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Looking at Delaware Beach Locations. Want low cost tax state.

#### also depends on my two girls Will be locating in Central/South America

I am actually building a network of vacation rentals, which we will use in the off peak season for housing, and use the income from peak rentals to pad our retirement. They are diverse in r Will likely move to a 1 story condo

I wish there were a very pet-friendly community where one could build custom homes on decent sized lots, without a lot of HOA regs, a central dining option, and on-site health care. My prference is singel story, detached home with managed exterior maintanance in a golf cart friendly community. The ability to pare down to 1 car (and use a golf cart to get around is ver A big reason for choosing a 55+ community is that we are moving where we don't know anyone so the lifestyle will be very conducive to making new friends.

After having a accident 6 years ago that put me in a wheelchair for 3 months, I discovered how important it was to be on a single story house. As we get older, stairs become more of an iss I have been searching the web to get as much information about mobile homes in Florida (insurance, new vs old, resident owned park vs other option, what parks have to offer). We have Strong emphasis on single floor housing. Many of the areas I'm considering do not have single floor houses anywhere.

We have found the 55+ community to be wonderful. I read all the stuff about the downsides and have yet to experience any of those. Yes, HOA fees can be higher but you get what you p My wife and I are actually trying to get a non-profit coop started for musicians, artist, and anyone who loves music and the arts. We call it the Rock Til You Drop. Finding low maintenance, beautiful view, stimulating opportunities for volunteering and learning will impact our final housing choice.

We wanted to live on the first floor no steps, we wanted extra room for the kids and grankids to visit, we wanted to downsize enough and we were able to afford a new home.

My preference is a place near water without the extreme heat, warm winters and low humidity year round. Also something affordable for the average retired couple.

I just want a small town in a rural warm area. Plenty of land to garden and not too close to anyone else. A lower cost of living than I am accustomed to (East Coast). If it is community, over 55 or all age, in a dangerous weather area, have a "safe" clubhouse for emergencies or at least as safe as possible.

Q3 was hard. I want urbanized suburbia or large city either age targeted that has a college, but not a small college town.

Rumors of the death of golf communities are greatly exaggerated. There will be some pruning, but the concept is still healthy.

I would like a SMALL home, made of block or brick in a good neighborhood, safe and quiet. I have lived in gated communities and have not been happy with the HOA and dues. I can't drag choices on my iPad, so I stopped the survey. Better to have allowed people to number their choices.

I feel that the concept of "niche" communities is of vital importance if one is to try to insure their ongoing vitality and life interests. It would make for a far better retirement experience to be While many prefer to own their home when they retire...I decided that as a Single retiree....the overwhelming responsibility and expense of a House are more than I and my budget can hand One story low maintenance in a nice development, with loads of amenities/services/activities relatively close to existing family would be perfect. If Sun City Anthem was close to family I we Affordable, in a safe area, close to the Gulf.

Thinking seriously about full-timing in an RV

No snow.

Yes, you don't list my preference. I want a stand alone townhouse. One that is not attached to another one. Been there, done that with common walls. One where all outside maintenanc 1. good climate - sunshine

2. safety

3. cost contol

Prefer one floor living about 2,400 sf (downsizing from 4,500 sf) in a community of couples and single adults with lots of green space and varied activities. Would consider a villa or detached we live in the NE and have relatives in FL and SD. FL is not an option because of the extreme humidity, and the monotony of basically one season. We want an area with some level of four living going to be complicated when finally sell but we've got a basic plan for at least a couple years. So many issues to balance and we'll certainly be renting for a good long time before ever TTTTTThat's all folks

Would like to see more "age in place" facilities where residents can start in independent living and add services for assisted living, moving to an attached skilled nursing facility (with a hosp We look at housing that is all one level-not just the MBR. We are also wanting handicapped accessible hallways (wider for wheelchairs)grab bars in showers, etc. Bigger space in the MBR

Other things would be handicapped features in the common areas of the community. (Indoor pool and a spa are musts due to arthritis). Warm climate!! No snow to shovel for us-ever agai

We want a decent amount of space and /or privacy in the back yard and space for a fenced in dog run and dog park. Pet friendly community is a MUST. We would not consider a place the

RV parking on site. Walking trails for us and the dogs. Golf cart community with access to shopping, restaurants,etc.

A MAJOR concern is medical facilities, with military medical facilities readily available, along with specialties and down the road, assisted living-if necessary.

Of course, we also want a variety of shopping, restaurants, and activities to do both outside and inside, so want a community that is about 2-3 thousand homes! :-) Believe it or not we feel I am done with home ownership. We want to be able to relax, play, volunteer, etc.

Housing choices will be affected dramatically by 'self-driving' cars currently being developed by Google. These will change the ability of seniors to live in surroundings that give them more Straight Ranch...warm weather...gated community...close to shopping...

