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Abernethy Laurels

When you look at retirement communities, many times you see the same homes with the same floorplans throughout the community. Not so with Abernethy Laurels. In fact, there are 129 different floorplans, making Abernethy Laurels anything but a cookie-cutter community. Just ask Janet and Charlie Bittinger about making a floorplan their own.

"choices!"

"variety!"

"spacious living with flexible floorplans!"



ABERNETHY LAURELS

we're not a
cookie-cutter
community

"great designs!"

Charlie loves photography and he needed space for his large printer and 30" computer monitor, and Abernethy Laurels accommodated his needs. Charlie's mechanical room was changed into his darkroom; flooring, a heat vent and shelving were added to the room Charlie spends so much time in. Photographs displayed around his home demonstrate

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Charlie's perfection for his hobby.

Janet loves to sew and Abernethy Laurels was able to take the sun room from their chosen floorplan and turn it into a sewing room.

All the windows make it a perfect place for intricate sewing or her other passion of crocheting.

When they first looked at the cottage, Charlie tried to envision what would have to be changed to the floorplan to keep it functional, have extra room needed when their grandchildren or friends visited but still accommodate them and their hobbies. Charlie said, "Ashley Rader, Director of Marketing, was a huge help in giving us ideas on what could be done." Ashley helped them through the process of getting exactly what they wanted in a home.

"Listening to what is important to a person and tailor-making the cottage to their specific issues is a key element in creating a unique community," explained Ashley. "We

aim to please and if one of our floorplans doesn't suit you or your needs, we can work with you. You can make selections of colors, carpet or other flooring options, sun rooms, screened porches, patios – the list goes on and on. Abernethy



Laurels wants your home to be just that – *your* home and not a cookie-cutter floor plan as in most communities.

Charlie and Janet have both stated, "much of our time is spent in our hobby rooms doing exactly what we love to do, and that's what retirement is all about."

Meet Joel Shaw

**Vice President of
Facilities Management
United Church Homes and Services**

Joel Shaw knows a thing or two about building, renovations and floorplans. Joel began his career at Abernethy Laurels in 1977 and was selected to head the facilities management division of the organization in 2009.



Joel's 35 year history with the organization (most of it as the Maintenance Director at Abernethy Laurels) has seen much change. Abernethy Laurels built their first cottage in 1982. From Joel's point of view, everything was spacious-living made simple – ranch-style floorplans with carports and an optional screened porch. Beginning in the early 90's, the floorplans expanded, garages were a preferred option, some chose sun

rooms over screened porches and a more contemporary facade changed the look of the homes. In the mid '90s until today, changes continue. Today's consumer is looking for the same amenities they are accustomed to in their current home. Today, Joel sees more modern options like hardwood floors, open floor plans, crown molding, wainscoting and granite counter tops.

“One benefit of an organization our size is the ability to be flexible” stated Joel. “Our leadership team works hard to provide spacious-living options to accommodate the needs and lifestyles for today. “One resident wished to bring her grand piano with her and we wanted to do all that we could to make it happen,” he shared. “We did need to remove a wall to open up the space, but she continues to enjoy that piano and she is one happy resident,” he adds with a smile of accomplishment.



To register your spot for these events, please contact Ashley Rader at 828-465-8552, arader@uchas.org or Rob Hartsell at 828-465-8519, rhartsell@uchas.org.

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> **February 9** – Maximizing Social Security

> **February 16** – Long term care insurance

> **February 23** – Can living in a retirement community save you money?

Author Meet & Greet

February 21 at 10:00 am

Join Tamra Wilson, *Dining with Robert Redford & Other Stories*. Come listen to a slice of small-town southern life.

Downsizing

March 6, 14 or 22

10:30 am

Take the anxiety out of your transition to a carefree retirement lifestyle.



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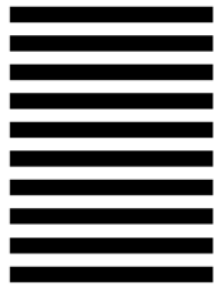
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