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Lovin' Life with Great Neighbors and Fabulous New Homes in Olthof's Centennial



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With several new homeowners on the verge of celebrating the first anniversary of their move to Cedar Lake's Centennial, Olthof Homes' hosted an informal gathering at the community's sales center.

"We already have such a nice mix of residents here," Maggie Schaum, Olthof's new home consultant for Centennial, says. "I would have to say that many people are attracted to Centennial by the pricing. Then, once they see the models, they are sold on Olthof's diverse selection of spacious floor plans and quality construction. From younger people just starting out, to growing families and retirees who are now empty-nesters, we have something for everyone in Centennial. We even have a few remaining opportunities for first-time homebuyers who want to take advantage of the fully-refundable \$8,000 tax credit before the December 1 deadline."

Conveniently located just a few minutes east of Route 41 on 141st, Centennial offers residents resort-style living adjacent to Cedar Lake's quaint downtown shopping area and unique recreational lake with more than seven miles of scenic shoreline. To compliment this vibrant community's variety of home options, plans for Centennial include a winding walking path, several beautiful ponds, 35 acres of open green space, a well-equipped playground and future clubhouse which will feature community gathering rooms and an outdoor swimming pool.

A total of 58 homes have already sold in Centennial, which celebrated its official grand opening just last May. In Centennial, you're bound to find a new home that meets your needs with choices that include six single family home plans, four paired villa home plans and two townhome plans.

Rick and Stacey Hemphill, who welcomed son Gavin to the family just 2 months ago, chose a Paired Villa.

"Trust me, we shopped," Rick Hemphill says. "We were definitely attracted by the price first, floor plan second and location third. When we started comparing, everyone else seemed bland and plain Jane. We also really like the fact that they make everything so easy here from buying to living. They work hard to make sure everything is OK, even when we had an appliance problem that wasn't their responsibility. They took care of it right away."

One of the very first townhome buyers, Marge D'asto agrees.

"It's been wonderful. They have been so attentive whenever I have a problem or questions," she says. "My real estate agent brought me out here before anything was built and asked if I have a vision. When they showed me the drawings for the community and floor plans for the townhomes, I definitely liked what I saw. Since I couldn't find anything I liked better for the size and price, I took a leap of faith. Now, everything looks just like it did on paper, plus I have wonderful neigh-

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Ironically, during the same time that D'asto was designing and building the new home of her dreams, her son Richard and his wife Angie began the process of searching for a new home to better accommodate their family with three growing children.

"We looked at so many places," Angie D'asto says. "When we were out here visiting, I stopped by and looked at the floor plans. They were so nice, but I honestly didn't think we'd be able to afford something new. As it turns out, we are getting the most house for our money here, and the Sumner is exactly what we were looking for. The fact that our kids will be going to Hanover Schools is also a big plus for us. We're looking

forward to moving into our new home for the holidays, especially since we sold our previous home so quickly and are already here in the townhome until then."

Residents of the first single family home in Centennial, Kris and Donna Miller enjoy watching as the community grows up around them.

"The front porch is the place to be," Kris Miller says. "There's a perfect breeze, and we really do have the nicest neighbors."

"We were the first ones on the block," Donna Miller says. "When we made the decision to build out here, we were really just getting started looking for something with just one floor. I actually stopped by another Olthof community, walked through the model and knew immediately that this is it. I called my husband, and he liked it just as well. We chose Centennial for the pricing and the fact that it's nice and quiet, yet still convenient to work."

A more recent resident, Jen Frazier was surprised to learn that there aren't many other people from Cedar Lake living in Centennial.

"I'm from Cedar Lake, and I definitely wanted to stay in town," she says. "Once I finished school I started talking about buying a home since I had been renting for way too long. A friend of mine who is a plumber actually recommended the Centennial Townhomes to me. With the first-time homebuyers' tax credit, it was such a great deal that I can even put some money away. One thing that I was concerned with coming from an apartment was whether I would be able to hear my neighbors. I've been here since May, and I haven't heard a thing. It's amazing!"

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Find out how you can start enjoying life the Olthof way in Centennial with your choice of a new Townhome from the \$110s, Paired Villa home from the \$130s or Single Family home from the \$160s. Be sure to ask about the few remaining ready-to-move-in opportunities when you visit the Centennial Information Center located at 10202 Flagstaff St. Tuesday-Thursday 11am-6pm, Friday 11am-5pm and Saturday 10am-5pm (closed Sunday and Monday). You can also call (219) 374-8200 to schedule a convenient appointment. You'll find the Centennial community layout and complete details on all the available home models at www.olthofhomes.com.