


NEIGHBORS OF GLEN ELLYN

A photograph of two women, Kat Truman and Nicole McNamara, standing outdoors in front of a white picket fence. They are both smiling and wearing plaid shirts. A black dog is sitting in front of them. The background features evergreen trees and fallen autumn leaves on the ground.

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Nicole McNamara

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Kat Truman and Nicole McNamara bought their Glen Ellyn home this past January. They chose the location to stay close to their daughters' school and dad, who also lives in Glen Ellyn.

"We truly believe in being a team, and that partnership has been key to keeping life balanced for everyone involved," says Kat.

The family loves their neighborhood and feels very welcomed. When they first moved in, the neighbors came over right away to introduce themselves, which made everyone feel at home. What really touched them was how open and kind they were, expressing that they embrace diversity in the community.

"We're so grateful for the warmth and support we've felt since moving in, and it's made building relationships with our neighbors all the more meaningful. It's truly a special place to call home."

All About the Family

Kat and Nicole met in a bit of a serendipitous way. Kat was coaching an adult tennis league, and Nicole happened to be one of the players on the team. Together, they still enjoy playing tennis together.

Nicole also enjoys swimming, having been a competitive swimmer in Nashville growing up. Kat grew up in Northern Virginia, playing tennis and a number of other sports. While Wimbledon may not have been in the cards, coaching adults became



a rewarding way to stay involved in the game.

One of their favorite memories together is from early in their relationship. They brought a big blanket to the park and found a peaceful spot by the water. They spent hours talking, sharing stories, dreaming, and learning about each other.

In their day-to-day life, Kat is a dedicated physical therapist with Endeavor Health in Lombard, where she makes a meaningful impact on her patients' lives every day. Nicole, on the other hand, has always had a passion for art. Earlier this year, the two combined their strengths to launch a business, selling prints



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of Nicole's original abstract oil paintings.

"Starting this business together in March was a dream come true—one we've both nurtured. We focus on collaborating with designers and art lovers to create customizable and scalable wall art, which makes each project feel so personal and rewarding," says Kat.

The two are constantly amazed at how well they work together—both on and off the tennis court—balancing each other's strengths and sharing a similar vision.

Kat also sings Nicole's praises. During a deeply personal crisis, Nicole picked herself back up and gave herself permission to pursue her lifelong dream of painting. Through art, Nicole has created a safe space to quiet her mind and gained life-changing realizations, including her identity as a lesbian and recognizing her ADHD.

Much like Nicole, their daughters also love swimming and the arts. The family also has a 6-year-old rescue dog named Louie. He is quite the character. He loves barking at strangers, spending hours perched by the window, and long walks—whether they are on the beach or through the neighborhoods of Glen Ellyn. Louie has become an irreplaceable part of the family, adding humor and love to the family's lives.

What They Love about Glen Ellyn

The family stays active in a number of different ways. They play tennis with friends at George Ball, Sunset Park, or anywhere they can find an open court. It is one of their favorite ways to unwind and connect with others in the community.

Between fixing up their new house, launching their business, and supporting their daughters in their after-school activities, life has been pretty full. While they are still in the process of getting involved, they are open to participating in any LGBTQ+ groups or activities in Glen Ellyn.

They also love taking long walks around Lake Ellyn and through the neighborhoods of Glen Ellyn. Conversations are also a big part of their relationship. When they are not outdoors, they are often binge-watching Netflix. They both enjoy a good love story, but they also enjoy the occasional murder mystery.

The family will also often spend time playing board games, yard games, and quizzing each other with trivia or hypothetical life questions. While their family does not take an annual trip yet, they treasure any opportunity to travel together. Kat adores the mountains of Colorado, especially the experience of staying at Dude Ranches. Nicole is captivated by the dry heat of the desert. She loves exploring the stunning colors and unique rock formations.

To their neighbors, they say, "We just want to say a huge thank you for welcoming us into the neighborhood and embracing our unique blended family. It means the world to us to feel safe and accepted while walking down the street hand in hand. Your kindness and openness have made this place feel like home, and we're truly grateful for that."

To learn more about Nicole's art, visit www.nicolemcnamaraart.com.

