

HOW TO Select the Best Retirement Community for Your Needs

These days, more Americans are remaining active into their retirement years. They are searching for communities that match their lifestyles and goals for relaxed living.

If you are in the market for a retirement community, there are plenty of things to consider. This retirement community will hopefully become your home. It is important to choose a vibrant place, with plenty of parking and recreational activities.

Here are some aspects to consider before making a financial commitment to a living community.

Community Activities and Parking

Many senior citizens want to keep their energy levels up during their retirement years. They are more health conscious and see how an active lifestyle leads to a long life. Many seniors enjoy golf, tennis, swimming and walking. Any prospective retirement community should have easy access to such activities.

Other seniors enjoy arts and crafts, board games, dancing and organized activities. Taking part in a social events can provide opportunities to make new friends. Research what kinds of social events are organized within the retirement community.

Also, find out if the community has ample opportunities for residents to travel to theaters, museums or shopping malls together.

Parking is another important factor when choosing a retirement community. Most people enjoy having family and friends visit, so parking is a necessity. When parking is tight, visitors will be less likely to come. Do not overlook its importance.

Medical Care Facilities

Retirement communities should be easily accessible to emergency personnel.

Know the location of the closest hospitals, doctors, ambulance services and other personnel. You may wish to restrict your search to communities located near your



preferred physician or other service providers.

Any prospective community should have a formal emergency plan in place. In addition, check to see if the retirement unit has custom safety features, such as railings in the bathrooms and entranceways.

Pet Policies

Pet policies are another feature to consider when investigating potential retirement communities. Some facilities will allow you to bring your pet to live with you while others will not. So if you have a pet you don't want to

leave behind, you may be able to bring it with you. Many communities now recognize the health benefits of having pets.

Additionally, a park or nearby dog walking area will benefit you and your animal companion, particularly if your pet requires daily exercise. Taking a walk each day will benefit both of you.

Churches, Libraries and Schools

Consider how close the community is to schools, sports facilities, and other sites that produce a large amount of traffic volumes and noise levels. Many

people prefer to live in less congested, quiet areas during their latter years.

Also, think about where the nearest libraries and churches are located, as well as public transportation.

Ask whether the community provides its own transportation for residents. Some places have their own fleet of minivans and buses. It is extremely helpful for seniors who no longer drive and need to do some routine personal shopping.

The Community

Current residents will give you a feel for their level of

satisfaction with the community. Talk to them about their experiences and seek candid reviews of the amenities and staff.

After all, it is important you feel confident that you have selected a retirement community that fits your personal needs and lifestyles.

By taking the time to research multiple locations, you will undoubtedly find a warm, welcoming home. You will be able to build lasting friendships and gain the support you need to have fun during your retirement.

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