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Couple finds The Enclave At Mill Creek idyllic

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Brian Labat first noticed The Enclave at Mill Creek when Meritus Homes broke ground at the community and he watched it develop from an unused golf course into a beautiful new neighborhood. Last spring, when he and his wife, Ginger, decided it was time for them to move, The Enclave at Mill Creek was a natural choice because the property is right down the road from Cavalry United Pentecostal Church where Brian is a senior pastor.

"We got the ball rolling in April of 2020 and closed on our new home in October," Labat said. "This is a great little community and there's really nothing else like it around here.'

Nestled in an established to The Enclave at Mill Creek's area of central DuPage County, The Enclave at Mill Creek boasts abundant green space, including Westwood Creek, three ponds and a scenic sitting spot, with more than two-thirds of the ranchstyle homes backing to natural areas and open space. Phase II, where the Labats' home is built, is tucked back over a bridge and their homesite Enclave at Mill Creek. Four backs up to a pond.

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"The way Meritus Homes designed the overall property makes it stand out from typical developments with rows of cookie-cutter houses," Labat said. "The neighborhood feel was a selling point for us."

carefree lifestyle. For a reasonable monthly fee, the homeowners' association handles snow removal on their driveway, which has been much needed this winter. It also performs lawn care for all homesites as well as maintains common area landscaping.

In all, Meritus Homes is building 87 homes at The designs are available in Phase II. Ranch plans have 1,603 to 2,154 square feet of living space; two, three or four bedrooms; and two full baths for base prices that range from \$406,900 to \$449,900.

Second-story options add



The Labats chose the Waterleaf model at The Enclave at Mill Creek because of the open floor plan.

feet of living space, one or two bedrooms or a loft, and another bath on the upper level. This brings the square footage up to 2,620 to 3,077 with base prices that range from \$485,900 to \$513,900.

Brian and Ginger chose the Waterleaf — a 2,154-squarefoot ranch with three bedrooms and two full baths because the open-concept layout works perfectly for entertaining, something they are looking forward to doing often in their new home.

They enjoy the relaxing owner's suite and the versatility of the flex room, and are using one of the two secondary bedrooms as a home office. The Waterleaf also has expansive windows that allow in lots of natural light to brighten the rooms and offer the Labats views of the pond outside.

"Our home is very well built," said Brian. "And our utility bills have actually gone down. We weren't expecting such a pleasant surprise."

That's because all Meritus homes showcase energy-efficient construction for greater comfort and energy savings than older houses. This includes Tyvek house wrap, ice and water shield protection for the roof, a dampproofed foundation, 40-gallon high-efficiency water heater, R-21 wall and R-49 ceiling insulation, and 2-by-6 exterior wall construction.

After living in their previous house for 15 years, this is the first home Brian and Ginger have built from the ground up, and the process went seamlessly despite building during a pandemic.



Brian and Ginger Labat bought a home at The Enclave at Mill Creek in Addison.

"It was so cool and exciting to choose our finishes and make this the home we really want," said Ginger. "And the entire team at Meritus Homes was a delight to work with ... from the patient and supportive sales consultant to the knowledgeable construction manager who performed our walk-through. We couldn't be more pleased."

The couple also appreciates all the area has to offer like restaurants, forest preserves, recreational opportunities, entertainment and everyday conveniences. Plus, shopping at Oak Brook Center, Yorktown Center and Woodfield

Mall are all about the same distance away. Being within minutes of I-355 and I-290 as well as Route 83/Kingery Highway makes it easy to get around the suburbs.

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The community's entrance is on the north side of Army Trail Boulevard at Links Drive and the sales office is at 758 Fairway Drive. (Enter 601 Army Trail Boulevard into a GPS system to find the site.)

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