Desire energy efficiency and low maintenance. Desire some open space and privacy. Want stand alone building and no shared walls with other units. Newer and more up-to-date the bet Concerned about spending now vs. later (and holding majority of funds for possible CCRC residence).

Energy efficient, Green

two locations would be ideal but most people will not be able to afford that option.

We are looking for a newer retirement community with a younger population of retirees - MBR on first floor, total of 3 bedrooms- a guest bedroom, a bunk room for grandchildren, and an or Even though I own several properties, some of them are income producing, I may rent in the furture. I am not sure where we might end up and would like to "test" the area(s) prior to purch

I don't like humidity but a place that is over dry like Western MT where we lived for awhile is too dry and also prone to forest fires. It was totally beautiful, though. If you have an active lifes

So a balanced weather pattern with opportunities for outdoor activities figure high on my list. During the boom city planners restricted how small a house could be in a new community. Property was also expensive, so builders made large houses on small lots, and relied on multiple smaller, well built, energy concious, one story, close to shopping and amenities

I would like to find some place where you have the space between the houses and not on top of one another but yet alot of amenities in a community. Not necessarily huge houses but on Don't want houses that are to close together

Our first choice of where to move is based on going to a warmer climate (we live in New England) and somewhere less expensive. Beyond that motivation is the fact that we know where v Been here 8 months and really liking this choice. Housing options directly designed for retirees and maintained for you so you have lock and leave capability for travel is a real big plus for Walk-ability and access to outdoor spaces is important, as is the friendliness of the place. Not too cold in the winters and not furnace-like temperatures in the summer - I've had enough of t mild year round climate; single story home; flat terrain(mostly for walking, biking, etc.); low taxes; culturally diverse; easy access to transportation (airports, trains, etc.).

It does seem that in some of the 55+ communities, the activities are being revamped to the baby boomer lifestyle. We are a more active group seeking more physically intense activities ar I think adult community developers should start thinking outside the box in how they approach their market in the future. The Sun City approach sure doesn't appeal to me -- and I know per Would like a retirement community that has lots of activity options that you could select and only pay for those you are interested in. We wouldn't want to pay extra because a community h One story home/living area that will accommodate for wheelchair or motorized cart for mobility and also correct plumbing fixtures, door knobs, shower or tubs all are necessary to allow for A smaller home, in a small town or rural area, relatively close to a larger city with amenities. Maybe even s modular or mobile home. Between my pension, 401k, and hopefully social secu Q#3 College town first, mid sized city second, active adult community third. Q#4 One story (or first floor master) first, condo second

I thing that you should as the location one has an interest to retire, southeast, northeast, midwest, etc. although this question has been ans. in many a survey

A yard big enough for a garden is becoming more important to seniors I think. We want to grow our own vegetables and not rely on GMO'd vegetables we find in the stores.

Our plan is to retire to a lake near a college town. Our house will have a lower level that is set up for guests. I want to be in a place that my kids and future grandkids will want to come and I imagine they will change as we age. Single family house in a small town, then a walkable community, and finally assisted living if needed or we live that long.

My top things that I considered before selecting a retirement destination:

- things to do

- good libraries, restaurants, shops, etc.

- opportunity to meet people and make friends / close to friends who have not yet retired

- weather considerations (no hurricanes, floods, tornados, etc)

- bugs & critters...don't like snakes or flying roaches

cost of living
traffic

- crime

Nice but smaller housing is still the future trend.

I'm sure you can count me with the majority that want to live in a warm, inexpensive, and secure community.

While downsizing has it's advantages I decided to upsize with interest rates so low and house choices great. Did not wish to live in a sardine can for the rest of my life.

Manageable as one ages.

I want to be in a community where I can walk to restaurants, movies, activities, etc. The place I plan to move to is in FL. I don't want to live in the North East any longer because of the cold Definitely a single story home in a warm climate. Good medical care nearby. Lots of urban amenities around: shopping, groceries, theaters, etc. Costs of utilities and taxes may make a difference in what we do. Also, the locations of our son's and their families are important.

Fearrington Village is an example of the type of community I would prefer.

Living in N.Y., I've gotten accustomed to "doing" things. I want to live like a regular resident in a regular neighborhood, except it has to be in a warm city.

I want to do things that I could not do as often as I like, say tennis for instance, or enjoing nature and of course the beach.

Yes. I am always disappointed in your reports, because the assumption seems to be that everyone will buy a home. We sold ours 3 years ago and have no plans ever to buy again. We like No

I am looking for a more cost effective community. Lower taxes and maintenance fees, etc.

A gound level residence of 1500 to 2000 SF is more adaptable to progreessive physical limitations.

