valleys in town and shoots immediately back up to pass by The Little English Guesthouse and homes of delightfully varying styles. The streets that line Timberlane Road form such neighborhoods as Hawks Nest and El Destinado.

Rhoden Cove Road is a well-known, leafy straight-of-way that allows Tallahasseeans quick access to Lake Jackson from Meridian Road. For many locals, Rhoden Cove Landing is the closest place to launch a boat. The road is named after the Rhoden family, a member of

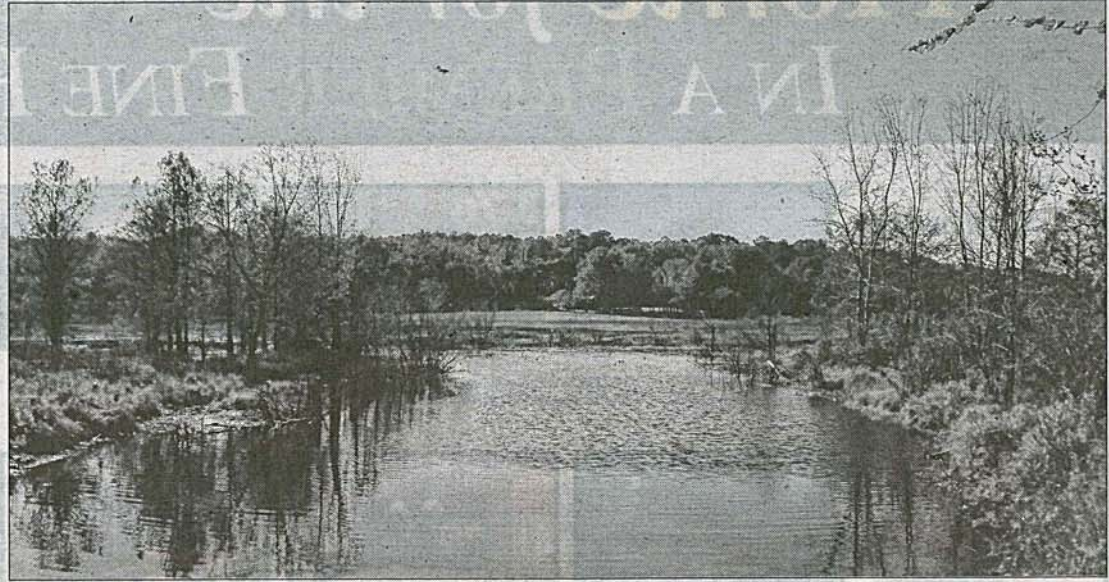
which still calls Rhoden Cove Road home.

Several houses built sporadically over the past few decades line the namesake road and adjacent Lake Ridge Road. Pine Tip Hills is also adjacent to Rhoden Cove Road, which is an organized community developed in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Contrary to popular assumption, the name "Pine Tip Hills" was not selected because of the type of trees found in the subdivision. Frank Shaw III has delighted several customers at his real-estate law firm and title company, Smith Thompson Shaw & Manausa, by explaining the naming history of his family's former land that is now Pine Tip Hills.

"The name 'Pine Tip' comes from a combination of the nicknames of my paternal grandparents, Frank S. Shaw, Sr. and Mary Lowry Shaw," he said.

Frank Sr. was known as "Pint" because he used to make moonshine as a young man and before anyone would buy it, he would have to drink a pint to make sure the product was satisfactory. Mary



Rhoden Cove Road leads from Meridian Road to Lake Jackson. For many Tallahasseeans, Rhoden Cove Landing is the closest place to launch a boat.

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Lowry Shaw was known as "Tipper" because as a little girl she always walked around on her tip toes. Pint and Tipper were condensed to make "Pine Tip."

Recently, while Shaw was helping a customer of mine close on a new house, he told a few stories about the history of street names in the Pine Tip Hills, including Uncle Glover Road, named for a Shaw family uncle rumored to have spontaneously combusted.

The interesting part about this closing was that Frank Shaw III was facilitating the purchase of a house on Frank Shaw Road, one of the main thoroughfares in Pine Tip Hills.

Come see all that the Rhoden Cove Road area has to offer today during the open-house event from 2 to 4 p.m.

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