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Parkview marks 10 years with good ol'-fashioned barbecue

EDMOND, Okla. — Touchmark at Coffee Creek's Parkview neighborhood invites the public to join them for a country-style barbecue 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30.

The event will be held at 3025 Touchmark Drive in the Edmond retirement community. It will feature barbecued brisket and ribs, baked beans, corn (both on and off the cob) and more.

In addition to food, the band Canyon Rim will perform in the Parkview gazebo.

Please call 405-340-1975 by July 29 to RSVP or for more information.

Touchmark's Parkview neighborhood has been growing and welcoming new neighbors since Liz and Skip Coddling — the first residents — moved in 10 years ago. "We were in our 60s when we moved in," said Liz. "But we did that deliberately. We knew we didn't want to move too many more times, and we wanted to make the decision ourselves. We've been real happy here.

"The yard work is done. The house is cleaned. All the maintenance is taken care of, and we don't have to worry about it."

Like the Coddings, Judith and Leaman Harris were in their 60s when they moved in a couple of months after the Coddings. While they moved to avoid the upkeep — and stairs — of their previous home, Judith said, "We still have a good-sized house here. The houses are very nice, and the quality of the building is very good."

"The best thing, though, is we are a real community. People care about each other here," she added.

New additions

Recently, Parkview residents welcomed the addition of a gazebo, water features, eight raised-bed community planters and a shed for their garden tools.

Bryan Turner of Red Rock Builders has constructed the Parkview homes for 10 years

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and built the 26-foot gazebo including three large water features. Turner, who has been in the construction business for 35 years, says he has never seen a developer come back 10 years after opening a neighborhood and add features like this.

“And I grew up in a development family,” he said.

“I think it’s great,” said Judith Harris, who claimed one of the raised beds. “It has vegetables and fruit. We’ll see what the cantaloupe and watermelon do.”

Harriet and Frank Schneidinger are newcomers to Parkview, having moved from Illinois last year. The couple also has enjoyed reaping the joy of harvesting produce from their two waist-high garden beds.

As Frank and Harriet approach their one-year anniversary in their new home, Frank said he appreciates Parkview’s many benefits. “The idea of raised-bed gardens is excellent,” he said. “I also think the gazebo was just a fabulous idea. It is a wonderful gathering spot.”

The Schneidingers also appreciate the many walking paths offered throughout the neighborhood.

55-plus housing market strong

A study released by the National Association of Home Builders earlier this year noted the 55-plus housing market for active adults fared quite well in 2014, and 2015 should be no different.

“The 55-plus housing market has been one of the healthiest segments of the overall housing market, and is likely to remain that way over the next several years,” said Paul Emrath, NAHB’s vice president of survey and housing policy research.

“When you look at age-restricted single-family starts, there were as many in the first half of 2014 as in all of 2012. And going forward, the steady rise in the 55 and over population will signal an increased need for housing to accommodate that group.”

Only a few lots remain in the 56-home Parkview neighborhood. The model home is available for tours 1-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 2-5 p.m. Sundays.

Parkview is a gated community of single-family homes for adults 55 and older. It is located just north of the main Touchmark campus, on the north side of Covell Road, east of Kelly Avenue. Touchmark is a full-service retirement community at 2801 Shortgrass Road in Edmond. Touchmark at Coffee Creek is part of North Edmond’s Coffee Creek planned residential development, which includes 638 acres of homes, a golf course, recreational centers, and walking and biking trails. More information is available at TouchmarkEdmond.com and by calling 405-340-1975.

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