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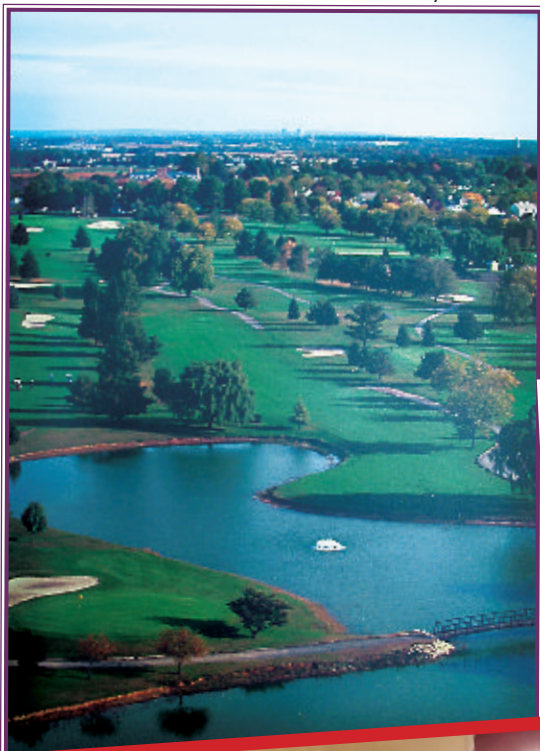
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Retire in Style

A community that gives those 55+ an opportunity to stay active

There's nothing retiring about this active adult community. With more than 60 clubs, a fitness center, woodshop, outdoor pool,

clubhouse, computer lab, 18-hole professional golf course, and much more, the Rossmoor active adult community in Monroe is a dynamic place that offers its 3,000 residents nearly limitless opportunities for learning, socializing, volunteering, and staying fit.

"You could move here and never join anything, but you'd be missing a lot," said Dr. Al Parker, a retired obstetrician who moved to Rossmoor five years ago and currently volunteers as the community's online Webmaster. He said he and his wife of 54 years, Eileen, "have met some great people" at Rossmoor and enjoy being involved in the community's events and activities.

"We have people here who are retired university professors and music professors, people who've worked in the space industry, writers, photographers, schoolteachers, people who've worked in construction," Dr. Parker said. "There's such a wide range of individuals from variegated backgrounds in this community, and that's a particularly nice feature of Rossmoor."

Rossmoor also stands apart from other adult communities because of its design: This is not one of those cookie-cutter developments where houses that seem overpowered by their garages are crammed together on treeless streets laid in a monotonous square grid. Instead, Rossmoor has the look of a traditional New England village. There are winding streets lined with mature shade trees and old-fashioned street lamps, open green spaces, wooded areas and walking trails.



• (Top left) An aerial photo of the Rossmoor community which is made up of over 3,000 residents and provides them with access to the 104-acre golf course among many other facilities. Residents can enjoy the unique design of the neighborhood which resembles a traditional New England village. (Above) The main lounge in the community center. (Left) The main staircase in the community center.

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ROSSMOOR

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An award winning gated community, with the appeal of colonial New England with miles of streets winding past tree-lined sidewalks.

The Community has over Fifty different floorplans priced from \$80,000 to \$395,000. Living Space varies from 2,400 sq feet to 690 sq feet.



Memberships to non-residents. Weather permitting, there is year round play.

Diverse activities include Tennis, Croquet, Computer Lab, Fitness Center, Pool Hall, Woodshop and over 60 Clubs offering educational programs and activities. A Healthcare Facility is available from 7AM to 11 PM daily.

Rossmoor has a Private Championship 18 hole Golf Course set on 104 acres of landscaped Fairways, and offers limited

A proven and successful Active Adult Community



Photos by Eric Carter

ACTIVE
 from cover

The Rossmoor Meeting House, with a white New England steeple that soars above the community, serves as a large gathering space for community meetings and events, professional musical performances, and worship services for Rossmoor's active Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faith communities.

Judie Sforza, a retired teacher, said she moved to Rossmoor eight years ago because of the community's "charming New England look and hundreds of mature trees – very different from any other active adult communities" in central New Jersey. "I was particularly attracted to the large variety of units, the diversity of the residents and the beautifully manicured 18-hole golf course," added Ms. Sforza, who currently serves as the president of Rossmoor's governing body, the Rossmoor Community Association Inc.

Rossmoor's 2,303 homes are built around a 104-acre award-winning golf course designed by Desmond Muirhead. There are over 45 different home floor plans in Rossmoor that range in size from small one-bedroom units in Colonial style buildings to large 2,300-square-foot homes that come with attached two-car garages.

"The maintenance is extremely well done here," Dr. Parker said, noting that residents do not have to cut their lawns or shovel snow in the wintertime. "Those of us who used to have to take care of the outside (of homes and yards) enjoy finally finding ourselves in the position of not having to do that anymore," Dr. Parker said.

The community was begun in the 1960s and built out over 30 years, but there are about a hundred units now available for resale, Ms. Sforza said. Prices start at about \$80,000 for the smallest one-bedroom units and the largest homes are selling for around \$400,000, she said. Homebuyers must be at least 55 years old, but spouses can be as young as 48. All property sales are handled by local Realtors, but Rossmoor does have volunteer tour guides

who are happy to take prospective neighbors on a stroll to see the community's various sights and many amenities, and answer any questions.

In addition to the charming Meeting House, that tour includes Rossmoor's central white columned clubhouse with its newly renovated ballroom, meeting rooms, outdoor patio, a woodshop, stained glass and ceramics rooms, an art room for painting, billiards, ping-pong, a library and a computer lab. The monthly Rossmoor News is published on the second floor of the building by longtime resident Gene Horan.

Outside there is a professional croquet court, tennis courts, bocce and shuffleboard courts and a large swimming pool with a hot tub area. The modern fitness center is located two blocks from the clubhouse and includes 21 modern exercise machines including treadmills, elliptical machines, stationary bikes, a rower, and upper body exercise machines.

The championship 18-hole/par 72 golf course is in the center of the community. "Desmond Muirhead designed the course so that many of the holes are built up so that they're higher and this makes it a special challenge," Dr. Parker said. Even residents who don't golf themselves enjoy the course because it is a beautiful sight to behold with three lakes, attractive landscaping and a graceful arched wooden bridge near the second hole.

The golf course is the site of the annual Rossmoor Charity Pro-Member Classic event, which has raised more than \$500,000 for charities over the past 22 years. Recent recipients of the community's generosity include the Rossmoor Kiwanis Food Pantry, the Deborah Hospital Foundation and the first aid squads of Monroe, Jamesburg, Spotswood and Cranbury.

The Interfaith Council of Rossmoor, representing Protestant, Catholic and Jewish residents, does a lot of outreach including preparing Thanksgiving meals for homebound residents. "There's a very warm side to this community," Dr. Parker said.

To take a virtual tour of Rossmoor on the Internet, visit www.rossmoor-nj.com