Before I knew I'd be helping my mother and staying with her, I visited a great Del Webb community in Reno. I loved the idea of a gated 55+ community, with affordable NEW houses (1-stor I appreciate the adult community comncept since we all generally have much in common and thus can empathize and support each other. Would like to see more single story housing available and communites where there is shopping close by and shuttle service.

Mobile Home/RV -- need more info about these on website. Sometimes, the Site seems more like Real Estate Marketing more so than anything else . . .

Who wants a 30 year mortgage at age 65?????

### no

I like ranch houses.

First floor master, few steps in and out of home. We are retired and live in a regular town (fairfield ct) in a single family house w/ first floor master suite. Couldn't rank Q3&4 on iPhone. Prefer slower paced lifestyle - without stress of maintenance of a house and noise of a city.

Definitely do not want to do much maintenance once I'm past 75 so either a townhome, condo or cheep labor for yard care will be needed.

no thanks I am not looking in the 55+ communities for manufactured homes, need a small house with a back yard, or a town home with a back yard. These are hard to locate in Florida. May need a I want privacy, a nice backyard and a community with social options but without excessive pressure to participate.

Prefer a single story owned home in a large metro city

Would like to rent an apartment somehwer in Florida,

and see if I want to stay. 55+ commnities seem to be more in FL & AZ.

Being somewhat close to family I think is VERY important ... there will come a time when you will need family to assist.

Smaller, nice kitchen with island, den. Don't want or need formal dining room or formal living room. Preference would be one story to ensure it meets future needs if limited in mobility. Will in Certainly builders need to offer better options in existing communities for a transition from a large two story to a more modes and age friendly style of home. Wider door ways for one thing a Doing more to keep people in a home that understands those aging needs would be smart.

Do more to help people transition out of thier existing large homes - and stay in the community would make sense.

I would prefer to live in a townhouse, however, when you add in the cost of association dues which will continue to rise it will actually be just as inexpensive to live in my current home and prefer mid or larger sz city, and or perhaps active 55 commty. V impressed w vistancia at peoria, "Trilogy" commty. Hope to live near recreation, as we both plan to stay active, ie hike, bike After Sally Mae, Freddie Mac and Wall Street raped American homeowners...why not take your little pension and get out of USA to third world country and live like them...A King. Younger - Close to children (at least one) and grandchildren.

Non-challenging walking trails.
Close proxemity to shopping in order to minimize the purchase of gas for vehicles too often.

- Low incidents of crime.

- Excellend healthcare systems (hospitals, clinics, etc.)

- Low or minimal taxation of income and retirment earnings.

Noted for being Christian, Conservative, Constitutional, good economy.
Good year round weather

I love renting - as a single woman who does not want to worry about maintenance and yard work - I have better uses for my time. I love calling the office and saying "your faucet is leaking Small to medium sized town, walkable, with traditional mixed age neighborhoods, sidewalks, parks, library, grocer, eateries, low crime, good healthcare, ...

3. Mid to large city / regular town or suburb. Not sure how to define Tampa, FL

### One-story home.....steps are difficult for us at times.

I like the coastal areas of the South myself for swimming - I can't take the New York winters anymore NOR the intense crowds. So as much I don't want to be living in isolation somewhere Preferences in Q 5. Some friends say what I want may not exist: year around temps of about 80 degrees, moderate

humidity, access to swimming and walking and biking but also access to activities and eating spots. NO Gulf course. I do not play and do not want to pay for upkeep of same. I now rent a

Small town and single story home.

Our aim is self-sufficiency and independence, hopefully for our whole lives. My parents lived in their home into their nineties until each of their thankfully short final illnesses. With a good r So much golf....it is difficult to fit in to a retirement housing community when you don't play golf.

interested in manufactured homes--less expensive than traditional home/condo.

I hope to find an active community which provides a sense of community with outdoor recreation, and cultural activities as well.

# One floor living, warm climate no ice and snow, affordable RV

We are looking for a location with alot of easy access walking. A place where when we can no longer drive, we can get to where we need to go. Would like 2+bedrooms and 2+bathrooms Prefer high "walk score," easy access to natural, cultural and social assets, green/sustainable

I'm not a fan of these homeowner/community organizations.

All of these retirement communities come w/association Rules/Regulations and Fees. Often these R,R & F's become encumbering with vacancies, foreclosures and changes in public opini Our preferences were dictated by the need for medical care for our sons. Florida was our 1st choice but after investigating, FL had the worst care for our sons - overcrowded, very long wai Location is important. Walking distance to food shopping, public transportation and community centers. Active inclusive communities. Small one story house easy to clean with enough outc the BIGGEST issue is - location, location, location. If you can figure that out - the rest is easy.

