

RESIDENTIAL HOMES OF AMERICA

Newlyweds find ideal home at Victoria Park

Iris Levenberg-Bailen and her husband, Dennis Bailen, recently got married and during the same week closed on their new home at Victoria Park, a Residential Homes of America active-adult community in Libertyville.

For Iris and Dennis, Victoria Park had it all — a great location, a model with a fantastic floor plan and a smaller, more intimate community — so they couldn't pass up the opportunity to purchase a home and move to this beautiful neighborhood.

The community of Victoria Park will include 52 maintenance-free townhomes in a park-like setting with a community clubhouse designed to appeal to buyers 55 years and better. There are three townhome models featured at Victoria Park, priced from \$349,990. Decorated and furnished models of two plans are open for tours every day.

"Iris and I were looking for a home that would be maintenance-free with preferably a two-bedroom plus den combination. We took our time and looked for over one year before we found something we wanted to buy," Dennis said. "It was the overall style, quality and great layout of the Ansel Cook floor plan that really sold us on Victoria Park."

There are three floor plans offered at Victoria Park, ranging from 1,768 to 2,172 square feet. Two are two-story homes with two bedrooms and 2½ baths, and one is a ranch plan with two bedrooms and two full baths.

All of the homes include a luxury master suite with walk-in closet and private bath, nine-foot first floor ceilings, a full basement, central air conditioning and a two-car attached garage. Additional luxury amenities include bathrooms with ceramic tile, theatrical lighting and furniture quality vanities, white Cremona-style doors and trim, stained oak railings with painted base plus hardwood or ceramic tile in the kitchen, entry foyer



Iris Levenberg-Bailen and her husband, Dennis Bailen, both enjoy living at Victoria Park in Libertyville, Residential Homes of America's active-adult community.

and powder room.

RHA also offers a selection of its "Good Ideas" custom options, which range from fireplaces and entertainment centers to marble floors and laundry centers with built-in ironing boards.

Both Dennis and Iris work in Lake Forest, and the location of Victoria Park in Libertyville was ideal for their commutes. Dennis works for a custom homebuilder and has an eye for detail and quality. He was duly impressed with what RHA had to offer at Victoria Park.

"I am very pleased with the overall levels of finish and craftsmanship inside our new home. The quality of the materials, the case work and the tightness of the home have all impressed me.

During the recent extreme cold weather, I could not detect any air leakage or drafts around any of the windows," said Dennis.

Iris and Dennis selected the Ansel Cook model, a 2,172-square-foot two-story home with the two bedrooms and den they were looking for, along with 2½ baths, a full basement and a two-car garage. The Ansel Cook is a flexible layout, available with or without a loft. The couple chose the configuration without the loft, which gives them a stunning two-story living and dining room on the first floor.

The Ansel Cook also highlights an open kitchen concept with angled sink that overlooks the breakfast nook and family room. A large corner pantry is

also included, plus 42-inch cabinets, laminate countertops, backsplash and double bowl sink, built-in oven with microwave and separate cooktop with vented hood, dishwasher and hardwood or ceramic tile flooring. Many additional options are available to customize the home.

The Bailens' home has a centrally located staircase with landing that leads to the bridge style hallway upstairs, providing dramatic views to the living areas below.

The secondary bedroom is in one corner, while the den is in the adjacent corner. On the opposite side of the second floor is the master bedroom suite, with his and hers walk-in closets and

a private bath with dual bowl vanity, soaking tub, separate walk-in shower and water closet.

"We both liked the two-story layout of the Ansel Cook and the good flow of this home. It is the exact floor plan that we were looking for," Iris said. "I especially like the openness of the first floor and the way it feels like a single-family home."

Iris and Dennis' new home has a beautiful kitchen with 42-inch full-face cabinets, stainless steel appliances and granite countertops. They also have hardwood floors throughout most of the first floor along with a fireplace in the family room.

In addition to having just the perfect floor plan, the Bailens'

Visit the community

Victoria Park is in Libertyville, on the north side of Peterson Road (Route 137), about one mile west of Milwaukee Avenue. The sales center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Call (847) 367-0300 or visit rha.com.

are looking forward to living in Libertyville, as their home is just five minutes from the town's historic business district.

"Libertyville is a quaint town with lots of community pride. I like the feel and energy of the people. We're also looking forward to the shopping and dining that's available to us here," said Iris. The couple also likes to hike and their Lake County location puts them close to many forest preserves, including Independence Grove.

The couple's experience working with RHA was another high point of their purchase at Victoria Park. Iris says it was 'excellent' and 'effortless' to work with RHA, while Dennis says the construction manager was outstanding, which made for a smooth ride.

"My interaction with RHA's construction manager was great. He was responsive and anticipated my needs. He is a great ambassador for the company," Dennis said.

So for Dennis and Iris, 2007 has started off being a banner year. The couple is newly married and is busy getting established in their new home at Victoria Park.

"Our new home has the ideal floor plan, with the style and location that fits our lifestyle and needs perfectly. Working with RHA has made a positive impression on both of us. They really have done a great job," said Dennis.

REMINGTON HOMES

Remington Pointe features inviting to young families

The award-winning Inverness is the largest of five two and three-bedroom models in the Cornerstone Series at Remington Pointe in Volo, the builder's newest Lake County community of luxury homes.

This series of smaller single-family homes offers from 1,525 to 2,171 square feet, base-priced from \$248,900 to \$285,900.

In October 2006 the Inverness was honored by the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago with a Gold Key Award for Interior Merchandising at the 34th Annual Key Awards Celebration.

