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The Best of Both Worlds

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Two years ago, Dartmouth Professor Emeritus of Economics Colin Campbell and his wife Rosemary decided to sell their home on Park Street in Hanover and downsize. They knew several people who had moved to The Greens on Lyme Road, and they felt a two bedroom, two bathroom unit at the Lyme Road complex would suit their needs. They never anticipated owning their unit at The Greens, but late this fall they bought their apartment as a condominium.

“When we moved in here we didn’t know anything would become available,” Campbell explained.

Indeed, The Greens at Hanover Condominiums has a new name, new ownership and is undergoing major new renovations and improvements both inside and out to provide gracious independent living for active seniors. It’s all part of a conversion to condominiums that is unique in the Hanover senior housing market and will leave the existing senior community intact and greatly enhanced.

“We are very excited about all the physical improvements we are making to The Greens in its twentieth year,” said Michael Vereline, Managing Partner of The Greens at Hanover Condominiums. “At the same time, we’re excited about retaining the existing community and its caring, supportive environment. Now, active seniors who want to own their own home in Hanover and enjoy a menu of services have



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a very attractive economic alternative.”

Colin Campbell agrees wholeheartedly. “The company set prices very reasonably—what an economist would call a ‘market price,’” Campbell said. “The deal here is very good from my point of view.

The price of these condominiums isn’t going to go down.”

“This location is so good,” added Rosemary Campbell, citing The Greens’ proximity to Dartmouth College, downtown Hanover, the Dartmouth Hitchcock



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Medical Center, the Lebanon Opera House and other Upper Valley attractions.

“We have lived in Hanover for 50 years,” her husband said. “Now we don’t have to worry about raking leaves or worry about things freezing. And this is a very nice neighborhood, a more interesting neighborhood than Park Street.”

Making The Greens Home

In addition to its prime location, The Greens features extensive renovations that include a major landscaping plan, with numerous plantings, gardens and flowers, as well as an exterior pathway around the circumference of the property. There is also a brand new state-of-the-art commercial kitchen and an expanded dining area, featuring outdoor seating—with new French doors leading from the dining room into a courtyard. Other extensive improvements include new carpeting, painting, roofing and siding throughout the premises.

The Greens contains 28 condominium units—six with two-bedrooms, the remaining 22 units with one bedroom as well as a community living room, dining room and library. Condominium owners are encour-

aged to create their own living space within their home, personalizing it with their own unique touch.

One Greens homeowner is a sculptress whose living room and kitchen feature her artwork. A handsome marble statue welcomes visitors outside her front door. An editor still involved in various projects will soon be moving into a condominium at the far end of the hall, to be near his daughter and her family, who live in Lyme.

“Quite a few people here are not from Hanover,” said Campbell. “They come from all over the U.S. Their children live in the area and their grandchildren. Several of them have sons and daughters who are doctors at the hospital. It’s really a very good arrangement for them all.”

Most residents are still very active. Professor Campbell walks every day through the neighborhood near the Ray School, over to watch Dartmouth intramural contests and varsity rugby matches or along the Hanover Country Club golf course.

“Our goal at The Greens is to help seniors live an active, independent life—with as much social activity as they want or as much privacy as they choose,” Vereline explained. “Our friendly, professional staff is devoted to meeting the needs and requests of our residents, most of whom have no intention of slowing down. We’re here to foster personal growth and vibrancy while ensuring our residents’ safety.”

A Range of Services

A monthly fee of \$1,350 for single occupancy includes a host of services, amenities, and activities at The Greens. These include a full service luncheon each day at noon in the dining room, prepared by a full-time master chef; 24/7 emergency-response system in every unit with a call service button to Hanover Health Care, which is located right next door; health screenings and wellness clinics on site; weekly housekeeping services; all utilities (except telephone service); and full-time maintenance of common areas and the grounds, including painting, cleaning, snow removal, lawn mowing and gardening.

In addition, the monthly fee includes access to transportation provided in The Greens van several times a week to events, activities and shopping. Afternoon tea is served in a community living room, where playing cards and puzzles are well-liked activities. Residents also enjoy a popular community cocktail hour each Friday at 4 p.m., featuring hors d’oeuvres from the new kitchen, as well as live entertainment once a month and regular outings to local cultural events and places of interest.

“We have good management here,” said Professor Campbell. “The staff is really exceptional. They have a wonderful, helpful attitude. The luncheons have always been good. And you know, we sit and they serve us. It’s not a cafeteria.”

For couples sharing a unit, a fee of \$650 a month is added for the second person. As condominium owners, residents enjoy full ownership rights and privileges, including an active voice in the management of The Greens condominium association.

“Retirement homes are a new phenomenon,” said Campbell. “We didn’t have them 40 years ago when my parents were aging. Most of the residents here are very cooperative and adaptable. Many are single people who have lost a spouse. It’s a very congenial atmosphere. And it’s not too big, like some



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places. It’s a small community, and we have a very nice relationship between the people who live here and the people who work here, which is unusual.”

For an information packet or to schedule a tour of The Greens, contact Michael Vereline at (603) 643-5512. ♦