

No place like it

Memorable style and design in River Pointe

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Just when you might think you've seen everything in a new show home, along comes 26 Riverhaven Grove in the River Pointe area of scenic St. Vital.

Designed and built by Mannington Custom Homes, this 2,073-sq.-ft., R-2000 bungalow offers such remarkable style, luxury and convenience, it gives a whole new meaning to the saying, "there's no place like home."

Mannington Custom Homes owners Trevor and Kathy Markevich gave careful attention to every detail in this one-of-a-kind showpiece.

From the cultured stone exterior and built-in planters at the front entrance to the bright, spacious entryway and barrel vaulted ceilings, visitors get an early sense that something unique is just around the corner — and they are not disappointed.



Etched glass French doors provide privacy for a front room that could be used for a

home office, library or hobby room. In the opposite direction is a great room with a two-sided gas fireplace that allows you to enjoy the warmth and romance of the flames either in the living room or in the patio area. Above the fireplace is a built-in home theatre system, surrounded by stylish windows.

A home entertaining paradise, this home also features a full kitchen with Sub-Zero and Wolf brand stainless steel appliances, wine fridge, chic and plentiful lyptus cabinets, granite countertops and bar-style dining area, in addition to a formal dining room with floor-to-ceiling windows.

Total entertainment

There are built-in TVs in virtually every room, from the kitchen to the master bathroom, with a sound system throughout the house, so homeowners shall have music wherever they go.

The master bedroom features generous vertical windows, a huge walk-in closet befitting an upscale clothing retailer, in addition to a small vanity.

On the other side of the room is the mas-

ter bathroom featuring a heated floor, a large, glass-doored shower stall, granite shower bench, mirror and the bather's choice of three different kinds of shower — overhead, shower massage or handheld.

There's the built-in TV, of course, along with his-and-hers sinks, and no waiting since the toilet is ensconced in a cozy room of its own, adjacent to the shower. Another main floor bathroom houses a soaker/air tub, shower and ultra-modern sink.

If you can't decide what to watch upstairs, follow the lyptus banister with wrought iron accents to the lower level while mini, built-in pot lights illuminate your path. At the bottom, you can't miss the main attraction — another huge built-in home theatre system, with adjacent built-in shelving to showcase family

photos, books or art.

The vast, short-shag carpeted living space includes a wet bar that is better equipped than the average kitchen, with its own dishwasher, built-in microwave, and temperature-controlled wine closet. >>>>

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There's room for a full-size pool table, though the room design ensures one wouldn't dominate the atmosphere. Etched glass sliding doors lead to space suitable for a fitness room, office or extra bedroom. The home's generous interior is completed by a guest bedroom with full bath and a discreet laundry room with cupboards galore plus a genuine cedar closet for storing seasonal clothing.

An attached, heated garage with automatic door opener, built-in security system, hide-a-hose central vacuum system, programmable light switches and loads of storage space are just some of the

features adding to the convenience and space-efficiency factors in this memorable home.

Fast Facts

BUILDER Mannington Custom Homes
AREA River Pointe
PRICE \$625,000 (land not included)
SIZE 2,073 sq. ft.
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Kim Schroeder of Charisma The Design Experience brings her exquisite design sense to the home, grouping together shades of plum, brown and grey in a variety of tones and textures, creating elegance and comfort at every turn. Even the turns themselves are unique, as corners are rounded throughout the house, adding to its overall contemporary ambience.

For more information about 26 Riverhaven Grove or Mannington Custom Homes, visit www.manning-homes.com.



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