

# Would you live in a town that Disney built?

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Disneyland and Disney World are fairy tale places, where there's no crime, lamp posts are always shiny and streets are so clean you could probably eat off them. For those who love the Disney theme, how about living in it?



About 30 minutes north of Orlando lies the Disney master planned community of Celebration, Florida. Started in 1994, the town was inspired by Walt Disney's dream for a pedestrian-friendly utopia and it has added its own schools, hospitals, fire station, town center and many other businesses and faculties since the first residents moved in in 1996. Though the community is no longer in the Disney family – it was sold to a private real estate investment community in 2004, it's now home to 9,000 residents that occupy 4,060 homes and condos.

In order to promote community, homes have been designed to encourage neighborly activity in the front yard. Garages are not visible from the street and are in the rear of the property and accessed by a service alley that runs behind the homes. Maintaining a perfect community, as you can imagine, requires strict adherence to town policies, such as particular landscaping requirements, similar colors and materials for buildings and no political signage during elections. Naysayers have called the community "too planned," bland and artificial. Residents who live there though love it.