Q3. #4 mid-size or large city Q4. #4 1story home

We are very excited about our choice to give up a permanent residence and move into a beautiful new fifth wheel to tour the country. We can spend time near our children who live in differ Can't wait!!!!!!!!

Will/Can this be redefined based upon the steady retirement of the Baby Boomers (of which, I am the tail end)?

Could be interesting!

I'm always interested in any place that has low crime, mild climate, and good access to services.

Looking into handicap accessible as this style now is more common, e.g., wide halls, doorways, suitable counter height.

Single story, walk out basement for storage and utilities, no grass, large MBdrm, double MBath with walk in shower and walk in bathtub, tall countertops, wheelchair accessible doors and h near the ocean/beach is our first priority, near golf, low taxes (property and/or income), easy upkeep, probably with a pool/lanai, near family or attractions for children/grandchildren to visit. Energy efficient

We enjoy a home with a master bedroom on the first floor and with our guest rooms on second level. This seemed to be an appropriate decision at our ages Looking to rent in Jan. and Feb. in warm climate in southern USA with golf available, hiking and biking trail(s), fitness facility and swimming pool. Living facility all on one floor (no steps).

Q#3 - 5 Q#4 - 1

I do think about needed services and resources. I know I will not live where I live now (out in country) five years from now - so I am looking to make changes soon. It will not be to an active I am very interested in "theme-based" housing opportunities, e.g., a community of art and performing art lovers not limited to former performers.

Q#3 - 5 Q#4 - 1

Prefer East coast, most likely NC or SC.

It's nearly paralyzing to try to sort out all the conflicting needs and wants.

House layout conclusive to your needs and well constructed with high utility efficency.

My wife has recently put in my mind that we should rent for the rest of our lives and never own again. there is a lot of wisdom in that idea. For instance, if we want to immerse ourselves in E I wish a builder would build homes in the 1400 to 1500sq ft range for sr. living. Most of our friends would move into a house that size if it was affordable in price.

Many questions I have, and with the current economic conditions I am very afraid of retiring now. Socialism does not work, but the government is trying it anyway. Too many stupid people My ideal is a condo development with one-story homes, plus a basement, garage, little patio and garden, where the HOA takes care of all the outside maintenance, landscaping, snow rem Hoping for more accessible/aging-in-place housing. Not all of us will end up permanently in wheelchairs, but many will at least have temporary needs because of joint replacements, accide Gated Community

Mixed age groups

clubhouse/pool/fitness area close to retail and restaurants

That it will probably be in the south for the lower cost of living

None

Still looking at crime rates, transportation, taxes, condo fees.

Being near thechildren and grandchildren made the difference over golf and universities.

We are planning to move to the Maryland area and I see some builders have many "big building" condos, which are less expensive for them to build. We would live in a single family home Looking for warm and sunny with many recreation options in the area. Probably beach oriented in the southeast U.S..

I think it is important to be among your peers and close friendships are usually better than family because you can pick your friends, but you can't pick your family. I've had some family that Possible room mate housing choices where the bedrooms and private baths are the same size and the room mates share the kitchen and living area. I wish there were more apartment living choices on the beach. Most are condos, hotels short-term rentals

Since I am now on a fixed income, which does not make me rich by the way, I am looking for the best bang for my buck. And also I am looking for a home that doesn't have much upkeep to We plan to rent for a couple of months at different locations each year until we find one we want to keep going back to. Once we've fallen in love with one location we will probably still rent Warm climate, safety, low taxes in that order. A walkable community or village would be ideal. Developers should consider putting in some small stores in active adult communities so we Would prefer to purchase a new home. Real estate taxes must be low, however. Need a site with a good view since we currently back up to a forest and have a view of a pond, which is a Live near beach and fishing

Walkability. Ease of living without a car.

As I said before, we are in the process of relocating. We are looking for a picturesque, affordable small city with university on the west coast Mild four seasons, near airport with good publ I look forward to your newsletters and all you are offering! Thanks for all the hard work you are putting in.

Sincerely, Marilyn, published author of Household Matters A-Z and owner of Peace of Mind Workbooks...I invite you to check out website www.peaceofmindworkbooks.com I am looking relocate out of state from California where it is indeed lovely but very expensive but to a place where there is actual weather, new things to explore, a good base for US travel, Country. Quiet. A place to grow things ... both plants and animals. Low-cost, low taxes. Not too far from family. Neighbors that can help or be helped as needed. A place where we can hav Low upkeep, inexpensive, above average finishes with good locations in milder climates having 4 seasons, mountains and streams close by, close to good highways but away from highwa Questions didn't allow for particulars of our situation:

--Wife retired but husband still working.

--We've already bought a FL condo but only for winter use; once husband retires, we still intend to keep our single-family home for as long as possible.

