



## Village of Long Creek: Model of Modern 55-plus Living

Everything about the Village of Long Creek meets our definition of what a 55+ community should be. For starters, the location of the community makes it easily accessible to all the charms and attractions that make New Castle County, Delaware, such an appealing place to live. Situated in a quiet setting off Old Route 896 just south of Route 40 near Glasgow, the surrounding area offers seemingly endless shopping, dining and entertainment opportunities.

And a short ride to Newark, home of the University of Delaware, opens up an ever-changing program of cultural and educational choices. You'll also find convenience to I-95, giving easy access to even more things to see and do in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C. as well

as all shore pints in New Jersey and Delaware.

At the Village of Long Creek, Benchmark Builders has created seven well thought-out detached single-family home designs, and then added a plethora of choices,

while retaining down-to-earth pricing starting below \$300K. Needless to say, all of these homes benefit from the convenience of single-level living, but this award-winning local builder has taken it a step further by incorporating many elements usually only available in 2-story designs. This affords homebuyers such choices as a loft, a guest bedroom suite, hobby room, and home office to name a few.

According to Ginger Murani, community sales manager, homebuyers often choose to add a sunroom and private sitting room as part of the owner's bedroom suite.

Other popular choices include a gourmet kitchen, bay window, and a gas fireplace in the great room. "We can even work with the homebuyer to incorporate their own wishes into the design, changes that go beyond the long list of options offered by the builder," said Ms. Murani.

To fulfill the wishes of many buyers,  
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Benchmark Builders has recently introduced a new model at the Village of Long Creek called the Bayard Classic.

According to Ms. Murani, the Bayard Classic incorporates the features of one of the builder's most popular homes into a slightly smaller package "which appeals to buyers looking for a smaller version of that home design."

One thing for sure, all seven models exhibit an engaging sense of style for which Benchmark Builders is known. Case in point: the inviting hardwood flooring in the foyer, making for an impressive start to anyone's visit. Bright, open floor plans use space dynamically, leading the eye past the kitchen and dining area towards the large family room. In the kitchen, 42" cabinets and a conveniently located pantry allow for plenty of storage. And with abundant counter space, the chef of the family has plenty of room to work his or her culinary magic unencumbered.

"It seems our homebuyers love to entertain," said Murani, "and it's hard to imagine a better place for entertaining or just hanging out than in the large great room that can be made even larger if the buyer requests it." With its soaring cathedral ceiling and plenty of windows, there's a real sense of openness and spaciousness that never fails to impress.

The owner's suite is a study in luxury, with walk-in closets, optional tray or cathedral ceiling and luxurious bath with a soaking tub if so desired. It certainly gives the feeling of being away at a private spa.

Professional landscaping and brick accented front elevations give these homes engaging curb appeal while adding to the attractiveness of the community as a whole. A walk along the well-lit sidewalks will invariably lead one to the newly completed state-of-the-art clubhouse that includes a fitness center, game room,



kitchen, reception area with fireplace and large patio for outdoor barbecues.

There is one aspect that certainly exceeds our definition of what a 55-plus community should be: The homes at the Village of

Long Creek are all Certified Green by the National Association of Home Builders. Not only does this certification reduce the homeowner's heating and cooling costs, there's a piece of mind that comes with being environmentally responsible.

**With homes starting at \$279,900, this will surely be among the must-see communities for people looking for a new home as the housing market continues to take off. The public is invited to tour the model homes at the Village of Long Creek daily and weekends from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. or by appointment. More information is available on the web at [www.BenchmarkBuilders.com](http://www.BenchmarkBuilders.com) or by calling 302-838-7925.**

**Directions: From I-95 in Delaware, take Exit 1A (Route 896 South/Middletown) and follow to Rt. 40. Turn right onto Rt. 40 and at the next intersection turn left onto Old Rt. 896. After 1/3 mile, the community entrance will be on your right at Paxson Lane. For GPS, enter 2600 Glasgow Avenue, Newark, DE 19702.**

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