



New models, new designs open today at Delaware 55-plus community

If you just want the bare facts about a new home, simply look at the floor plans. But if you want to really know what gives life to those schematics, you really have to get up close and personal as only a visit to the model home and tour of the community will achieve.

To that end, this weekend will be the perfect time to visit Milltown Village in New Castle County, Delaware because it will be the first opportunity to check out The Valencia, a brand new, fully furnished model home at the award-winning 55-plus community. The Valencia along with the Marseille are the latest additions to the community's large portfolio of home



designs. Both models were created in response to comments received from prospective homebuyers. As the names imply, the architectural design of these homes maintain the European influence of all the homes in the community, enhanced by a rich mix of stone

and stucco exterior features. In addition to the fact that both models offer first-floor living with large owner's bedroom suites, there's an additional downstairs bedroom that could double as a den. If more sleeping space is required,

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an extra guest bedroom and bath can be incorporated adjacent to the upstairs loft where there's an impressive view of the great room with its cozy fireplace. Plenty of

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sunlight floods the interior through an abundant number of Anderson windows and sliding glass doors. “You can never have too much light in the house,” commented Shelley Corlett, Community Sales Manager.

As for living and entertaining space, according to Ms. Corlett, “These new models have been designed to meet requests often voiced by prospective homebuyers. They wanted more functionality and more manageable living space.” From this writer’s viewpoint, it’s a mission accomplished. Of note, both models have a premium-sized, open living area that encompasses the great room, dining area and roomy kitchen. And,

if the buyer wants more space, there are many ways to mix and match options from a comprehensive list of possibilities. Homebuyers can add additional rooms such as a sunroom, sitting room, hobby room, even an extra storage room, and they can expand the great room and owner’s bedroom suite. Even then the possibilities are not exhausted. Benchmark Builders makes it easy for homebuyers to incorporate their own ideas.

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As for the other home designs in the community, each twin and detached single-family home demonstrates an impressive use of interior space. Some of the noteworthy features include rich hardwood floors in the entranceway, a gas fireplace in the spacious great room, volume ceilings that create an airy feel in the dining room, large glass doors and Anderson windows that flood the ground level with ever-changing sunlight, and a complete GE appliance package and 42" oak cabinets that grace the kitchen. The first-floor owner's bedroom suite enjoys quiet isolation from the rest of the home making it an oasis of calm from life's daily activities.

An upper loft gives homebuyers the opportunity to create numerous configurations, including an extra bedroom for weekend guests. Numerous standard features abound, including a security system, Corian counter tops, state-of-the-art gas heating and two-car garage with a private entrance to the home through a laundry room.

Incorporating 50 acres of open space, walking trails and mature forests, Milltown Village blends seamlessly with the hills and dales of surrounding Pike Creek Valley, one of the most scenic areas of New Castle County. But its quiet location belies the fact that the location between Wilmington and Newark guarantees an endless source of great shopping, dining, entertainment and personal enrichment possibilities.

As for quality and craftsmanship, two words say it all: Benchmark Builders, a local company that has



been receiving local and national recognition for over 25 years. And their attention to detail can especially be appreciated when one gets up close and personal.

There are eight carriage twin and

detached single-family models available with pricing starting at \$390,000. For more information, visit BenchmarkBuilders.com or call 302-366-1515. The sales center is open Friday through Tuesday 11 AM to 5 PM or by appointment.

Directions: from I-95 in Delaware, take Exit 4B and follow Route 7 North for 3.5 miles. At Route 2 (Kirkwood Highway), turn left and proceed 1.5 miles. Just after the cemetery, turn right onto Pike Creek Road and follow for approximately a 1/2-mile. The community will be on your right.