Enjoy your newsletter and all of the reader contributions. Just wish those readers were better spellers and could learn correct use of punctuation to help convey their thoughts.

Having owned a single family home for 30 years, I am looking forward to a maintenance free enviornment where a monthly fee takes care of the outside needs. Don't want to take care of I would like to see federal subsidies for developers to build retirement complexes for low and mid-income retirees. It appears that developers are going for that \$300K range, to capture ret we're still debating between HSV and Florida. I think that your site is and has been very helpful to those of us who are planning retirement. Keep up the good work.

I would like to find a thriving town with charming housing, where one can walk to nearly everything one needs, that is also reasonably priced for middle class retirees. Some towns have be
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there are different phases of retirement, likely will make different housing choices as we age
I just hope I don't have to sell whatever I own so I can continue to live in an economy that in growing less and less unfriendly financially to seniors.
want a community but a degree of privacy.
area should have accessible transportation and housing
I would love to find an active adult 55+ community with small 2 bedroom homes rather than apartments, condos, or townhouses.
No, not at this time but, I'm finding in searching for the right community for me, its hard to find one that fits my budget and
amendities that I don't need so I'm weighing the pros and cons.
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We are currently heading to Asheville for a month to try and determine if it's the right place for us. We have rented a house in the historic district of Montford and plan to do some serious explanation and plan to do some serious explanation and planation and planati
Just want to have fun and make new friends.
Where we retire to really based on where our children and grandchildren are!!
We want our permanent home to be in a low tax state that's warm in the winter months and we'll use our 5th wheel as our home for the five warm months around Denver, Colorado where c
For our current "condition", where we live is perfect!
walk in showers in every bathroom(no tubs). No stairs of any type. Wide doors to accommodate wheelchairs etc. Efficient appliances and heating and cooling systems.
Although we are going to get a traditional house, it will be smaller (6,500 sq ft to maybe 4,000) with master on main and in-law apt in case we need to care for family.

We are tennis players and are moving to a very active tennis community in the Atlanta suburbs (Peachtree City).

Peachtree City is about 40,000 population so has most elements of civilization, but is focused on cart/bike paths so you can reach pretty much everything by bike in our case or golf cart for I want to be in an area/community that has choices for stores, shopping, theaters, movies, etc. I want sidewalks, libraries, health club, public transportation, taxis, good medical care. Activ 4, 2

Tiny Houses seem to be very interesting

Assuming we relocate in the south, Arizona, Nevada, or Utah, we will want a pool! Also must have opportunity for flower gardening of some kind, even if only patio plants.

We think and hope "green" housing concept catches on more as time goes on, and we are hoping the boomers are once again leading a small but growing movement. It would be a nature There really need to be more single-story, smaller separate dwellings -- 1200 to 1500 square feet is plenty adequate for a couple ... and with no common walls for both privacy and peace. good luck with the survey. If you ever want to do an article on how difficult it is for older workers to get jobs (and how the EEOC and AARP are not the answer) let me know. I have done so no

My choice will be warm, have low taxes, have interesting things to do close by, have reasonable housing costs and good health care available.

Our retirement area should be one in which we can have adequate public or group transportation if we can no longer drive, have medical facilities and hospitals close, and shopping close. One story, no HOA, no CDA, low taxes - property, favourable to seniors, low crime rate little or no snow - does not have to be in the US

Looking for an affordable, safe, and active 55 + community.

Like having home that is easynon upkeep and maintenance. Library and community offerings, and restaurants are nice

get off long island

Our present home is 1 story 4 bedroom brick house. It is about 2100 square feet and I reckon the next home will be similar except I would consider having a basement as well. we will most likely move to 55+ mobile home park

Prefer active adult +55 community, one story house, for safety, accessibility, amenities, close to services, public transportation, family, and ease of travel. Moving from a small rural town ar No

We love thinking about it and exploring our options. So many ideas, so many places to go, things to do. Can't wait!

I believe it is very healthy to live with people in your age bracket.

Access to military base activities for retied military members. Availability Veteran Affairs medical facilities for veterans.

I would like to retire to a country-like subdivision that is fairly close to a nice-sized town. The subdivision would have 2-3 acre lots, and lots of trees and privacy. It would also have an area I want a place that is warm where I can walk daily with my dog. And that I do not have any maintanance to worry about. General cleaning is okay, but painting, shoveling, mowing hills, an NO

No. Our home is paid for, we built it new 15 years ago. If we relocate out of this snowy cold hi-tax state, we have no clue where we will go, or what we might want as housing.

I am disabled from a stroke 17 years ago, don't want stairs but worked until 60 and retired from Fed employment.

Financially ok (we think), but time will be the judge of that assumption.

