Considering Your Options

Searching for a retirement community can be overwhelming but finding the answers to the following questions should help you evaluate the communities you research.

LOCATION
• Is the community close enough to family and friends?
• Are entertainment, dining and cultural venues close?
• Is there a hospital nearby?

MANAGEMENT
• Who owns and manages the community?
• How long has the community been in business?
• What sort of reputation does the community have?
• Is the community in good financial health?
• Do residents have a say in community management through a resident council?

CAMPUS AMENITIES
• Are there accessible areas for walking?
• Are there recreational areas, courtyards or outdoor dining areas?
• Are there meeting rooms and/or auditoriums for resident gatherings?
• Are there exercise/fitness facilities?
• Are there areas devoted to art, crafts, or other hobbies that are important to you?
• Are there areas for residents to garden?

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES
• Does the community offer a good variety of programs and activities?
• Are there off-campus programs and activities?
• What types of outdoor programs and activities are available?
• Are worship services and Bible studies offered?
• Do the programs and activities offered match your interests?

DINING
• Does the dining program provide an acceptable level of menu choice and variety?
• Are there healthy options available at each meal?
• Are the dining schedules compatible with your personal preferences?

SERVICES
• How much is the monthly service fee?
• What services are provided with the standard monthly service fee?
• How often will housekeeping be provided?
• What services does maintenance provide?
• Does the community provide scheduled transportation?

HEALTH AND WELLNESS
• What healthcare services are available on campus?
• Are residential care services available within the community?
• Does the community offer wellness and fitness programs?