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## Active adults live life of luxury in South Barrington

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Active adults have more choices than ever before when it comes to deciding where to live.

If they are looking for a smaller house, similar to their current one, yet low-maintenance, they don't have to look beyond Toll Brother's Regency at The Woods of South Barrington.

The Regency is a gated community of 156 low-maintenance homes for active adults aged 55 and over. It is part of a master-planned community of 392 luxurious single-family homes priced from the low \$500,000s to more than \$1 million.

"People who live here love the area, the parks, the recreation and the location right off of the I-90 corridor," said Anne Cotter, senior project manager.

Buyers have a choice of five ranch home designs ranging from 2,100 to 2,400 square feet and priced from the low \$500,000s. All floor plans have an option for a second floor, adding 900 square feet.

Each floor plan also has a choice of six different elevations, including brick, stucco and siding, adding to the level of customization available for each home.

Homes come with many luxurious inclusions such as granite countertops in the kitchen and baths, gourmet stainless steel kitchen packages, 9-foot ceilings and 8-foot doors, Anderson aluminum-clad, wood windows, hardwood floors and 8-foot, full basements measuring over 2,000 square feet.

"Our owners love the huge customization and architectural features available with their homes," Cotter said. "They are especially thrilled with the amount of attention we pay to the details in each home."

Prospective buyers can explore two, fully furnished models at Regency. The Bartlett is a three-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath residence with a study. The gourmet kitchen comes complete with a center island and breakfast room, adjacent to the spacious great room.

The basement of the Bartlett features a private bowling alley, entertainment area, large bar and full bath. The three-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath Waveland model is great for entertaining with a formal living and dining room. The master bedroom suite has a private entrance, and leads out to the patio adjoining the kitchen.

"We're seeing a lot of multi-generational living at the Regency and the single-family homes," Cotter said. "Children can visit with their grandparents, ride their bikes throughout the community, and never even cross the street."

Homeowners will enjoy a carefree country club lifestyle when a 7,500-square-foot clubhouse opens up next spring. The clubhouse will feature a state-of-the-art fitness center, party room with kitchen, library with computer center, separate men and women's card rooms, a gym and men and women's locker rooms. Outdoor activities include a 1,200-square-foot swimming pool, putting green, tennis courts, bocce ball courts and shuffleboard courts.

In addition to the clubhouse, residents will have numerous opportunities for exercise and relaxation within minutes from their new homes. The South Barrington Park District is building a new village park with athletic fields to provide a multitude of leisure activities for both adults and children. Located adjacent to the new village park will be a new village conservancy of 35 acres of lightly wooded prairie and wetlands.

The South Barrington conservancy is a special project of South Barrington village president Frank J. Munao, Jr.

"The village didn't have this type of property before," Munao said. "There was no quiet place where people could go with a picnic basket and a bottle of wine and enjoy the natural areas." Originally designated for wetland irrigation, Toll Brothers generously dedicated the land for the conservancy to the village, allowing Munao to provide a special area for the residents of South Barrington.

The conservancy will feature a botanical tree walk with 30 to 40 different species of trees that are common to Illinois. It will also have a variety of wild plants, flowers and trees that you would see if you visited a national park. A butterfly garden is also in the works.

A paved pedestrian walkway will connect residents to The Shops at The Arboretum, a new upscale retail shopping center, planned to open next summer. The trail will also connect to the South Barrington Park District village park.

A 10-acre cultural center will be located on the highlands to the north side of Bridges Drive and will provide an outdoor space for local community organizations to hold special events and ceremonies. Lawn seating will be available.

"In addition, a memorial is being established for our National Parks that will honor our federal government and efforts in establishing the national park system," Munao said.

"None of this would have been possible without Toll Brother's help," Munao continued. "The village was not in a position to do all that has been done. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The conservancy should be a huge boost to the community and the village."

To visit The Regency at The Woods of South Barrington, take I-90 to Rt. 59 South, turn right and proceed one-and-a-half miles to the entrance.

The sales center and models are open Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (847) 381-4700 or go to [www.tollbrothers.com](http://www.tollbrothers.com).

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