Prefer a sunny location with activities

I wish you would give more info on senior retirement communities (not active ones where you buy a house and a clubhouse)--many of us need them, many of us hate half of what we find--Need screened pool; city water, a little elbow room around the house; privacy fence

We still have a few years before retirement and have just began to think about it.

Some of the homes we have visited in the 55+ communities do not always offer basements which does not meet our needs.

We would consider a 55 community if we could find one that doesn't include or support golf, but that does include lots of other great outdoor activities. It is important to us to find a place w

There must be some out there, but so far, I have not been able to find them. I prefer an older, mixed neighborhood - with the emphasis on neighborhood. ;-)

I would like to explore living in a different location a few months of each year, sharing rentals with friends. The remainder of the year returning to a long term rental or reasonably priced con I really like the model where outside maintenance is no longer my issue.

I want a house that's newer, but smaller than the one I live in now. It should be low maintenance and have features that make it easy to age in place. The community should be easy to na We love where we live. It is not a retirement type community, but most of us are northerners who moved south. And about 70% of the neighborhood is retirees or semi-retireds. We have We have a Golden Retriever, who I would NEVER give up just to live in one of these communities. Several that I checked into will only allow little dogs.

#1 #1

warm weather

Need more safe, affordable housing for those of us who have given up living with a car.

Would like to be where it is easy to get out and walk for exercise, pets allowed and a dog park nearby.

I would like low property taxes, and lots of opportunities for different activities, such as kayaking, walking, biking, boating,

55+ community, condo or mfg home

Get single fam

Should be in a populated area to be available for services offered seniors, a medical center and walking distance to library and grocery stores. Being close to public transpiration too. Health is a big factor here. Prefer a single family, single level home with enough space around us for privacy and enough property to keep busy outside without being a maintenance burde Larger, one story home with 2+ car garage for hobbies and somewhat away from nosy neighbors. I value my freedom and my independence! Nothing.

While I am still alive and able, I prefer to live in an active retirement community. I enjoy lawnbowling, bocce ball and shuffleboard. Presently, I stay in southern Arizona in the winter and in #3-55 or adult active community

#4-1 story home

Nursing homes and retirement communities will be obsolete in the future I would love to live in a community of English type small cottages with all the amenitie of a large home. 2,3

One story eliminates stairs, a dangerous item for people as they age. Our home comes with a 20 paid lease on a solar system. The monthly dues of \$349 pay for the club, pools, recreation I'd like a small villa (2 bedroom and den), very open style with high ceilings, near water with lo9ts of activities - other than golf.

I would love to see a variety of communities catering to singles, couples, young retirees and old retirees, integrated and will a lot of activities.

I would love to live in a small town in New England where there is low taxes and it will be affordable.

Needs to be affordable. Low maintenace manageble house one story with low property taxes and Low

POA fees When reading posts on this website, I am struck by the thought that we all want the same things - healthy living, health care, social and recreational opportunities, safety, friends - but that cone floor living, near a college or university, good hospitals, reasonable cost of living, quality law enforcement agencies in the area, cannot have massive traffic problems like Washington I A semi gated community with single homes with less requirement and you own the property.

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Large city, townhouse, patio home. Gated, 55+ community, low maintinance, solid HOA.

I would like an elder, intergenerational cohousing situation....people with similar interests. Every age needs to connect with the young and the old....

There are things I like about communities and other things I don't. Having people live so close to you and you have no privacy is not that good. Having lots to do is good but fees can go up Got horses, got dogs, like to grill, make noise.

Where will I park my horse trailer? Airplane?

Must be close to military facilities

Not really Regular town

Condo

My community does all outside maintenance including lawn care, painting, roof and exterior repair. This is the best set up as seniors become very old and cannot do or afford to deal with r Warm climate, not too expensive, near coastal area, e/se U.S.

Wish us luck in finding "our" active senior complex. Those I've gone to so far have lots and lots of little old people whose day is spent sitting in the lobby or community center.....not very a Yes, please Publish more information about Communities that Offer Mix Housing (ie: Rentals,Lease Options by Builders or Mgmt Companies). We know there are these Types of Commun In your 40s, you have no idea of the value a single story home will have in your 60s. For 10 years now, we have realized that we will have to install a chairlift on our stairs. Would like to live in a warm climate, peaceful community that is affordable for those on a fixed income.

