

I believe the Villebois neighborhood in Wilsonville, Oregon, deserves to be one of the winning communities honored by Dreyer's in its Slow Churned® Neighborhood Salute ice cream block party contest.

I have never lived in a community quite like Villebois. No other neighborhood in Oregon...let alone the Pacific Northwest...let alone the country...has as much heart and genuine community spirit as we do in Villebois.

As the largest non-resort master planned community in the state, the 500-acre Villebois neighborhood offers us as residents the opportunity to live, work, play and learn – without ever having to leave the neighborhood. I live and work in Villebois myself and everyday I thank my lucky stars I am able to raise my family in a quiet, safe community like Villebois. My wife and I love living far enough away from the hustle and bustle of the city of Portland, yet close enough if we ever want to drive into the city to take in a Blazers basketball game or a concert.

Villebois is family-friendly...and my kids can attest to that. Every week, we have a ritual of “park hopping” between the various play areas and green spaces that are tucked in pockets throughout the Villebois neighborhood. There are 160 acres of parks and open space in the Villebois community, and my family and I have scoured every last inch.

A mixed-use development, Villebois is also host to a Village Center, which will soon be filled with condominiums, a boutique hotel, shops, a specialty grocery store, cafés and restaurants. This will only complement our community's current energy and European village flair.

Villebois residents love to get together as a community. From garage sales and potlucks to 4th of July parades, Easter egg hunts and other holiday events, the community is always gathering together for some activity. The Villebois Sunday Market also brings the Villebois community together each week.

At Villebois, we believe that life's better when you slow down. That's why *I* believe that Villebois deserves to be one of Dreyer's winning neighborhoods for the Slow Churned® Neighborhood Salute.

~ Andy Green, Villebois resident, Wilsonville, Oregon