



In the summer of 2004, my wife and I moved from the suburbs of New Orleans to begin a new chapter of our life in McMinnville. We had visited the area several times looking for the perfect property on which to built our retirement home, and had found “the” spot up in the mountains, several years earlier.

We had already decided on our basic floor plan, and a local builder helped us to develop it into just what we wanted. The personal attention you receive here is a welcome relief from the rush, rush of the larger cities. The lower cost of building, and the very affordable land in this area allowed us to splurge on the amenities. We were also able to purchase five acres for much less than the cost of a residential lot in New Orleans.

People ask us why we chose McMinnville. Well, the area is beautiful, we have four distinct seasons, the slower pace of life is so relaxing; taxes are low, with no state tax. Traffic? What traffic? I could go on and on, but the main reason is the people. I am an outgoing person, but I have never found such friendly people anywhere. Strangers treat you like friends, and are willing to help, even without being asked.

Most of what you need is available locally, with the rest just a short drive away. The historic downtown area is being restored, and has become a showcase for middle Tennessee. We are less than an hour from several beautiful state parks, with rivers crisscrossing the area. Cumberland Caverns is just a few minutes from town. We LOVE McMinnville!

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