The four-bedroom Inverness is designed with many features that are important to young families such as a generous mudroom with closet and a powder room that are both adjacent to the garage.

This popular 2,171-square-foot two-story model base-priced at \$279,900 has an L-shaped floor plan with dramatic two-story foyer that leads past a formal living room and dining room into the more casual and very open family room and eat-in kitchen, a family gathering space that spans the entire length of the back of the house. The kitchen includes a large island, breakfast nook and walk-in pantry.

On the second floor a convenient laundry and linen closet solves the tiresome problem of carrying heavy baskets of clothing up and down the stairs. The master bedroom includes a large walk-in closet and bath with linen closet and double bowl vanity. There is also an option to open the fourth bedroom into a loft that would overlook the living room.

Standard features in all of the Cornerstone Series include ceramic or oak flooring in the foyer, nine-foot or volume first

Remington Pointe

Take U.S. 12 (Rand Road) one mile north to Illinois 120. Turn right (east) on Molitor Road for one-quarter mile to the models. Hours are daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday noon to 5 p.m. Call (815) 363-7267 or visit www.remington-homes.com.

floor ceilings, (per plan), partial basement with crawl space and custom-designed kitchen with 36-inch wall cabinets with crown molding, gas range and built-in microwave.

Remington Homes is also building two ranch and nine two-story floor plans priced from \$283,900 to \$372,900 in the Tradition Series of larger single-family homes on oversized lots at Remington Pointe. Homes in both series include unique architectural detailing such as rounded drywall corners, art niches, plant shelves and arched passageways that have become a Remington trademark.

The Elgin-based builder is also offering five maintenance-free ranch villas at Remington Pointe. These attached homes are value-priced from \$227,900 to \$246,900.

Remington Pointe is served by the Big Hollow School District. The primary school is open, and a new intermediate and middle school will be open by the end of the year. Residents enjoy easy access to Lake County's Millennium Trail, a 35-mile hiking and biking loop that winds through the scenic Lake County Forest Preserve forests, meadows and ponds.

WILLIAM RYAN HOMES

Buyers can get early look at Sandy Creek Estates

New home shoppers who want to be among the first to sneak-peek at the new 3,575-square-foot Dunbar model need to hurry to Sandy Creek Estates in Elgin.

The Dunbar model, which is nearing completion and scheduled to debut in early May, is the largest floor plan offered at the community with five bedrooms and an attached three-car garage.

"The Dunbar is new to the William Ryan collection of homes and offers an impressive list of notable features that family-oriented buyers will find especially enticing," said Maureen Parotto, director of sales and marketing for William Ryan Homes Chicago Division. "The five bedrooms, first-floor den and large kitchen with center island, peninsula island and breakfast bar accommodate the needs of busy, growing families.

"Buyers are also impressed with the Dunbar's two staircases, one leading from the foyer and the other from the family room. And, parents appreciate the retreat created in the master suite with his-and-hers walk-in closets and private bath."

Additional highlights of the Dunbar include an elegant two-story foyer that leads to the two-story living room; formal dining room with optional coffered ceiling and bay window; butlers pantry that leads to the fabulous kitchen with breakfast dining area that is open to the morning room; expansive family room with optional fireplace; den; powder room; laundry room; master bedroom suite with two walk-in closets and a private bath; four nicely-sized secondary bedrooms served by a full hall bath; large upstairs hallway storage closet; basement; and attached three-car garage. The Dunbar is base-priced from \$395,490.

Located on U.S. 20 just a quarter mile west of Nesler Road on the north side of the street, Sandy Creek Estates is a William Ryan Homes' community of 121 single-family homes currently priced from \$338,490 to \$395,490. Twenty of the homes have been sold in

less than six months.

In addition to the Dunbar, buyers may select from an extensive collection of two-story and ranch plans ranging from 2,415 to 3,575 square feet in size with three to five bedrooms, two to 2½ baths and attached two- and three-car garages. Look out basements are also available and many overlook acres of open space, picturesque ponds or a creek that meanders through the neighborhood.

"Buyers interested in making a move in late summer or early fall, when children are out on vacation and just getting ready for another new school year, need to purchase now at Sandy Creek Estates," Parotto said. "Our construction schedule is already accommodating summer move-ins and the best part of buying now is you'll get the lowest price and best selection of homesites."

Other extras included in the

base price of the homes are fully sodded and landscaped homesites, partial basements, nine-foot first-floor ceilings and air conditioning. William Ryan Homes offers a standard 1-2-10 year limited/transferable warranty along with its exclusive Hard Hat Buyer Inspection program.

Sandy Creek Estates residents enjoy a quiet, country setting yet are within minutes of a variety of services and conveniences. Randall Road is blossoming with a variety of restaurants, grocery stores, department stores, convenience stores and other retailers. I-90 is within seven minutes of the community and U.S. 20 (Lake Street) provides speedy access to the Elgin-O'Hare Expressway. The Big Timber Metra station is also within two miles of the community.

Ten golf courses are found within the Elgin area as well as the Ad-

ventureland Water Park. The newly renovated downtown Elgin area offers unique restaurants and shops as well as Elgin Community College and the highly-acclaimed Elgin Symphony.

An off-site sales center is now open to assist buyers interested in purchasing a home at William Ryan Homes' Sandy Creek Estates in Elgin. Buyers can now visit the sales center, a charming white house just a quarter mile from Sandy Creek Estates, on U.S. 20 (Lake Street) one mile west of Randall Road on the south side of the street.

Take Randall Road to U.S. 20 (Lake Street), one mile west to the sales center on the south side of the street. The sales center is open daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. except on Fridays when hours are 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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