

TOUR OPENS DOORS TO 19 HOMES

Metro parade offers opportunity to check out innovative and award-winning designs

The doors of 19 spectacular Metro Vancouver residences will be open to the public next weekend when Homebuilders Association Vancouver holds its 26th annual Parade of Homes.

HAVAN — formerly the Greater Vancouver Home Builders Association — is presenting the self-guided tour on June 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will give tour-goers a chance to check out new and innovative design trends and meet the builders, renovators and designers behind the residential projects.

“Our builders and designers are showcasing an amazing array of inspiring homes on the parade this year, including a new single-family development custom home, luxurious duplex, award-winning laneway, the rezoning of two city lots into five custom homes, and a wide variety of custom renovation solutions,” said HAVAN CEO Ron Rapp in a release outlining the event.

Included in the tour are homes from Vancouver, North and West Vancouver, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Port Moody and South Delta.

Among them is a custom-built home in the Upper Delbrook neighbourhood of North Vancouver with impressive views, a whole-home renovation of a 1960s bungalow and the VGH and UBC Hospital Foundation Millionaire Lottery prize home in Tsawwassen. The event is free, but HAVAN is suggesting a \$10 donation per family in support of Lower Mainland high school carpentry programs.

For more information, and to access an interactive map of the participating homes, visit www.havan.ca/Parade.

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This Vancouver custom-built home by Saint Construction will be included in the 2019 HAVAN Parade of Homes.



This North Vancouver home by Wallmark Custom Homes Ltd. is on the tour.



This Coquitlam home renovated by My House Design/Build Team Ltd. can be explored during the June 9 tour.

‘Laid back, small-town feel,’ on offer at Maple Ridge project

WILLOW+OAK FROM F2

“I’m originally from Ontario, so the whole region is new to me, but what I’m looking forward to about Maple Ridge is that it’s supposed to be a really family-oriented area. I think we’ll find a lot of people in our situation — young families and first-time homebuyers. We’ll have our baby growing up with people the same age.”

The neighbourhood that Charters will be moving to has a lot to offer, according to Mackie. Willow + Oak is located in a rapidly growing area of Maple Ridge, with a new Starbucks and a Save-On-Foods just down the street and plans for

more commercial outlets coming soon.

“A lot of our buyers don’t have a history in Maple Ridge, but they’re willing to move from places like North Vancouver, Coquitlam, Surrey, Burnaby or New Westminster with a sense of adventure about what this area has to offer,” Mackie said. “There’s excellent access to nature here and a great town centre with all different ethnicities represented in the restaurant scene.”

“Right outside your door you can catch a bus that connects you directly with the West Coast Express for a stress-free commute to work,” Mackie added. “The Kanaka



The laundry area in this Willow + Oak home has a side-by-side washer and dryer with plenty of storage and room for folding clothes.

Creek Regional Park is five minutes from your door and our site is actually bordered by a protected green space. It’s also only about 15 minutes away from Golden Ears Park. There’s definitely a natural,

laid-back, small-town feel here.”

Most homes at Willow + Oak have side-by-side garages. There are rear decks or patios to expand the living spaces, powder rooms on the main floors and Tudor-in-

spired exterior finishes. Kitchens come with custom Shaker-style cabinetry, soft-close doors and drawers, engineered quartz countertops, gas ranges and Samsung appliance packages.

Bathrooms feature four-foot walk-in showers, quartz countertops, dual vanities in all ensuite and handset ceramic tiles.

Instead of standard electric baseboard heaters, homes at Willow + Oak will have a new kind of convection heating that can, according to Mackie, save homeowners up to 40 per cent on their heating bills.

“On the main floors we’ve got a really nice open concept and it really feels and flows like a single-family home with high ceilings and oversized windows,” said Mackie. “We’ve fine-tuned our specifications to be able to offer great value. People want to be able to get into the market and that’s exactly what we’re offering.”



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