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enchmark Builders continues to surprise and surpass expectations at Milltown Village. When the company's signature 55-plus community opened, it quickly received two prestigious Regal Awards for "Best Active Adult Community of the Year" and "Best Single Family Home."

Since then, the local builder hasn't missed a beat. Numerous home designs have been introduced, additional residential areas have been added, a sylvan walking trail is nearing completion, stunningly decorated model homes have been opened and now a new section of home sites becomes available.



These new home sites have been specifically designed to accommodate Benchmark's latest single-family home designs, the Valencia and Marseille. These models are the culmination of input the builder has received from prospective homebuyers throughout 20-plus years of building 55-plus com-

munities. "Today, homebuyers insist on more functionality and more manageable living space," says Shelley Corlett, Community Sales Manager. "They also really like to have flexibility so the overall floor plan matches their personality." Both the new home

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sites and the new home designs allow customers to do just that. They can easily expand the great room and the owner's suite for more living space; add a sunroom; and have numerous

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Shelley Corlett, Community Sales Manager at Milltown Village choices for making adjustments to the floor plan, all the while maintaining the single-level living they demand.

An example of this flexibility in the new models is the fact that the upper level can be configured with a spacious loft and adjacent full bathroom, plus, if the homebuyer wishes, an extra bedroom can be added that would be perfect for overnight guests or visiting family.

But the real beauty of these new designs is the amazingly open firstfloor living area. What's striking is the airiness of the space and the harmonious way the great room, dining area and kitchen come together to create what is sure to be a fabulous space for entertaining or just enjoying a quiet evening at home watching TV. In the words of Ms. Corlett, "It's not too small and it's not too big. The space is the perfect size."

Not to be overlooked is the private owner's suite that goes all the way to please with large walk-in closets, opulent bath and well-proportioned bedroom. With the Marseille, a sitting room can be added that will be perfect for reading your favorite novel or checking emails on your iPad.

There's also a nicely sized front room that can be used as a formal dining room or study, and in the case of the Valencia, there's a second downstairs

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bedroom that can affectionately be called a spousal retreat for when snoring is disturbing. A hardwood-floored foyer greets all guests and sets the stage for a pleasant visit while plenty of sunlight floods the interior through the many Andersen windows and sliding glass doors. "You can never have too much light in the house," comments Ms. Corlett.

Milltown Village is located in a picturesque setting amid the hills and dales of Pike Creek Valley and reflects the natural beauty of the area by incorporating 50 acres of forests, open space and walking trails. While the setting offers a level of tranquility that's hard to find, the reality is that fine shopping, dining and entertainment opportunities are nearby. Kirkwood Highway is less than a mile away; thus Newark, Wilmington and all the major roadways are within easy reach. The com-

munity has a wide choice of Europeaninspired single-family and carriage twin homes with prices starting at \$395,900.

More information is available at BenchmarkBuilders.com or call the sales center at 302-366-1515.

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.