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Chesapeake

GREENTREE COMMONS

JARED AND BRENNA MASON decided it was time to buy their own place because they'd had enough of renting. "I got tired of paying someone else's mortgage," Jared Mason, 30, said.

Added wife Brenna, 29, "If I'm going to spend this amount of money, I may as well pay my own mortgage and have my own home."

After 11 years living the Navy life, the couple and their 5-year-old son, Tyler, know all too well about relocating and renting.

"We rented a home in Key West for three years and spent a little over \$75,000 in rent," Jared Mason said.

When they moved into a rental townhome in Chesapeake a year ago, the couple was determined that it would be short term. They spotted a clearing off Kempsville Road in Greenbrier and saw a sign that sparked their interest.

In October, they moved into their first purchased home, a new condominium in GreenTree Commons. Developed by BDBG LLC and constructed by Ashdon Builders, GreenTree Com-

mons will consist of 41 condominiums in 10 buildings when completed.

Each of the models has three bedrooms, 2½-baths, a loft, a private fenced backyard patio and a one-car garage with double driveway.

The Cypress, the exterior model, has a 2,045 square foot condominium with a downstairs master, and The Magnolia, the interior model, has about 1,808 square feet.

Site agent Bill Townsend, a real estate agent with Wainwright Real Estate, said The Cypress model has an unfinished attic with an option to be made into a bonus room. With that additional space, the square footage for The Cypress is 2,230.

Dwight and Angie Freeman were at the other end of the spectrum from the Masons when they moved into GreenTree Commons

the same month.

Now empty nesters, the Freemans, 51 and 49, respectively, sold their single-family home in Chesapeake and moved into a condominium at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront two years ago.

Although they loved the water and the views, they both longed to be back in Chesapeake.

"We missed our friends, our church and the functions there," Dwight Freeman said.

They needed more space, too, but not like the 4,000-square-foot home they previously owned. That's when they found and fell in love with GreenTree Commons.

One thing that makes GreenTree Commons unique, according to Ginny Cross with Ashdon Builders, is that "these homes feel like single-family living."

That's music to the ears of the Mason family.

"We actually own this house; it's ours," Brenna Mason said. "I'm a grown-up now."

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about GreenTree Commons

The community, off Kempsville Road in Chesapeake's Greenbrier community, has two furnished models at 817 and 821 Harvest Green Lane. Models are open daily at noon. Call Bill Townsend, site manager, at (757) 312-0918 or on his cell at (757) 739-1943.

Nearby schools Greenbrier Primary, Greenbrier Intermediate, Greenbrier Middle and Oscar Smith High schools

Nearby shopping Greenbrier Mall, Crossways Shopping Center and Towne Place at Greenbrier

Nearby recreation Chesapeake City Park and Greenbrier Country Club

Additional info The condominium fee is \$135 per month. This includes the master insurance plan, exterior upkeep of all buildings, private trash pick-up, landscape maintenance and replacement reserves.

for sale

The Cypress Model, a three-bedroom, 2½-bath condominium with 2,045 square feet and downstairs master suite, lists for \$259,900

The Magnolia Model, a three-bedroom, 2½-bath condominium with 1,808 square feet lists, for \$239,900

recently sold

At 843 Harvest Green Lane, a three-bedroom, 2½-bath condominium with 2,045 square feet sold for \$280,350 in October.

At 831 Harvest Green Lane, a three-bedroom, 2½-bath condominium with 2,045 square feet sold for \$282,570 in October.

At 839 Harvest Green Lane, a three-bedroom, 2½-bath condominium with 1,808 square feet sold for \$244,900 in December.