



relaxed living AT THE BEACH

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With nine-foot ceilings and generous windows, the bright homes in Wasaga Beach's **Stonebridge by the Bay** community balance the casual atmosphere of the beach with the quality of an exclusive resort. The 353-unit development of two-storey town homes and bungalow town homes has Cape Cod-style exteriors of either board and batten or cedar shakes in soft, beach-inspired hues: lake blues, sand beiges and sunset reds.

"No two blocks are identical," notes sales representative Margaret Byrne. The design evolves as the units are sold. Twelve floor plans and exterior designs are available, ranging from 1,100 to 2,300 sq. ft. "Some units are suited for the ends and some for the middles," says Byrne. "Once we have the units sold, every block goes back to the architect to draw and unify the roof lines and set the colours so that it can all combine."

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Proudly developed by Mark Crowe of Stonebridge Building Group, the homes are tucked behind the three-year-old Stonebridge Town Centre in Wasaga's east end. Restaurants, shopping and professional services such as dentists and hair stylists are all within walking distance, not to mention the development's private pool and waterside clubhouse. The Stonebridge community initiated and continues to host the annual Wasaga Blues Festival, as well as outdoor jazz on summer nights in the on-site music pavilion. Several kilometres of walking trails and naturalized space encourage residents to keep active. Part of the Stonebridge property has been donated to the town of Wasaga Beach for a future public library.

Units include standard features such as high efficiency two-stage gas furnaces, five-inch baseboards and smooth ceilings. Buyers receive \$11,000 in credits to apply to upgrades of their choice, such as hardwood flooring, granite countertops, pot lights and gas fireplaces. "We're very proud of the community," says Byrne. **OH**



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active getaway NEAR SHORES & SLOPES

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The lane leading to the **Silver Glen Preserve** winds nearly a kilometre through protected forest and wetland. The serene 174-unit community west of Collingwood has, since 2009, been enticing residents who love their active lives just steps from Georgian Bay, minutes from Blue Mountain and with direct access to the Georgian Trail. Silver Glen is managed by **Sherwood Homes**, a division of **Reid's Heritage Homes**, renowned for its Georgian Meadows and Lora Bay communities in the region. With two-storey town homes and bungalow-with-loft town homes available in multiple floor plan configurations, the development has attracted weekenders and empty nesters alike. *Continued on page 86*

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“Weekenders want two bathrooms upstairs, for example,” explains George Dickson, sales consultant at Silver Glen. “Whereas empty nesters like the idea of one large luxury bathroom that they use themselves most of the year and share with guests when the kids or friends come to visit.” The bungalows are popular with retirees who want to have their main living space on one level, with room for guests on the loft level. “The homes have the same feel as a large home in the city, with upscale finishes, but without the responsibilities,” says Dickson.

While the natural setting might be draw enough, Silver Glen

offers some of the only Energy Star certified homes in the region. The highly-insulated building envelopes mean a quiet, comfortable living environment and lower monthly operating costs. With the inclusion of upscale interior and exterior home finishes as standard, the bungalows have granite counters, a gas fireplace and hardwood in the great room, a tiled shower with a bench seat and a frameless glass door in the master ensuite, and double car garages. All units are equipped with five appliances and air conditioning. Silver Glen Preserve is an elegant community with an active lifestyle. **OH**

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family style AT THE EDGE OF TOWN

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Offering detached homes on lots up to 50 ft. wide, views of the escarpment and easy access in and out of town, **Grandview Homes' Mountaincroft** single family home community in the south end of Collingwood is an inspiring neighbourhood to call home. Commuters find it convenient to travel to the city and families like the proximity to several local schools.

With a choice of exteriors in full brick, stone and Cape Cod engineered wood siding, or a combination of all, homes have a range of colours reflective of the Southern Georgian Bay region – deep blues, hunter greens, regal reds and classic earth tones. The streetscapes are cohesive, yet each home is unique.

This is the first community outside of Barrie for Grandview Homes. "Every aspect of our new home construction is instilled with the latest building technologies, quality materials and trades, strict attention to detail and, most of all, pride," says Marc Cousineau, Director of Sales at Mountaincroft.

Grandview's contemporary style and traditional elegance considers the active family's needs when designing floor plans – welcoming front porches, ample storage, wide foyers and second-floor laundry in some cases. Bungalows range from 1,350 to 1,900 sq. ft. and two-storey homes range from 1,270 to 3,650 sq. ft. All models have full basements and standard features that include rounded drywall corners, California-style stucco ceilings and nine-foot ceilings on the main floor.

Interior finishes include quality Kohler fixtures, Mirage hardwood flooring, Cheyenne two-panel doors with unique beaded detailing, ceramic tile in the foyer, main hall, kitchen, dinette, bathrooms and laundry room, soaker tubs in the master en suite, and custom kitchen cabinetry. Landscaping packages complete all builds to make each Mountaincroft residence feel like home. **OH**

