

Havlicek Builders

Excellence is in the Details at Cooper Woods

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The reputation of Havlicek Builders is what lured Mindy and Dan DeVito to Cooper Woods, but their stylish new home is what'll keep them there for years to come.

Married for 19 years, the couple decided to leave an older home in St. Charles and purchase a brand-new, custom-built home on one of the 21 lots in Cooper Woods, a new, picturesque subdivision nestled in the heart of Geneva.

"Some people say building a house is a pain, but working with Havlicek was a great experience for us from beginning to end," Mindy says. "I would turn around and I would do it all again tomorrow."

Each home in the growing subdivision is built by Havlicek Builders, a Geneva-based homebuilder that's been serving the area for 35 years.

The remaining 14 parcels in Cooper Woods range in size and price, with fully custom-built homes starting in the upper \$900,000 range.

The DeVitos moved into their 2,500-square-foot, 3-bedroom, 4-bathroom home in August 2017. They're positioned near the third hole of Geneva Golf Club, on a corner lot that's surrounded by trees and other landscaping.

Through every step of the building and moving-in process, owner George Havlicek and his team found ways to make life easier for the DeVitos.

"Everyone who works for him is so nice, and they're also perfectionists," Mindy says.

The couple especially appreciated the Havlicek team's



Former St. Charles residents Dan and Mindy DeVito moved into this 3-bedroom, 4-bathroom home in 2017. Situated on a corner lot, the house was built by Havlicek Builders.

persistent attention to detail, which showed itself in many ways.

"This place took 10 months to build, but I know it's done right," Dan says. "Before they drywalled, they put in the studs, they got the furnace in and got the humidity down to about 10 percent, so everything was dried out. Other places take three to four months to build a house and, when the wood isn't dried out, nails pop."

Finishes inside and outside are meticulously detailed. A brick paver driveway, neatly manicured yard, and perfectly placed greenery welcome guests.

The interior of the house features an open floor plan that lets in plenty of natural light. The foyer leads to a spacious vaulted-ceilinged great room, kitchen and dining room, perfect for entertaining. Custom cabinetry and professional appliances are designed and provided by Lynn Havlicek of Geneva Cabinet Gallery. The sunroom and multi-level deck provide beautiful views of the golf course.

The master bedroom suite has a private location on one side of the home, while the two guest bedrooms, each with their own bath, share the space on the opposite side of the house. Mindy loves the convenience of the laundry area, which is accessible from the master closet.

Head down to the basement and enjoy Dan's self-proclaimed man cave. A wet bar with four elegant barstools occupies one side. Tucked into the other side is a large children's bedroom and another bathroom.

Havlicek Builders also works closely with its clients to select all of the elements that personalize a new home, including light fixtures, flooring, paint colors and fireplaces.

The DeVitos are eagerly waiting for more company in their new subdivision.

"We love this neighborhood," Mindy says. ■



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