

Empty nesters ready for new lifestyle

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It was a chance telephone call that brought Roberta Temes and her husband, David Lyons, to investigate moving from Brooklyn to a new community for active adults 55 and over.

The couple, both in their 60s and still working — he as a consultant for computer-based higher-education financial systems and she as a psychotherapist/hypnotist and writer — had been looking to move from their longtime neighborhood. It had changed following the departure of many friends and an influx of young families. The couple also were eager

to be closer to their grandchildren. One day, while baby-sitting for their daughter, who had recently relocated to Scotch Plains, a telephone conversation with her daughter's real estate broker would help find their new home.

"I told her I wished there was a new development in the town specifically for older, still active people," Temes recalls. "She said, 'Funny you should say that. Something came across my desk this morning.' She picked me up and took me to look at it."

What Temes saw was just an empty, marshy lot. The blueprints for the forthcoming single family home community, however, appealed to both

her and Lyons. They also liked the easy access to Manhattan and the proximity to two of their children and six of their grandkids who live in the area. Perhaps the greatest allure of the PRC Homes' Heather Glen at Scotch Plains development was the idea of a new house in a new neighborhood where the grounds would be staff-tended year-round, and where the common ground among residents was their stage in life. Prices for homes in the community start at \$610,000, plus a \$313 monthly maintenance fee.

Feeling that Heather Glen was for them, they signed on the dotted line, sold their house, stored their belongings

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