

Owner Profile: *George and Ann Costello*



The Costellos

George and Ann Costello were searching the Internet for a place to build their retirement home, when they came across Crescent Communities on Lake James.

“We had set some criteria for what we were looking for in a retirement home,” says George, a retired attorney. “We knew we wanted to be on the water, and, because we don’t like heat and humidity and aren’t interested in living where hurricane threats are common, we thought we’d like to check out mountain lakes. We enjoy hiking and kayaking, and wanted to have easy access to both.”

Once they visited Lake James for themselves, George and Ann knew they had come home.

“We couldn’t possibly do better,” says Ann, managing partner of a consulting company in northern Virginia. “It’s a beautiful natural setting, relatively unspoiled, and there are strong controls in place to keep it that way. The Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail goes right through the development, and with the Linville Gorge and Pisgah National Forest nearby, there are lots of opportunities for good hiking.”

George and Ann purchased their 1780 lot in 2006, and look forward

to building their home in the next year or two.

“We want lots of good views of the lake, and we want good flow from inside to outside with outdoor rooms,” says George. “We want a house that is comfortable for the two of us, but with good guest accommodations to make it a fun place for our sons (Kevin, 26, and Ryan, 21) and their families (when they have them) to visit. And other guests, too, of course!”

With their close proximity to Camp Lake James, George and Ann look forward to using the Social Hall and fitness amenities on a regular basis.

“When we bought our lot, we were thinking mostly in terms of how nice it would be to one day take grandkids to The Camp, and also how convenient it would be to have the fitness equipment right down the road – no need to join a gym,” says Ann. “We have come to appreciate The Camp even more.”

Over the summer, George and Ann used the Expedition Center’s canoes and kayaks to explore the lake, and took a trip down the Catawba River with other 1780 and Old Wildlife Club owners. They look forward to participating in more Camp activities following their move.

“We’re really looking forward to moving to Lake James so we can participate in many Camp-sponsored events and meet neighbors with similar interests,” says George.