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EVERGREEN FARMS

West end development was built with golfing and swimming in mind

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Quiet country living is the hallmark of the neighborhood surrounding Evergreen Country Club in western Prince William County.

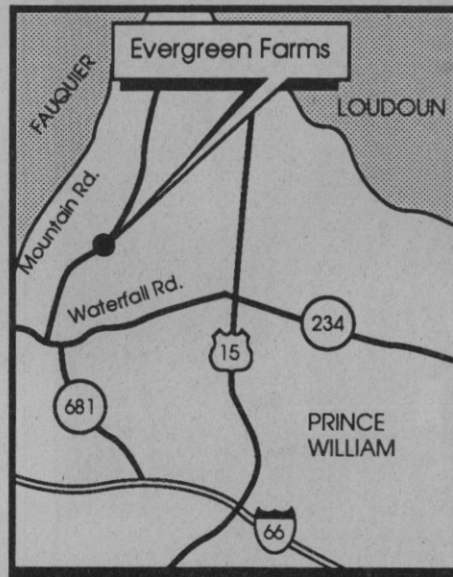
About 100 sprawling homes — and their well-tended lawns — are scattered on several hundred hilly acres that make up this community near Bull Run Mountain.

"It's one of the prettiest spots in the county," said Realtor John Norman, who lives in the neighborhood on Mountain Road. "The good Lord made it."

In the late 1960s, Norman started up the effort that resulted in Evergreen Farms by rounding up a group of people interested in starting a quality golf course in the area.

The group bought about 660 acres of the former Robert "King" Carter estate, including the Evergreen mansion, home of Edmund Berkeley, a colonel with the 8th Virginia Infantry in the Civil War.

Now the mansion is part of the Evergreen Country Club, which boasts a swimming pool and golf course, among other amenities. Country club officials are planning to renovate the mansion and its nearby stable for the club's use.



At home

Professionals and retirees populate the neighborhood. Home prices start at about \$355,000 and range up to about \$750,000, said Dave Nash, an associate broker with Shannon and Luchs in Manassas.

There are also residents with histori-



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The Evergreen Country Club was once owned by a Civil War colonel.

cal ties to the area.

E.F. Watson, for example, is a descendant of "King" Carter, a powerful businessman, politician and landowner during the 1700s who once owned thousands of acres in Prince William, as well as other parts of Virginia.

Watson has lived his life on a farm next to the country club, in a home built in 1835.

"I'm the fifth generation living in the

house," Watson said.

He said he likes the area because it is beautiful and quiet.

"It's kind of secluded," he added.

With dense residential developments becoming more common here, Evergreen Farms caters to people hunting for a quiet, out-of-the way place to call home.

"There won't be any more Evergreens," Norman said.