

## WHAT WE LIKE MOST ABOUT LIVING IN THE GREENS

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The Greens website [www.thegreenshoa.org](http://www.thegreenshoa.org) describes "*The Greens at Pelican Point . . . as an active community designed for those who are "55 years of age or better."* Ask the residents who occupy the 130+ completed homes and the overwhelming majority would probably agree that the most accurate word in that description is *better*. Here are a few responses, with a little humor tossed in, to an informal survey asking residents to complete this sentence:

What I like most about living in the Greens is \_\_\_\_\_.

- ▶ the familiarity. You know who lives here and who doesn't. – Rafael Muradas
- ▶ my good neighbors and the activities available. – Kathy Harms
- ▶ the people who volunteer their time to make our neighborhood a great place to live and give it a small town feel. – Gene and Virginia Guidry
- ▶ being able to avoid the honey-do list as we play 18 holes. – the Golfers
- ▶ having neighbors who care about and help each other. – Connie LaFrance
- ▶ it's my Bermuda away from Bermuda! – Carol Pierce
- ▶ our neighbors who have become like family to us. People talk about "Southern Hospitality," but there must be a special Greens kind of hospitality. – Theresa Neckameyer (who moved from California)
- ▶ not being judged on how we look in our itsy-bitsy-teenie-weenie-yellow polka dot bikinis. – the Mermaids water aerobics ladies (Drop by sometime and see for yourself!)
- ▶ the overwhelming support neighbors give, as everyone genuinely cares about the community. – Tracy Goetzl
- ▶ even more than the peacefulness, my neighbors are the best...that's got to be a rare combination. – Cecily Boudreaux
- ▶ being able to add to the honey-do list as the guys play 18 holes. – the Golfers' Wives
- ▶ I like watching people and the Greens has some of the quirkiest, yet nicest around. – Tom Andry
- ▶ the way you can count on your neighbors in any situation. It's like having a whole bunch of sisters. – Betty Marks

► in the words of American author and humorist Garrison Keillor: “All the women are strong, all the men are good looking, and all the grandchildren are above average.” Seriously, it’s more or less free of a lot of this country's problems where everyone gets along and tries to help each other. – Terry Riendeau

► my neighbors, without a doubt. Absolutely love the warm welcome I received on moving day. Seeing many neighbors sitting in their golf cart while visiting brings back wonderful memories of nights at the old drive-in movies. – Glenda Borello (Well, Glenda must have been doing something different at the drive-in than most of us as teenagers!)

► when Paul and I share stories about the neighborhood gatherings, our children laughingly suggest we need to start a TV reality show called *Only in The Greens!* We thank God for blessing us to be able to live here. – Denise Hebert

► it’s a quiet, safe neighborhood and, for the most part, people are dying to get in and dying to get out! LOL – Anonymous

And, there you have it, folks. What makes living in the Greens so special? The people, especially those who don’t take life too seriously!