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for community barbecues and launch kayaks to explore the Northeast Cape Fear River. The clubhouse, with casual and upscale dining, overlooks the golf courses and a lake. A sports and fitness center includes indoor and outdoor pools and tennis courts.

What residents say: “We’re big golfers, so the 36 holes of golf was a big attraction,” says Tom Castellino, 55, who moved here four years ago with wife Cheryl Stamp, 52. The couple had lived in Pennsylvania but were ready for a milder climate with golfing possible nearly year-round. Tom says, “Wilmington is a half-hour away, which is nice. But even nicer is having a restaurant that you can walk to. The clubhouse serves outstanding food. There’s also a ballroom where they host special dinners. The wild-game dinner night is outstanding, and recently, our chef has come up with comfort-food nights.”

Prices: \$300,000s-\$1 million for single-family homes.

Status: 348 homes built of 1,700 planned on about 2,000 acres.

Age-restricted: No.

Information: River Landing, 110 River Village Place, Wallace, NC 28466, (888) 285-4171 or www.riverlanding.com.

PENNSYLVANIA

Penn National

Fayetteville, Pennsylvania



The lure: Penn National affords stylish country living near historic Gettysburg with the added perk of being within easy reach of Washington, DC, and other metropolitan areas. Many activities center on the two award-winning golf courses and clubhouse with a grill. Residents have a large area for growing vegetables, and Penn National hosts a seasonal public farmers market with cooking demonstrations, artists and vendors selling meats, cheeses, fruit, produce and other items. Clubs allow residents to explore varied interests, as do Osher Lifelong Learning Institute courses on-site and nearby. There’s access to walking and equestrian trails in the adjacent state forest.

What residents say: “We’re in a beautiful setting within two mountain ranges,” says Jim Reisenweber,



River Landing



Penn National Golf Course Community

62, who relocated from Washington, DC, last year with wife Elizabeth, 64. Jim says, “It’s heavily populated by Mennonites, and their shops are so well run, so neat. The stuff they make is neat. We wanted a rural area, and Penn National is like a rose in the thick of a thornbush. It’s very quiet. Now and then, you can hear the train whistle in the distance — my wife likes that. After living in Washington, DC, we were just so tired of traffic jams. I’m a golfer so for me, this place is ideal.”

Prices: \$149,000s-\$600,000s for condos, attached cottages and villas and single-family homes.

Status: 1,150 homes built of 3,500 planned on 1,500 acres.

Age-restricted: No.

Information: Penn National Golf Course Community, 3720 Clubhouse Drive, Fayetteville, PA 17222, (800) 338-7523 or www.pennhomes.com.

Traditions of America

At Silver Spring

Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania



The lure: Pastoral land around this community draws retirees who are eager to leave the frenzy of urban life

but still want to be near city amenities. It’s only about 10 miles outside Harrisburg, the state capital, and Philadelphia and Baltimore are easily accessible. The region is rich in history and offers abundant recreation in mountain settings. At the Traditions of America development, low-maintenance homes include snow removal and lawn care, allowing residents more time for activities and socializing at the clubhouse. A happy hour, yoga classes, sports bar and card games are popular, and summer adds fun around the outdoor pool.

What residents say: Ginny and Don Hopper, 74 and 77 respectively, searched all over for the perfect retirement place — then found the ideal spot only 10 minutes from their home. “We looked from state to state. In the end, we just like what Traditions offered most,” says Ginny. “What makes a great community is the people, and we like what we felt and saw.” Ginny has bonded with several women in the neighborhood, and they regularly go out for lunch and explore nearby towns. “It’s fun,” she says. “We’re kind of out in the country. There’s a farm right behind our house,