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Todd Olthof cools off in the Rockwell pool with (left to right standing) Ken Young, Mirko Zagorac and Chris Balkam (seated) Sue and Jack Imer while New Home Consultant Christine Gruhlke encourages buyers to act fast since there are just 18 new homes left in the Dyer community.

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Last Chance to Enjoy Resort-Style Living in Olthof's Rockwell

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There are just 18 opportunities left for you to build a beautiful new maintenance-free paired cottage and enjoy life!

That's right enjoy life in the resort-style setting of Dyer's Rockwell by Olthof Homes, which features a community club house with social rooms, a full kitchen, well-equipped workout room, heated outdoor pool and sundeck.

"What was 21 last week is now 18," Christine Gruhlke, the Olthof New Home Consultant at Rockwell, said. "We're definitely seeing a dramatic increase in traffic, and, even with our new model under construction, three of the few remaining opportunities were all

sold in the same week."

Boasting a location that is undeniably convenient and peaceful at the same time, Rockwell is situated in an ideal corner of Dyer that borders a serene 40-acre nature preserve, with the towns of Schererville and St. John just minutes away. Rockwell provides the ultimate environment for you to relax and enjoy life, in your new home starting in the \$160s.

"I've been here for four years now, and I'm getting ready to start making plans for my fourth annual Christmas/Name Day celebration at the club house. It's an ideal location with plenty of space for the 60-70 people that come to enjoy good food, live music and family," Mirko Zagorac who lives in Rockwell with his wife Marianne said. "When I

was ready to go on pension I saw the area, and it looked like an ideal place. I was tired of cutting the grass and cleaning the pool. We love the convenience of having everything we need including great restaurants and shopping all within 10 or 15 minutes at the most. My wife enjoys the pool, and when my grandson visits you can't get him out. I use the fitness center as much as I can. It's very nice, and you don't have to pay anything."

Another longtime resident, Ken Young who lives in Rockwell with his wife Phyllis, discovered the community when he was investigating options for moving to the area from Chicago in order to be closer to his daughter and son-in-law.

"We saw the model and put money down on our new home the same day. It's nice and quiet here, and I especially like the fact that there's no grass to cut or driveway to shovel," he said. "Our

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FOR MORE INFO

For more information on the last few remaining opportunities still available in Rockwell, contact Chris Gruhlke in the Information Center at 322-1199. You can also visit the Club House Tuesday through Thursday from 11am - 6pm, Friday 11am - 5pm and Saturday 10am - 5pm or log on to www.olthofhomes.com.

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grandsons also love the pool, and we really appreciate that so many things are within walking distance like the grocery store, drug store and a good selection of fast food restaurants. Our church is also very close.”

Like Zagorac and Young, Jack and Sue Imer were immediately impressed by Rockwell’s location.

“We have friends who live nearby in Olthof’s Briar Cove and Briar Crossing,” Sue Imer said. “They are very happy, and we really liked the open concept of an Olthof home. We had our paired cottage built nearly two years ago. We were able to personalize our home with things like extra storage above the garage with a pull down ladder, a pewter light package that we just really liked, special fixtures for the bathroom and lever handles on the doors that make them easier to open with my arthritis.”

“You really can’t beat the location since it’s so close to all the main highways, restaurants, movie theaters and doctor offices,” Jack Imer said. “But, what we really love is the fact that it’s such a friendly neighborhood. There’s a group of 8 families or so that get together now and then for cookouts and



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Jack and Sue Imer enjoy life everyday in their Rockwell paired cottage home.

dinners like that. We feel like we’ve known them for years.”

Chris Balkam, who lives in Rockwell with her husband Brad, is also a paired cottage owner who appreciates the open space of her great room as well as all the conveniences in the area.

“We’re swimming people so the fact that we get to enjoy the pool and not have the maintenance anymore is really nice,” she said. “Our home has two bedrooms plus a den and sunroom. There’s plenty of room for entertaining and for

our two grandkids to run around. We also like the fact that we’re free to travel without worrying about coming home to cut the grass. We can count our neighbors to collect the mail and keep an eye on things. Everyone is very neighborly and watches out for one another.”

If the combination of Rockwell’s spectacular location, resort-style setting and easy living appeals to you as well, now is definitely the time to visit the Information Center located inside the Club House.

“When people visit, they always comment on how active the Club House is,” Gruhlke said. “We have parties booked nearly every weekend and the fitness center appeals to all ages. There’s always a nice mix of residents coming and going during the warm-weather months when the pool is open. Rockwell is a real family-oriented community. It’s fun.”

Even with the new model under construction, you can learn about all of the exciting updates Olthof has made to the new ranch paired cottage plans now being built in Rockwell. In fact, two homes will be available soon, so you can make a move in time to enjoy the rest of summer and first-time homebuyers will have the opportunity to qualify for the government’s fully refundable \$8,000 tax credit.

While they last, you can choose between plans that offer between 1,745 to 1,944 square feet of living space with two or three bedrooms, two baths and an attached two-car garage. Along with Olthof’s signature open-concept floor plans that maximize space for living and entertaining, all of these homes include large windows to let in plenty of light, a sliding glass door for easy access to your outdoor patio, walk-in closet in the master bedrooms and a convenient utility tub and coat closet in the laundry room.