

FINDING A SLICE OF HEAVEN

Deciding that the time had come for them to retire, Paul and Jane of St. Charles, IL, began to consider where they would like to do so. On January 2018, they attended an "Ideal Living" expo in Schaumburg, Illinois. Eventually, they found their way to the Tellico Village booth, where they met Beth Kuberka and Mitzi Lane representing Tellico Village. Although Paul and Jane had never considered Tennessee as a retirement possibility, after talking with Beth and Mitzi, they agreed to put Tennessee on their list of locations to investigate.

They subsequently booked a discovery trip through the Marketing Department and soon found their way to Tennessee. They were very impressed with the area and loved the mountains and the water, as well as the proximity to Knoxville. Although they visited other sites, they knew right away that Tellico Village was the perfect spot for their retirement home. They took the tour of the Village with a volunteer tour guide who not only showed them the tremendous amenities that the Village offers, but taught them about Village governance and the financial health of the community. They found that POA dues, property taxes, state taxes and other costs are far more preferable to those of Illinois, and all in all, the cost of living here is very reasonable.

Being very satisfied with all they had learned, they contacted one of the Village's Preferred Realtor partners and began looking at available homes. Although it took a bit of searching, they found the perfect home for themselves, one with a great location and plenty of room for their hobbies (Jane loves to sew and she needs a large space).

Paul and Jane purchased the home and relocated to the Village in October 2018, and began to get involved in Village life almost immediately. They joined the Home Owners Association and New Villagers. When looking for their retirement destination, they were amazed that everyone here seemed so friendly and welcoming, and that has certainly continued since their arrival! Through HOA and NV, they have made many new friends and quickly became deeply involved in the social fabric of the community. In addition to playing golf, they also have joined several other social groups, such as The Illinois Club, The Polish Club, several wine groups, a gourmet group, and a dining out group. They report that there is simply not enough time to do all that they want to do, but Jane still hopes that there is a boat in their future!

They also enjoy all that the local area has to offer. They enjoy going to events in Knoxville and have visited Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg. When asked to summarize their experience in the Village so far, they say that this is a "little slice of heaven" and they absolutely love it here! To quote Paul, "Why would you want to go on vacation from here?"

By Tom Lee, Tellico Village Marketing Committee Member

Editor's note: this is the first in a series of articles exploring the impact of marketing on Tellico Village and its residents.