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The bungalow bonus: Functional, comfortable and appealing homes are perfect for 'age-in-place' living

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For Phyllis and Duane Backer, living in a 2,193-square-foot twostorey home on their own, it was time to find a better long-term fit.

The couple, now in their late 50s, has lived in the three-bedroom home in the southeast community of Chaparral since 2006. With their adult children moved out, they were ready for a change.

Leading their wish list were two key features. It needed to be a bungalow and have a spacious garage.

This is how they connected with the Serene model by Hopewell Residential in the lake community of Mahogany.

Duane and Phyllis are both currently working, but the plan is to retire in their new home. Being a bungalow, everything is conveniently within reach. "You have everything on one floor and don't have to run up and down the stairs," says Phyllis.

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"It's something smaller than what we're in now," she adds. "There are only two of us now so we don't need a big house."

The Serene is a laned bungalow measuring 1,205 square feet, and Duane and Phyllis decided to have the basement developed with two additional bedrooms.

Phyllis describes the Serene as "a nice open plan. We like that."

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Its kitchen is L-shaped and opens to a central dining area and front-facing great room.

Enthusiastic quadders, particularly enjoying areas such as McLean Creek near Bragg Creek, they needed space to store toys for their outdoor pursuits, and have added a large rear detached garage.

"We did quite a few upgrades," Duane says. "We plan for this to be our age-in-place home and be there for a few years.

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Phyllis and Duane Backer look forward to their new bungalow by Hopewell Residential. DON MOLYNEAUX





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