

## **How to Compare and Select Retirement Communities**

Choosing a [retirement community] (Link to Communities tab) can be filled with excitement and at times, complication. Making the decision to enhance your life with a community full of like-minded neighbors and restful moments is one to take pride in. The choices are abundant—ranging from oceanside villas to mountain town homes—and the choice is yours.

Active Colorado Living provides a comprehensive list of active adult retirement communities for those interested in the Colorado region. Our goal is to offer an accessible tool for customers to find the perfect community that suits their needs. To help you, we've compiled a list of important conditions to consider:

### **Location**

Are you looking for peace and solitude or hustle and bustle? Understanding your wants and needs when it comes to location will aid in narrowing your search. If water is what brings you bliss, it's fitting to choose a lakeside or oceanside community. For those who spent their younger years tackling black diamonds on the slopes of the Rockies, then a Colorado retreat will provide everlasting enjoyment. In addition to landscape, it's imperative to select between city living and country livelihood. Surrounding yourself with joy is what creates life-long happiness.

### **Amenities**

Most active adult retirement communities are filled with amenities that will please residents. Creating a "must-have" list of activities and amenities is essential in the selection process. For those who love wining and dining, accessible restaurants would be quite important. For those who value exercise, check communities for pools, spas and fitness centers. If you've chosen city living, parking and public transportation may rank high in importance. Don't forget to consider all the conveniences in the surrounding areas: libraries, salons, shopping, etc. What's on your list?

### **Planned Events**

Organized card games can make for a lovely Friday evening and elegant balls over the holidays can maintain elation in your dancing feet. You've hosted parties for quite some time now, leave that in the hands of the community and take this opportunity to sit back and relish. Some active adult communities features multimedia rooms, perfect for movie nights and screening events. Check the calendars of communities you're interested in to see if the scheduled events meet your wishes.

### **Finding Friends**

Surrounding yourself with kindred spirits will only enhance the living experience. Tour each facility and take notice of how the residents are living; what activities are they engaged in and how do they carry themselves? The community may be five star, but it's your peers that can make a great home exceptional. Spend some time chatting with the residents and get a feel for the personalities that embody the community.

**Cost**

You have budgeted for retirement from day one of your first job; spend your earnings wisely. To be the most expensive does not mean it's the best. Take into account the amount of staff a community employs, the number of activities to enjoy and the amenities that are included in your payment. Is the community in a high traffic area or located in quiet solitude? All factors will play into the cost and it's up to you to decide their value.

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