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Friendliness of Lake Park Village in Streetsboro attracted renter

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Wanting to move to the Streetsboro/Twinsburg /Ravenna area when her daughter went away to college, Sherry Stracci looked at several apartment communities before visiting Lake Park Village. She immediately liked the appearance of the well-maintained grounds and how friendly everyone was.

"It's beautiful here," she said. Two lakes, grassy areas and picnic tables are visible near the property's entrance. The lakes are stocked for catch-and-release fishing, and residents can enjoy watching ducks, geese and blue heron from an observation deck.

"Everybody is very friendly. Many residents are out pushing baby strollers or walking their dogs. We all stop to say 'Hi' and talk when we see each other." She has made many friends in the nearly 14 years she has lived at Lake Park. Having just one sibling, she said that her friends are very important to her. "Friends are the family that we choose." She still sees friends – one in Streetsboro – that she met when they were 13 years old.

Her family is equally important to her. She spends as much time as she can with her daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren – a three-year-old boy and a one-year-old girl – who live about 20 minutes away.

Stracci's two-bedroom ranch-style apartment home has its own private entry and a spacious, open floor plan with a cathedral ceiling in the living room. She appreciates the amount of closet space that she has and the abundance of storage space in her attic. Her décor features "earth tones, dark wood furniture and lots of pictures of my grandchildren. It's very homey." She praised the management at Lake Park. "The staff is very nice and very helpful. They correct any problems right away."

Stracci worked for 25 years for Medusa Corporation as an environmental administrator, "responsible for not letting any paperwork fall through the cracks." The most influential person in her career was Ladd Parsons, one of her



Sherry Stracci

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bosses at Medusa. "He taught me a lot about the business world. He was a very positive influence, and we still keep in contact."

Born in Philadelphia, she grew up in Mayfield Heights and returned there after living in several other places, including Florida, Warrensville Heights, Cleveland Heights and South Euclid.

She often takes three-day weekend trips with friends to nearby states. She also likes visiting her brother and sister-in-law in Florida and her son-in-law's family in New York. Her dream vacation would be to tour Europe to see the architecture, artwork and landscapes in as many countries as she could.

She enjoys going out for lunch with friends and shopping. She likes to read mysteries, biographies "or something light." She also does crossword puzzles and cross-stitching.

Located at 1738 State Route 303 in Streetsboro, Lake Park Village offers 110 one- and two-bedroom units. Burton Carol Management LLC manages the apartment community.

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