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Village of Long Creek

Benchmark Builders celebrates the breaking of new ground on the clubhouse at its attractive 55+ community near Newark. See page 8.



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Breaking new ground at 55-plus community near Newark



Tuesday, October 25, was a day of celebration at the Village of Long Creek as residents, local elected officials and representatives from Benchmark Builders gathered for the groundbreaking of the community's clubhouse. "It'll be a great place for us big kids to play!" commented one of the residents just after the first shovelfuls of dirt were dug up from the grounds at the future site.

On hand were State Representative Earl Jaques (27th District), State Senator Bethany Hall-Long (10th Senatorial District), New Castle County Council Members Dave Tackett and Bill Powers, and PNC Bank Delaware Senior Vice President Bruce Jones, as well as nearly 50 residents who

live in the village-like community.

According to Steve Bomberger, President of Benchmark Builders, the community's developer, the facility will have all the latest "bells and whistles," including a fitness center, recreation/game room,

kitchen, meeting hall with fireplace and large patio for outdoor barbecues. The facility will be completed this spring, 2012.

The Village of Long Creek is a 55-plus community located off old Route 896 just south of Route 40. Built by Benchmark Builders, the

community of single-family homes offers a more environmentally friendly lifestyle thanks to the availability of NAHB-certified green-compliant homes. This certification ensures that the homes are exceptionally energy, water and resource efficient assuring a smaller footprint on the environment.

Speaking of breaking new ground, the designs of these single-family homes are just that. There are seven different models, each of which features a floor plan that can be best described as re-imagined for the 21st Century. Although designed as exceptionally airy and open single-level homes, homebuyers may take advantage of adding an innovative second floor with such niceties as a guest bedroom suite, hobby room or even a loft retreat perfect for watching football games with friends (AKA man cave?). "When we conceived these homes, we wanted to give our home buyers the opportunity to create precisely the kind of living space they wanted," stressed Bomberger. With prices starting at \$279,900, there is no question about the exceptional value this community represents. And now with the clubhouse set to open this spring, the timing couldn't be better to join this lively community.

Directions: From I-95, take exit 1-A (Rte. 896 south /Middletown), turn right onto Rte. 40 and, at the next intersection, turn left onto Old Rte. 896. After 1/3 mile, the community entrance will be on your right at Paxson Lane. For more information, call 302-838-7925 or go to BenchmarkBuilders.com.