



Clearbrooke resident enjoys pet-friendly community

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Jeanne Faragone moved to Clearbrooke Apartments in Brunswick to be close to her daughter, who lives a couple of streets away. Faragone has rented at Clearbrooke for eight years and likes the apartment community's "homey feel." She has made many friends there. "It's a good group of people," she said, adding that she is "very, very close" to the couple who lives across the hall from her.

She praised the community's management, especially property manager Colleen Rogers and housekeeper Mary Olson, saying, "they are always looking in on me."

One of her joys in life is her six-year-old Yorkshire Terrier, Peanut, a rescue dog. "He's my best buddy!"

She enjoys talking with the other dog owners "when everybody is out walking their dogs. It's kind of like a coffee klatch. The people in the building know each other by knowing their animals.

"We have all kinds of dogs here, from little Yorkies to Golden Retrievers and Great Pyrenees. They all get along." She described her first-floor, one-bedroom unit as having "an L-shaped living room/dining room with sliding glass doors that open onto a patio." The kitchen has space to accommodate a microwave stand and it has "a nice window." She grows herbs on the windowsill and likes to use fresh herbs in cooking. She talked about planting flowers outdoors and roses, in particular. She also grows lavender, cilantro, bay leaf, and basil outdoors. She uses lavender in teas and "in stew to give it a sweeter taste" and likes to dry lavender for lavender potpourri.

She enjoys the "small-town atmosphere" of Brunswick, saying it reminds her of Burton, Ohio, where she grew up. If she could go back to any place in time, she "would go back to the late 1950s" when she was a student at Burton High School. "I was an avid dancer then" and especially loved to jitterbug.

The youngest of seven children, she was raised by her oldest sister from the age of six after their mother died. "I had the most wonderful childhood. I was very fortunate."



Jeanne Faragone with her Yorkie Peanut.

Faragone lived in Cleveland and Parma most of her married life and was widowed 30 years ago. She worked as a computer operator with Deloitte-Touche for many years, where she programmed financials and did computer troubleshooting. She has a son and a daughter and two grandchildren.

An avid reader, she appreciates the Kindle that her daughter gave her, describing it as "one of the best things in the world." Faragone reads mostly fiction and loves Nora Roberts.

Now 69, she appreciates Clearbrooke's senior citizen discount, saying that management points it out to all residents when their age makes them eligible.

Clearbrooke Apartments is located at 1430 Clearbrooke Drive in Brunswick and is owned and managed by Burton Carol Management LLC. Clearbrooke offers 216 one- and two-bedroom suites with balconies or patios.

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