

Athertyn INSIDER

featuring **Freddi Barson**



Freddi Barson loves living at Athertyn — and sharing her joy with others!

After nearly four blissful decades living with her husband in the two-and-a-half-acre Penn Valley home they shared with their three children, Freddi pursued a new lifestage by moving to Athertyn. A busy Main Line Realtor for 25 years, she's broadened her wide circle of friends and still works a few days a week with her son Louis at Hymie's Delicatessen. Located in Merion Station, the popular restaurant is one of many businesses she and her husband owned. Read more of her story...

What were you looking for that Athertyn satisfied?

I was looking for new and spacious. The open feel of Athertyn is 'delicious.' I also liked the fact that the space could be converted into a contemporary style — 'mid-century modern' is what I've always embraced.

How did you personalize?

This was a spec home and I had the Pohlig team change all the lighting, all the carpets, the floors, even every light switch and plate! The tub in the master bathroom was replaced with a closet for my clothes and shoes. All I needed to bring was my treasures and memories.

Do you love your new lifestyle?

It's perfect! Before this, I never had time for lady friends and functions because my hands were full with the way I wanted to keep my house, with working in our store and in real estate, and taking care of our family. Now, if I want to take a walk with the neighbors, they are just a phone call away. At the fitness center there is always someone who wants to chat. I'm a huge theatre fan; my friends and I take a luxury bus to New York. We see every major show!

What would you say to others considering a move to Athertyn?

This is the best move you could make. Your life is so much easier. I used to walk outside to put out the trash, looking over my shoulder for raccoons. Now it's a walk out to the hall: Hello, goodbye — done! It's just terrific. You can have a pet here. You can exercise, swim, play Pickleball, whatever. There are people to do it with. Everybody makes everyone feel so welcome.

You have a reputation for making people feel welcome, too.

As a founding member of the Athertyn welcome committee, I bring dinner to new homeowners, along with a welcome gift and an information packet. I like to leave treats at my neighbors' doors for different holidays, too. It started on Valentine's Day when I secretly delivered everyone a chocolate rose. It was such a thrill to do; and everyone was so cute about it! Halloween is one of my favorite holidays, so I threw a costume party at the Clubhouse, dressed as a chorus girl with top hat and tails.

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