

Independent Living is a Fantastic Option for Active Retirees

Submitted by Twin Creeks Retirement Living

Your glorious and well-deserved retirement day has arrived, and you can finally do whatever you want. Like every hoop you've jumped through to get here, you are undoubtedly facing good, bad, and often scary changes on the other side. But let's face it, change is inevitable.

A big question we all face when we hit this threshold is, now that we have the gift of spare time, what do we want to be doing with it? And if we don't want to continue spending our time on shopping for food, cooking it (or paying big prices by going out!), cleaning and maintaining a house, yard, and car, what are some options? In other words, how can we simplify life, leaving us with more time, energy, and money to explore our dreams.

Where you decide to live out the dreams you truly deserve in the way you want to live them is the life choice you may be facing.

New retirees often spend those first few years enjoying their houses or often downsize and move to a smaller house. However, that choice still involves the physical and financial commitment of having to maintain that house and yard. And chores don't take care of themselves, even if you bring in help (often expensive and unreliable!) to tackle them. Wouldn't it be nice if you lived where you have guaranteed help for all maintenance and housekeeping?

If your retirement goal is to enjoy traveling and seeing all the places you've saved and yearned for, can you easily walk out the door without worry? The connection you have with owning a house can become a leash. Wouldn't it be nice if you lived where you could walk out the door and not have a care in the world knowing you had a reliable staff who would make sure your home, mail, and car (and even pet!) were all in good hands until you returned?

Or maybe you want to get involved in your community, take classes, or spend time with grandchildren. After all, it's a great time to give back and further develop the knowledge and skills from a lifetime of learning and experiences. Wouldn't it be great to be in an environment that supports all sorts of educational, recreational, and family activities? And

wouldn't it be fun to easily enjoy great food and entertainment with friends, or go on adventurous trips and activities where you don't have to plan or even worry about driving?

Consider the option of moving into an "Independent Living" retirement community. Independent Living is geared to anyone who craves an easier and stress-free lifestyle. It's a great way to live a healthier and more active life surrounded with support and motivation so you can finally enjoy the moments you craved when you were working.

And it never hurts to think about your families who are naturally starting to worry about you. Yes, the parent/child roles tend to reverse just about the same time your new "retirement" rhythm starts to kick in, especially when you're single. The security of knowing you are a moment away from help and surrounded by a fun community of people whose mission is to KEEP you independent, active, and healthy has got to relieve their concerns.

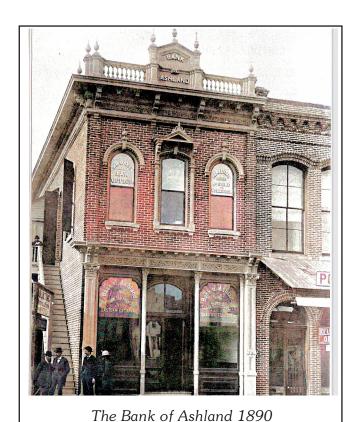
Consider this: If you are in the right community, you will undoubtedly see family and friends more than ever. They will enjoy seeing you experiencing days filled with fun and joy in an environment geared exactly for you.

Family and friends will be there for meals and even holidays! Dining options are like a fine restaurant and meals together are easy and a pleasure. They'll love knowing all chores are taken care of, transportation options are on-site and most of all, fun and friends are just around the corner.

Independent living is a place where everyone wants YOU to live your best life. Start by exploring the communities that feel comfortable to you and offer the services and amenities that match up to your dreams.

Most communities offer a month-to-month option, so there are no worries about feeling stuck. If opportunities appear on the "other side of the hoop," you can feel good knowing you've downsized and have set yourself up to follow the adventures ahead.

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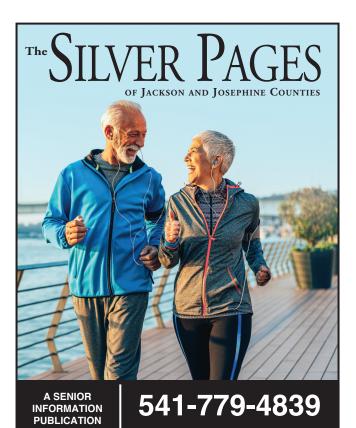
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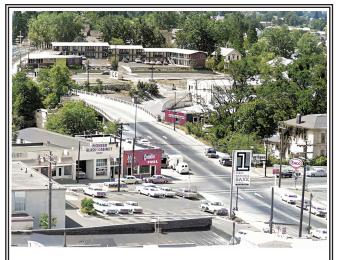
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What seniors should know about selling their homes

Submitted by Jim Frings, Agent Re/Max Platinum

Ok so you and your family have finally made the decision to sell your home and move on, now what? Are you aware of all the options available to you? Will you consider moving in with an adult son or daughter who can help you with your needs as you grow older? Or perhaps you are considering moving to a senior supportive environment.

Many seniors would prefer to continue living in their own home, aging in place. Sometimes circumstances work against those preferences. Whatever the reason, there may come a time when parents, along with their adult children consider selling and moving on.

See your house as an investment

Once the decision to sell has been made it's time to start looking at the home as an investment. That involves selling the home for the most money, in the shortest time and with the least amount of inconvenience.

For most people a home represents the largest part of their net worth so getting the maximum price for the home is of utmost importance. Many seniors will be living on a fixed income; therefore the equity in their home becomes an integral part of their overall financial plan.

Create an action plan to effectively market your property for top dollar by consulting with a Real Estate Professional

The issues facing senior citizens when selling their home are much different than for younger people. This professional should maintain a network of other senior-focused professionals who can assist in tax counseling, financial and estate planning, and all other aspects of the sale and move.

Determine your listing price and create a marketing plan

Once you have selected your real estate professional that you feel confident about and are comfortable working with, it is now time to put together a marketing plan for the home. Your agent will know the features of your property which will bring it top dollar.

Seller's market or buyer's market?

During the listing of your home your agent should have discussed the current market conditions presently being experienced in your area. You should have a general understanding of how the local real estate market works, along with the forces and influences affecting your local real estate market at the present time.

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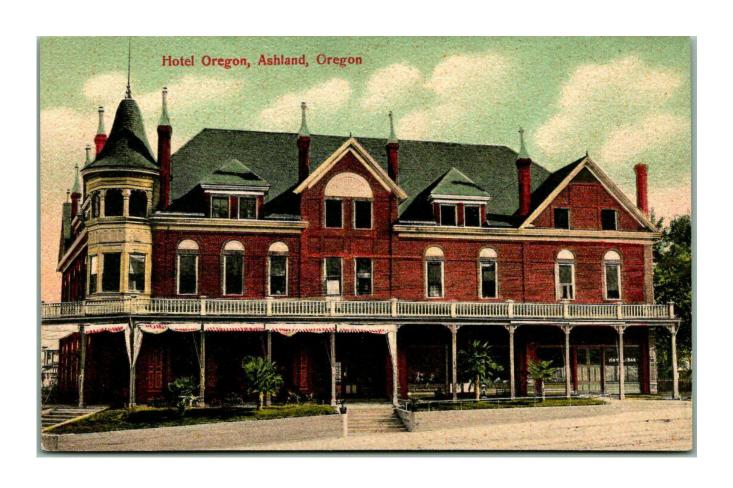
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