Must be close to minute y radiaties
Area with opportunities for spending time in nature whether hiking, biking, walking, just sitting and watching the birds. One story home - you don't want stairs at older age.
Area not just seniors, though can be necessary to avoid blasting teenage sound systems.
Yes, pollution free, no fracking or pesticides. Getting back to basic
I would love to see a list of places with my requirements. Are there any places that would have it all?
No homeowners association
Like and am looking for communities that have cluster homes as that gives you more privacy as well as space yet close enough to neighbors to know them.
first floor master bedroom and walk in, no squeegee shower
You did not ask anything about health care. As we consider retirement
venues we do consider this issue. We don't want to travel an hour
to a hospital.
Clearly one story, clearly smaller than working years & with favorable views to relax with.
There definitely needs to be more senior housing for LGBT people or at least there need to be communities that are openly accepting.
I am still exploring possibilities in various places
I am a single female and will also be seriously looking at security features. I also love gardening, so I will want at least a small patch of land to tend. Because of my pets, I tend to prefer lo
I would like to live somewhere I could take classes and continue to learn and grow, that's why I would be interested in a college town.
Want a walkable community a single-level home with low maintenance, near amenities and medical centers and an Air Force base, warm weather

Want a walkable community, a single-level home with low maintenance, near amenities and medical centers and an Air Force base, warm weather should be more affordable for those that don't have much of a retirement. Residential construction was/is one of the places that didn't provide retirement to it's employees from when my hur looking towards arizona like baseball basketball and football plus golf

safety should be a priority, cost of upkeep should be a factor and ability to buy groceries and other shopping needs should be considered.

Don't understand why builders haven't started providing a Cape Cod style home with TWO master bedroom suites on the first floor with guest quarters on the second floor. A high percenta Need to move someplace with lower taxes. Property taxes where we are are now more than our mortgage. We're throwing money away every month. Services are fine; school district is property taxes where we are are now more than our mortgage. We're throwing money away every month. Services are fine; school district is property taxes where we are are now more than our mortgage. We're throwing money away every month. Services are fine; school district is property taxes where we are are now more than our mortgage. We're throwing money away every month. Services are fine; school district is property taxes where we are are now more than our mortgage. We're throwing money away every month. Services are fine; school district is property taxes where we are are now more than our mortgage. We're throwing money away every month. Services are fine; school district is property taxes where we are are now more than our mortgage. We're throwing money away every month. Services are fine; school district is property taxes where we are are now more than our mortgage. We're throwing money away every month. Services are fine; school district is property taxes where we are are now more than our mortgage. We're throwing money away every month.

I like the idea of a 55 plus, but I also feel the need to have others nearby of ALL age groups. I have an uncle who has been "warehoused" for years in senior communities due to diminishe Sad but true. I also wish in the retirement housing styles that they would have a separate living room and family room. My wife and I seldom watch the same thing on T.V. at the same time It is very difficult to find one story detached villas.

Homeowners Associations are similiar to homeowners insurance. It is uncontrollable inflation factor. Only control you have is to move.

There should be more programs to assist those over 60 to remain in their houses; for instance: business write offs for gratis or greatly reduced upkeep of houses. Teen service hour credit the Pet friendly is very, very important. I want to be able to have a couple of cats and I don't want to have them declawed to do so. Would like places I look at to be more explicit in describing would prefer just out of town on 5+ac. for gardening and privacy

Would like to hear more about place to live on a \$1,500.00 to 2,500.00 budget.

Our preference is a detached townhouse, no walls connecting to neighbors. We currently are in a apartment after selling our 3rd townhouse. The associations have been a large part of sel think and plan carefully before you make the leap!

I'm sure I'm going to want a much smaller home than what my husband and I live in now (2300+sf). He wants a large garage with workshop area, which will be alright because they won't I like housing that is close or attached to save some costs but still have privacy and are in areas with activity near at hand. I've seen one story houses attached at the garages so you have Ideally I'd like to retire to a single floor family home, in a smaller tqwn (ie lower cost of living) in the NW (ie moderate climate), near the ocean, close to good medical facilities. I have been looking at foreign countries to see what else might be out there for affordable living.

In the process of choosing an area and enjoy your informative

articles.

couldn't answer on iPhone but if you don't like rules stay away from sr communities. they suck.

Our equation is likely similar to what most people would lay out . . .

We want employment opportunities and the infrastructure afforded by urban/suburban living; we don't want to have to fuss with traffic congestion like we currently do in Washington, DC; we Seeking a community with lots of opportunities to volunteer.

Seeking a place with a comfortable climate that does not have oppressive humidity in the summer. We live in an extremely rural area, dirt roads and all. We love gardening, watching the critters who share this life with us and hiking through our woods and hills. We hope to stay here as l

The tricky decision for us is when is it time for us to move to a situation with more care options available, like a CCRC. no. we're still learning about the choices, and what we think we want. never say never anymore ;-)

I'm looking for a community with lots of outdoor activities, cultural options, access to excellent medical facilities, lots of sun throughout the year and wide open spaces. Question 3: Small Town

Question 4: RV

It is difficult to identify smaller, nicely appointed homes. We don't want a large home, but still want the luxuries that many smaller homes don't seem to take into account.

full time rving, and it's a very economical lifestyle and keeps you busy,

Security, low cost, weather.

