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Bungalow revival

Baywest Homes reintroduces the beauty of the bungalow

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The bungalow has long been a staple of the downsizer crowd, as its single-level living is a perfect solution for aging-in-place needs. But Baywest Homes sees huge potential in the bungalow as more than just a downsizer's dream.

Their new show home, The Clearwater, in Cranston's Riverstone perfectly captures the bungalow in all its possibility as a retiree's residence and a family home. Its total living space of 3,096 square-feet includes a 1,357 square-feet of developed lower level space that is at once stylishly functional and playfully fanciful. It is in fact a finalist is this year's BILD Awards (formerly SAM Awards).

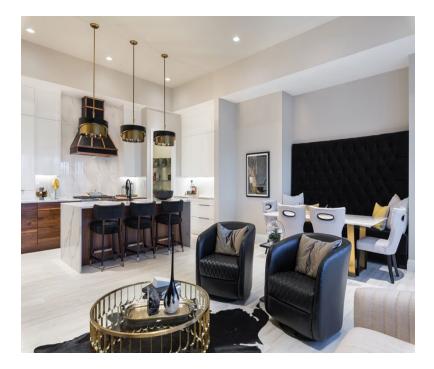
It is especially well-suited to meet the needs of families with older children, who not only get to enjoy its glamorous entertaining style but also reap the benefits of living in the amenity-rich, familyfriendly confines of Cranston's Riverstone in the southeast.



"Our mission to build homes crafted for life and designed award you got us thinking: It's time to bring back the bungalow. A new style of bungalow, one that is beautifully appointed with optional developed lower levels," says sales consultant Jodi Hodgson. "We believe The Clearwater captures this ideal."

The Clearwater starts from \$926,000, including house, lot and GST. The show home itself is in the \$1.1 million mark.

The splendour of the main floor is quite apparent and made all the more remarkable by the central fireplace whose designer wall facing stretches up to the 10-foot ceiling. Wide plank engineered hardwood floors give it a sleek, unblemished look.



"Baywest has truly mastered the art of main floor living," Hodgson says. The Clearwater main floor has the laundry, the magnificent kitchen with walk-in pantries and spa-level ensuites with walk-in closets. "You get access to everything you need on a daily basis to live with ease, or entertain on a while new level — the main level."

A fabulous home is made all the more enchanting by the community its in, and The Clearwater wins in that regard, as well. Located in Cranston's Riverstone estate section, it is just steps away from all the recreational opportunities the community offers. Take a relaxing walk by the riverside, or ride bike trails that will take you up to Cranston's thriving commercial areas. "Families with an active lifestyle have it good here," Hodgson says.

The optional lower level development is where the fun begins and what Baywest accomplishes here shows off The Clearwater's full potential quite elegantly. It comes with a recreation room, flex room, beer room and uniquely designed massage room with steam shower and change room. "And as Calgary's only Red Pen Builder you can always modify floor plans to make them perfectly fit your lifestyle," Hodgson says.





The master ensuite is as luxurious as everything else in the home, but practicality is never ignored. The glass shower stall, dual vanities and stand-alone tub create an environment of stately comfort, while the large walk-in closet is equipped with shelves, and drawers that keeps everything in place.

The temperature-controlled beer and wine room tops off the fun factor of the lower level development. Hodgson says The Clearwater is great for families with grown children living with them. "The kids get to have their own place, it is a walk-out and they can have all the privacy they need. Retirees who like having guests over will also love it, but the only problem might be their guests won't want to leave."





Fast Facts:

Builder: Baywest Homes

Model: The Clearwater bungalow

Community: Cranston's Riverstone

Developer: Brookfield Residential

Size: 3,096 sq. ft. total (1,739 sq. ft. main floor, 1,357 sq ft. optional basement development)

Address: 151 Cranbrook Dr. S.E.

Hours: Monday to Thursday 2 to 8 p.m., weekends and holidays noon to 5 p.m. closed Fridays

Directions: South on Deerfoot Tr. Exit at Cranston Ave. S.E., and right on Cranbrook Dr.

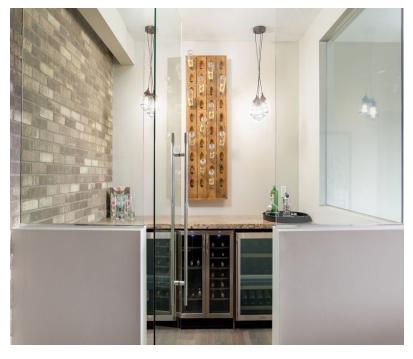
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