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Homebuyers moving into Enclave at Mill Creek

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A central location in the heart of DuPage County multiple highways, plenty of conveniences and outdoor recreational areas is making The Enclave at Mill Creek a favorite with newhome buyers from all around Chicago.

Recent residents have moved into the community on the north side of Army Trail Boulevard from towns like South Barrington, Palatine, Arlington Heights, Schaumburg, and even Chicago. They agree that being within minutes of Interstates 355 and 290 as well as Route 83/ Kingery Highway makes traveling around the suburbs, and even into the city, convenient and easy. Local amenities are abundant, as well. Restaurants, forest preserves, entertainment and shopping can be found nearby while Oak Brook Center, Yorktown Center and Woodfield Mall are all about the same distance away.

"We'd been in the Northwest suburbs and Cook County for the entire 45 years of our marriage," said Ken Siok, who along with his wife, Sandy, were the first people to move into Phase II at The Enclave at Mill Creek. He admitted it was a big decision for the couple to leave Arlington Heights where they had lived for more than 30 years to relocate to DuPage County to be near family. "Now, we're less than 10 minutes from our daughter in Glen Ellyn and 15 minutes from our two sons in Elmhurst," he said.

Meritus Homes is building 87 low-maintenance homes at The Enclave at Mill Creek with four designs available in of the features they desired its abundant cabinets, big

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An open-concept layout is one of the hallmarks of a Meritus Homes design.

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 866 to 1,090 more square 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.

The Enclave at Mill Creek offers a rare opportunity to build a new home in an established, close-in suburb. Often, home shoppers looking in these sought-after areas are limited to existing houses that need updating or rehabbing.

"This is our first newly built home and we were excited to pick out our finishes and add our own personality," Siok said, adding that the Marigold plan they chose to build already had so many

that they didn't have to make many upgrades. A comfortable ranch with 1,754 square feet of space, the Marigold boasts an open concept layout, single-level living and it's detached. The couple opted to spend their money on options that were not cosmetic but structural, like a front porch elevation and deep-pour basement.

"It's a blank slate to work with," Siok said of the basement, which he plans to finish at a later date so the grandchildren have their own play space. "And thanks to the taller ceiling, it won't feel like a basement when done."

"It just feels like that's the way a home is supposed to be," Sandy Siok said, noting that they toured other models at The Enclave at Mill Creek but always came back to the Marigold. "As soon as we walked into the model we were sold."

She loves the kitchen with

center island, full suite of stainless steel appliances, granite countertops and elegant touches. She also likes how it flows into the dining room and family room. This modern design allows for flexibility for everyday living and entertaining.

Empty-nesters, the Sioks appreciate the luxury owner's suite with his-and-her closets plus a private bath — a feature their old house did not provide. And for when family comes to visit, the second bedroom and adjacent full bath are on the other side of the home. The space can be used as a library. office or den, as well.

Even though new construction was not originally the plan, Ken and Sandy are glad they made the decision to build with Meritus Homes. Their home is built to exacting standards with 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.

Interiors have 9-foot firstfloor ceilings, Colonist doors, decorative touches such as rounded drywall corners and brushed nickel finishes, central air conditioning and full basements, all as standard

Exteriors have classic elements such as brick and stone accents, and some have covered entries or front porches to provide shelter from inclement weather. Front, side and rear yards are fully



Ken and Sandy Siok relax in their new ranch home at The Enclave at Mill Creek in Addison.

sodded plus a landscaping package is included with each new home to give it instant curb appeal and complement the established character of DuPage County.

For a monthly fee, the homeowners' association handles snow removal and performs lawn care for all homesites as well as maintains common area landscaping. This carefree lifestyle allows Ken and Sandy to spend more time with their nine grandchildren now that MeritusHomebuilders.com.

The entrance to The Enclave at Mill Creek 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 Boule-

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