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Tower Land Company Purchases Interest in Fontanel Mansion, Considers Development Possibilities

*Early Plans Include Exclusive Residential Enclave on Sprawling Estate, the
Current Setting of CMT Reality Show and Former Home of Barbara Mandrell*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tower Land Company announced today that it has purchased interest in Fontanel Mansion, the 27,000-square-foot former residence of country music star Barbara Mandrell, and the current setting of CMT’s *Gone Country* reality series. The real estate investment and development firm plans to market the mansion and nine surrounding lots as a low-impact, private rural community on the 136 acres of rolling countryside.

Tower Land Company purchased interest from Dale Morris and Marc Oswald, co-managers of top Country acts including Big & Rich, Alabama and Gretchen Wilson. CMT’s *Gone Country* series features John Rich—of the multi-platinum duo Big & Rich—leading a cast of cross-genre performers as they live at the mansion and test their Country music skills. The greatly anticipated series premieres Friday, January 25, at 7:00 pm CST on CMT.

“Fontanel Mansion is an architectural and cultural landmark, and the surrounding property is simply stunning,” said Alex Marks, senior vice president of Tower Land Company. “Tower Land intends to preserve its character as one of the most dramatic and unique estates in the country and to ensure that any development only enhances the area’s scenic beauty.”

Tower Land Company is currently developing equestrian communities, large-lot subdivisions and recreational properties in Williamson, Maury and Fentress Counties, where it collectively owns more than 2,200 acres. Fontanel Mansion is located in the Whites Creek area, just 15 minutes north of Nashville.

“We are happy to have an experienced development partner in Tower Land Company,” said Marc Oswald. “Tower understands the significance of the Fontanel estate and shares our vision for creating a one-of-a-kind community on one of Middle Tennessee’s most picturesque properties.”

Designed by Seab Tuck of Tuck-Hinton Architects, the three-story Fontanel Mansion features 18 rooms, six bedrooms, an indoor pool and spa, media room, exercise room, indoor pistol range, a 2,500-square-foot great room and formal dining room for over 20 guests. Fontanel Mansion was once the largest log home in America and is constructed with massive Montana logs. Two additional guesthouses are included in the property. The site is just north of the city—only 15 minutes from downtown Nashville and Music Row. It is also close to retail, schools and recreational opportunities.

Tower Land Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tower Investments, LLC, is headquartered in Northern California and has an office in Nashville. Tower is owned by the Marks family, which has deep connections to Tennessee and is committed to protecting the state's natural beauty by preserving unspoiled viewsheds and retaining old-growth shade trees. Middle Tennessee is home to Alex Marks and his family.

Tower Land Company's rural Middle Tennessee developments include the following:

Beechwood Plantation, located in historic Leiper's Fork, is a private rural community encompassing more than 500 acres and approximately 45 equestrian homesites. Phase I and II of the project includes:

- 22 private estate lots
- Access to a private trail system from each lot
- Private barn plots
- Underground utilities and paved private access roads
- Inclusion in Williamson Co. school district

Traceland Estates, located in Leiper's Fork and adjacent to the Natchez Trace Parkway, is a rural community with estate lots of five to 29 acres. About Traceland:

- 30 private estate lots
- Custom Southern/Victorian homes
- Underground utilities installed
- Designated septic areas
- Private access roads
- Williamson Co. school district
- Greenbelt lots available
- Horses welcome

Garrison Springs Estates, located in Leiper's Fork, is a private rural estate community with lots ranging from eight to 34 acres. About Garrison Springs:

- 10 private estate lots
- Deeded and paved private access roads
- Williamson Co. school district
- Greenbelt lots available
- Horses welcome

Santa Fe Pike Estates in Maury County is a private rural community located three miles west of Columbia on Highway 7. About Santa Fe Pike Estates:

- More than half of lots complete
- 25 private estate lots
- Sweeping views
- City water and power
- Designated septic areas
- Deeded access roads
- Maury County school district
- Greenbelt lots available
- Horses welcome

Dodson Station will become one of Maury County's premier communities. More information will be available soon about this community, which will be situated in the hills north of Columbia.

The Hemlocks at Hurricane Creek, in Fentress County between Crossville and Jamestown on the Cumberland Plateau, encompasses more than 600 acres of ridge bluff views and year-round creek frontage. Lots range from 20 to 100 acres. About The Hemlocks:

- 20 private estate lots
- Hurricane Creek frontage
- Panorama bluff views
- Designated septic areas
- Common access roads
- Greenbelt lots available
- Horses welcome

To learn more about **The Trails at Fontanel**, visit www.trailsatfontanel.com.

Larry Frankenbach of Crye-Leike Commercial in Brentwood, Tenn., represents Fontanel Mansion and will market the estate lots for The Trails at Fontanel with Tower Land Company. For more information, he may be reached at 615-260-1945.

Tower Land's parent company **Tower Investments, LLC**, is deeply committed to the future of downtown Nashville, having recently purchased two key sites in the SoBro neighborhood south of downtown slated for development of the city's proposed new convention center and adjacent hotel. Tower owns three downtown buildings – 111 Broadway, site of Big River restaurant and brewery; 401 Broadway, the location of Merchants restaurant; and 411 Broadway, site of Paradise Park Trailer Resort restaurant and bar. To learn more, visit www.towerlandcompany.com and www.towerinvestments.com.

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