

# Athertyn INSIDER

featuring Marilynne and Jay Rose



**“The customization and design process has been so much fun,  
we can’t wait to move in!”**

*Since becoming newly retired empty-nesters, Marilynne and Jay Rose have been searching for a lock and leave lifestyle, to be able to easily visit their son and his family in Seattle, and Athertyn is the perfect place to call home! As a former interior design professional and professor for the past 25 years, Marilynne is excited to be working with the Athertyn team designing her first ever, brand-new home.*

#### **What sparked your interest in making the move to Athertyn?**

While we have created many treasured memories in our current home, we knew when our son moved to Seattle and started a family that it was time to consider a smaller residence with the flexibility to come and go as we please. If my grandson is in a school play, I want to be able to just lock up and leave, without a worry.

As a retired interior designer, I was also excited by the top-level construction and attention to detail that were evident – from the molding and finishes, to the bright open space and beautiful landscaping, the builders clearly made an investment in quality and thoughtful design.

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### **How did you know you were making the right choice?**

When I visited Athertyn, I learned about the elements I can change and those I cannot. Thankfully, those things I cannot change, they got right! The property is beautiful, with wonderful windows, 9-foot ceilings, and even attractive elevators. I just felt it was the best quality development out there, well beyond our expectations. Nothing else we saw even came close. And we are free to make the changes and upgrades so that our new home will reflect our sense of style. When we first sat down with the sales and design team and proposed my ideas before signing a contract, they said “no problem” and offered a very fair price. We both smiled – we knew then we were in the right place.

### **What attracted you to the Glencoe floorplan?**

With Athertyn as our only residence, we were looking for a larger unit with lots of space for when my son and his family visit from Seattle. The Glencoe model was perfect for our needs. In fact, what I loved most was one of the things you can't change about the floorplan – the incredible southern exposure. You can customize any home, but you can't change the views.

### **As a retired professor of interior design at Drexel University for over 25 years, what was the design process like for you?**

I was thrilled to be working with a builder for the very first time on a brand new home for us! Jay was concerned that I would upgrade beyond belief, but I must say, we are going with a lot of the standard selections because they are simply beautiful. I wanted to instill the same level of as my current house, but make it totally different: traditional but with a cleaner, more modern look.

The staff, builders, and suppliers all make a great team, helping me achieve my vision. My adjustments included adding walls to create an entry hall, closing the kitchen, and making the study part of the private master bedroom. Everyone was so flexible and open to my ideas, clearly understanding my desire, my creativity rather than stick to a more standard look and feel.

### **Has Jay been part of the design process?**

I invited Jay to the first design meeting to go over what we were spending and to view the selections – of course, I wanted him to be aware of what was going on. Since then, however, he has come to every design meeting and is even engaging a little bit, especially in areas such as the audio and wi-fi. It's been fun – his involvement has added to the excitement.

### **What are you most looking forward to with your move to Athertyn?**

Since we have lived in our current home for the past 26 years, I was certainly apprehensive about moving away from the special memories it held. That is, until we found Athertyn! We are happily looking forward to the lifestyle Athertyn offers. Book clubs, cards, a pool and gym, special events – there is just so much to do there! I am also excited about the community. We have already been invited to meet some of our new neighbors and everyone is so nice and welcoming. The design and construction, the Clubhouse, and the land are all so beautiful. Nothing else even comes close!



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