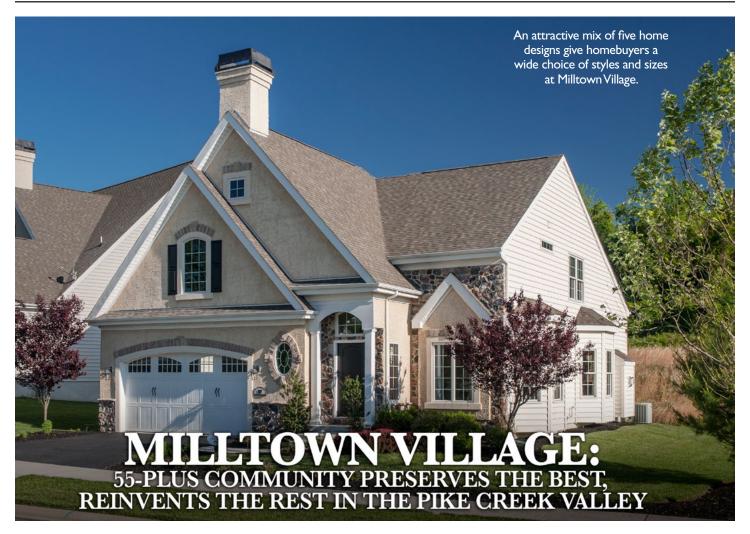
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ake a short drive down tree-lined Pike Creek Road off Kirkwood Highway near the new Kirkwood Library and you'll come to Milltown Village.

This 55-plus community is certainly a hidden gem thanks to the surrounding beauty of its Pike Creek Valley setting. Once within the community, one can't help but notice the 50 acres of reserved forests, open space and wooded walking trails that create a one-of-a-kind village that preserves the natural beauty of the area. Even the state-of-the-art clubhouse, with its stunning wrap-around deck, preserves the rustic charms of an old barn's stone foundation.

But the picturesque landscape is just the first of many appealing features of this exceptional community, the brainchild of Benchmark Builders, considered one of Delaware's leading local homebuilders. All five single-family and twin carriage models match the expansiveness of their surroundings with a similar celebration of interior open space. Adding to the appeal are a wealth of standard amenities that make these homes extremely desirable: rich hardwood

flooring in foyer, kitchen and breakfast areas; spacious family rooms; large kitchens with designer cabinets, granite counter tops and well thought-out open-concept floor plans.

With an emphasis on windows, the homes tend to be awash in natural light on even the grayest of days. Dominating the airy open-concept first floor is a spacious family room that segues into the kitchen and breakfast areas to create a living space that is ideal for entertaining guests and family gatherings. The 11' ceiling is standard for the family room in most models and can be made to feel even more airy with the option of a tray ceiling or a dramatic two-story cathedral ceiling. Add a sunroom and all the magic of the seasons can be enjoyed year 'round. In a quiet corner away from the home's activities is the spacious owner's bedroom suite with generous walk-in closets and a luxurious bath with a ceramic tile floor.

It's no wonder that, of the 115 home sites originally available, only 15 remain. "We've saved the best for last," enthused Shelley Corlett, Community Sales Manager, "because homebuyers can select from an excellent choice of *Continued to page 2*

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home sites for both single-family and twin-carriage models of which many back up to private open space."

By reimagining single-level living to include a loft area, homebuyers will find a wealth of opportunities to incorporate features to better reflect their style of living, such as a get-away guest bedroom, home office or hobby room. Even more storage space is available and some models allow for the convenience of an elevator.

Modern building techniques provide a home with exceptional energy efficiency that comes from Andersen low-E windows, 90%

efficient gas direct vent heat and high-efficiency direct-vent water heaters. The full basement and dry-walled 2-car garage adds convenience. Impressive curb appeal starts with a choice of cultured stone or stucco accents and low-maintenance exteriors exhibit a designer's touch that has become a trademark of the village. Professionally maintained grounds free the homeowner from the time consuming drudgery of yardwork.



Open-concept floor plans cater to buyers' preferences and use space to good effect throughout these bright, airy homes.

With more free time, home owners and their guest are certain to enjoy the private Milltown Village clubhouse with its gorgeous wrap-around porch with a great view of nature at its prime. A billiard room, big screen TV, and exercise area provide endless activities, overshadowed by a great room with its inviting fireplace.

Homes start in the low \$400s, made even sweeter by

special summer incentives currently available. Those ready to make the move as soon as possible will want to check out the two quick delivery homes.

For information, call 302-366-1515 and be sure to visit www.Benchmark-Builders.com to see a video tour.
The sales center is open daily 11 AM to 5 PM or by appointment.

Directions: Take I-95 in Delaware to Exit 4B, Route 7 North. Turn left onto Kirkwood Highway, then right onto Pike Creek Road and follow for approximately 1/2 mile.

GPS: 208 Carlow Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808.



These European-inspired single-family and carriage homes create impressive curb appeal through such design elements as cultured stone and stucco.