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## Newlyweds start new chapter at The Townes at Mill Creek

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The past year has brought many exciting life changes for Andy Mika — from getting married to moving into a brand-new townhome at The Townes at Mill Creek.

“I think I’ve done everything I wanted to do,” said Mika, 44, when asked why he decided to build a home now. He has traveled across the United States and to more than 20 countries but explained, “I knew I was getting married and was ready to settle down.”

After living in an apartment with his brother in Roselle for several years, Mika knew he wanted to maintain the carefree lifestyle that comes with maintenance-free townhome living, where yard work and exterior upkeep are handled by the homeowners’ association.

“I’m very busy, so it’s nice that I don’t have to worry about landscaping, raking leaves or shoveling snow,” he said, noting that his corner residence overlooks open space so he sees the pond, creek, trees, and wildlife. “I really love looking at the changing seasons and knowing that the land will never be built on.”

Developed by Meritus Homes in Addison, The Townes at Mill Creek features 60 townhomes tucked alongside Westwood Creek. With views of water, prairie and nature, the neighborhood offers a secluded feel while remaining close to everyday amenities in the heart of DuPage

County.

“The community’s location is perfect for both my wife, Katty, and me,” Mika said. With his job based in Elk Grove Village, he wanted to avoid a long commute at the end of the day. After three months of searching and touring resale homes in Schaumburg and nearby towns, he struggled to find the right fit. New construction in the area was also out of his budget. Then, while browsing online, he discovered The Townes at Mill Creek.

“I signed a contract right away,” he said. “The value is incredible — you really get more for your money in Addison.”

Now, Mika’s commute is about 15 minutes, and his wife’s is only two.

Beyond location, the couple was impressed with the home designs. Mika chose the Birch floor plan, a second-story, single-level layout with 1,524 square feet of living space, two or three bedrooms, and two full baths.

The Birch combines the privacy of an upper level residence with the ease of ranch-style living. Its open-concept design blends the kitchen, dining room and living room, anchored by a central island. The primary suite includes a spacious bedroom, walk-in closet and private bath with a linen closet and shower. A secondary bedroom sits near a full bath, while a den — standard in this plan — can serve as a home office or optional third bedroom. A laundry room and attached two-car garage complete the home.



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An open concept-design is a hallmark of the Birch, a second-story single-level townhome from Meritus Homes.

“It’s amazing how much natural light streams in,” Mika said. “The windows are so large, I can watch the sunrise and sunset.”

Meritus Homes offers four floor plans at The Townes at Mill Creek that range from 1,281 to 1,750 square feet and are priced from \$401,266 to \$462,900. About 60% of the community is already sold, but choice homesites and select quick-move-in homes remain available.

All exterior maintenance including lawn care, landscaping, and snow removal is managed by the homeowners’ association. Building exteriors feature brick and stone accents with covered entries for added charm and protection.

Townhomes are constructed with Tyvek® house wrap, ice and water shield roofing protection,



Andy and Katty Mika chose the Townes at Mill Creek for its convenient location, natural amenities, and modern home designs.

damp-proofed foundations, high-efficiency water heaters, R-21 wall and R-49 ceiling insulation, and 2-by-6 exterior wall construction for energy efficiency.

Inside, buyers can personalize their homes from a wide variety of options. Mika added luxury vinyl plank floors, upgraded countertops and carpet, tile in the primary bath, recessed lighting, wiring for cable and computers in every room, and dual EV charging stations in the garage.

“The building process went very smoothly,” Mika said. “The sales team communicated well throughout and was accommodating when minor issues arose.” He also praised Meritus Homes’ preferred lender, calling the closing “smooth and quick.”

Nearly a year after moving in, Mika still has high praise. “My immediate neighbors are great, and the whole neighborhood is coming together nicely,” he said. “When I open my window and see the new homes across the creek, surrounded by nature ... it feels like I made it.”

Meritus Homes’ ranch and two-story townhomes at The Townes at Mill Creek are available for viewing. Home shoppers can tour two decorated models during sales office hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (closed Thursday and Friday).

The Townes at Mill Creek is located on the northwest corner of Army Trail Boulevard and Mill Road in Addison. Enter 251 Masters Drive into your GPS system to find the site.

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