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# Encore on the Lake Membership Community: Where Friends Meet

Even before the first shovel hit the ground, Bill and Linda Hill knew Encore on the Lake was the place for them. The Hills', one of the community's very first depositors, made a commitment to the project, and their future, long before it was the four-story, 80 apartment community it is today.

"We were ready to plan the next chapters of our lives and Encore on the Lake checked all the boxes for what we were looking for in a senior community," Bill said.

Encore on the Lake is a unique, service-enriched, independent living membership community operated by Presbyterian SeniorCare Network. Situated on a peninsula jutting into Canonsburg Lake near McMurray and the Route 19 shopping area, it appeals to adults who want to be part of a lively, active community that is focused on successful aging.

The Hills moved into their two-bedroom with a den apartment right before Christmas and have been watching the community grow around them ever since. Planned activities like a Valentine's Day reception and cocktail parties around the Community Room fireplace allowed them to connect with their fellow members and make new friends. Several special interest groups have popped up organically as a result of these get-togethers. It seems the shared experience of moving into a pristine new home, joining a stimulating community and just breaking old routines has created an environment where friendships flourish and interest in trying new things thrives.

"I've been a HAM radio operator since I was a kid," Bill said. "And when Encore agreed to install my radio antenna in the attic—well, that sealed the deal for me."

Though Encore can't ensure that everyone's hobby can be accommodated (sorry—no ponies!) they are committed to meeting the needs of their members. An equipped Fitness Center helps keep everyone on track with their daily health regimes, and a Personal Wellness and Care Coordinator supports members' wellness goals. The Personal Wellness and Care Coordinator is also there to assist members when help

is needed in navigating an increasingly complex healthcare system. Plus, Encore on the Lake members receive up to 60-days of higher levels of care, if needed, at a licensed Presbyterian SeniorCare Network personal care, assisted living or dementia care community.

"We're fine today, but who knows what's going to happen to our health tomorrow?" Linda said.

With, as Bill said, "the onus of homeownership lifted" they have more free time and less uncertainty. "Wow, we don't have to buy new windows, a furnace, an air conditioner—we're done!" Linda said and laughed.

The Hills' kitchen is beautifully designed with granite countertops, wood-style flooring and stainless steel appliances set in an open floor plan. It's a dream kitchen, but Bill and Linda also like to occasionally enjoy the bistro-style café with its informal dining approach.

"We like to sit around the fire, take in the view of the lake and socialize with the rest of the community," Bill said.

The Hills have made a lot of new friends but still treasure their old pals—encouraging many of them to join them at Encore on the Lake. While we were chatting with Bill, he called out a

greeting to one of his longtime friends who was passing by on a tour with the membership director.

For Bill and Linda to go from looking at renderings and floor plans, discussing costs and driving by a muddy construction site to sitting by the fire, hailing new friends and sharing stories over cocktails required a strong imagination to envision their exciting future.

"We couldn't be happier here. We love it."

Congratulations on your new home, you two visionaries! ■



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