**If You're Thinking of Living In/Manalapan; Despite Growth, the Ambiance Is Rural**

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The largest single-family development is the 30-year-old Monmouth Heights, a 685-home neighborhood built by the Levitt organization off Route 9. The deeds stipulate that homeowners in the neighborhood must join the Monmouth Heights Community Association. The annual fee of $185 entitles homeowners to the use of the association's swimming pool, kiddie pool, two tennis courts and volleyball court off Ryan Road.

According to Linda Trott, president and broker at ERA Trott Realty, four-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath splits, ranches and colonials in Monmouth Heights go for between $200,000 and $270,000, depending on condition and improvements to the original home.

**If You're Thinking of Living In/Somerset, N.J.; Diversity, Stability and Convenience**

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Realtors say the housing market is red-hot. ''Houses here sell for about one-third less than similar ones in nearby towns like East Brunswick and North Brunswick,'' said Mary Barrood, a broker who owns the Barrood Real Estate and Insurance Agency on Easton Avenue… The neighborhoods most in demand are the 996-unit Levitt Homes, built in the mid-1960's off John F. Kennedy Boulevard and DeMott Lane, and Foxwood, a 300-unit development of three- and four-bedroom split-levels and bilevels built in the early 1960's off Franklin Boulevard. Four-bedroom Levitt Cape Cods, colonials and ranches on streets like Landry or on Renfro Court sell for $200,000 to $280,000. Foxwood houses bring $175,000 to $200,000, Mrs. Barrood said.

**From a Freehold realty website (**[**http://homesinfreehold.net/Monmouth\_Heights.htm**](http://homesinfreehold.net/Monmouth_Heights.htm)**)**

In the late 1960's, Levitt & Sons started building a development in **Freehold Township** called **Monmouth Heights. Monmouth Heights** is in the area of **Freehold Twp** that is west of Route 9, to the west of the development called Stonehurst. It's bordered on the east by Stillwells Corner Road, to the south by Route 524 (Elton-Adelphia Rd) on the west by Iron Bridge Road, and extends to the north almost to Route 537. At the southern end of Monmouth Heights, it's intermingled with Contempra at Monmouth Heights, a collection of California contemporary homes also built by Levitt & Sons. There is a large selection of home styles - ranches, split level homes, colonials and bi-levels. There are no basements in Monmouth Heights.

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