There does not seem to be any retirement type communities in the SE US except FL.

Check these darling little cabins at River's Edge RV Park

http://www.riversedge.net/

These one-room, open floor plan cabins would be ideal as a retirement community!

Let's get off our high horse and look at appealing, realistic retirement options for the majority of people who will need them.

small community

I would like to live in an active community with folks my age with more freedom (less restrictions) and affordability is extrememly important.

Can't wait to retire.

Looking for warm climate with access to the ocean.

well built, energy efficient, low maintenance, etc

We came to FI looking for a great deal. They're gone. Short sales take forever. Foreclosures are no longer a deal. What we found is building NEW is the ticket. We fortunately already had I am very interested in renting as opposed to buying because of the maintenance. The older I get the less I want to worry about the cost of keeping a home up. I hope to see more 55+ cor Want something close to grocery stores that specialize in organic - e.g. Trader Joes, Whole Foods, etc.

Just looking and hoping to enjoy many years of retirement on our current farm and find a winter home in Florida to avoid the harsh Ohio winters.

I am interested in more rentals, condos, and townhouses which are not discussed much in any articles. I am also interested in living abroad after 55

Find a realtor that you're comfortable working with; interview as many as necessary before making your final decision. This person can ease and expedite the process while helping you avou on the east COAST....near the ocean

tax advantages, and gun friendly state

I want an active adult community and I also want my kids and grandchildren to be permitted to come and stay for awhile.

Demographic information about each community is very helpful in finding places that have residents with backgrounds similar to our own -- age, income, previous state residing, interests [ Demographic information about each community is very helpful in finding places that have residents with backgrounds similar to our own -- age, income, previous state residing, interests [ I feel frustrated with builders/realtors who seem to think that all retirees should live in "downsized" homes/residences, with about 1,200-1,600 sq. ft. of living space or less. I'm retired and h Weather and golf will be a consideration.

We believe that all 55+ communities should get a huge tax break, because we do not have children any longer and provide the local communities with a lot of energy and support for their t A lot of states do not have good choices

I'd like someplace that has shopping fairly close as well as green space and good medical care within reach.

Needs to be close to good medical facilities.

however, these may be in scarce supply after 2014.

There should be two sizable bedrooms. If as persons age they need equipment of any kind, there is not enough room. Showers should be roll-in showers from the get-go. One should neve public transportation is important

Manufactured homes are of high quality, with permment foundations.

Younger owners watch out for older owners, help each other maintain

properties, take older members out shopping, doctors, very socially concerned.

Look for somewhere that will keep your mind and body busy to keep you mentally and physically well. That is why we bought at Sun City Festival in AZ (northwest of Phoenix)

While som emay be stressed by the notion, I like the idea of having a rental-unit to let, so that a younger person (or couple) that I have "selected" as renters, are close by...

Living on the coast here in Delaware in a one floor condo gives us the freedom to Lock & Leave when ever we want to. It's easy to clean, no maintenance and gives us a beautiful carefree Small Town. 1Story home

I am looking for a community that offers services for the elderly, but not hand-holding! I really like the Beacon Hill, Boston model!

I'm looking at towns that have good medical available, low crime, and activities I will be able to continue to do as I age, like walking trails. I am looking at towns that have things of interest, li Yes, I would love for retirement communities to keep in mind how aesthetically pleasing open area's, such as parks, lakes and

walking paths are to the retirees that live in these communities. Not to mention golf courses and (clay) tennis courts :-)

no

We would like to rent a single family home in a small town community with easy walking to shopping and entertainment, art gallaries and nature.

As a widow I am still trying to look forward to retirement next year. With the hopes of finding a community of retirees close to my son and his family as well as a vibrant city with lots of cultu I want to live in a nice 1400-1600 sq. ft. house on a nice street with pleasant neighbors, and I think we own one of those in Colorado Springs. We will have to ask on old friend and his fami To be fair, we have never visited an active adult community so can't really comment on them.

It is crucial that the setting have cottage type homes, yr round pools, excellent medical facilities w/ 10 miles max, transportation if/when needed for shopping, appts, cultural events and an a Low maintenance fees, preferred gated if possible - with or without a guard but at least with a combination. Good clubhouse, snow removal to the door (if area applicable), nice neighbors. I wish there were more affordable single family 55+ communities. With houses in the \$80K-\$120K range. There are so few and the ones out there are getting older and need updating. If I would have preferred to move to a warmer climate but do not feel able to travel and search for such a place by myself. Also I find it daunting to have to find all the services needed in a needed in a needed in a needed in a needed by myself.