

Haven offers farmhouse chic in South Surrey

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Haven is a project from Park Ridge Homes in Surrey. [PNG Merlin Archive]

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Park Ridge Homes is a local, family-owned construction company based in Surrey that's been around for more than 30 years, and according to manager Brad Hughes, it has an excellent reputation in the industry.

“We are very well known for delivering some of the highest quality of housing in the region, no matter what type it is,” Hughes said. “Quite often, a house that we built 20 or 25 years ago and will be put up for sale and it will say in the listing details that it’s built by Park Ridge Homes. People recognize that level of quality and expertise.”

Park Ridge’s latest offering is a boutique townhouse project in South Surrey called Haven, a collection of 33 homes with either three or four bedrooms that range in size from 1,447 to 1,616 square feet. Prices for the homes that are still available start in the mid-\$600,000 range.

“The style is modern farmhouse,” Hughes said. “It’s very basic and simple with clean lines. It’s not about fancy, decorative moulding. What you’re looking at is a really well-designed space with some neat features that really catch your attention: stunning lighting, white brick fireplaces with handmade mantles, floating shelves in the kitchen areas with forged brackets. A lot of that stuff we made by hand ourselves because you can’t just go out and buy manufactured products to get the look we wanted for these homes.”

Laura Klaiman, who purchased a three-bedroom home at Haven with a side-by-side garage, has been living in Richmond for many years and said she was attracted to South Surrey by the proximity to nature.

“We looked in Richmond for somewhere new but didn’t really find a lot of a choice – it seemed to be mainly mega homes or apartments,” Klaiman said. “So, we decided to move out a bit to somewhere that seemed a bit more like countryside.”

“We love the bright, farmhouse style and it’s in great area with everything we need close by in terms of conveniences and amenities,” Klaiman added. “We feel like there has been a lot of thought that’s gone into the homes there and they definitely integrate with the landscape very well. At Haven, they’ve got minimal landscaping that looks attractive and doesn’t seem like it will cost a lot of money to maintain afterwards.”

Hughes said that the property includes a collection of mature trees and that the company was able to save more than half of them in the development of the project. Despite it’s green, rural feel, Haven is close to main transportation routes for cars and buses as well as being within a few minutes of commercial amenities and neighbourhood schools. The website for Haven lists no fewer than 10 educational institutions in the local area along with more than 20 dining options and eight listings for parks and recreation.

“South Surrey has more sunshine than many other areas of the Lower Mainland and there are a lot of newer community services in the area like recreation centres and shopping outlets,” Hughes said. “You’ve got beautiful parks with biking and walking trails, as well as White Rock beach and Crescent Beach and that’s a huge draw.”

Homes at Haven come in two colour schemes: Driftwood and Soft Sand. There are nine-foot ceilings on the main floors, oversized windows, laminate wood floors throughout the living areas and two-inch faux wood blinds throughout.

Kitchens feature stainless steel appliances, including five-burner gas ranges and convection ovens, french door refrigerators with bottom-mount freezer drawers, dishwashers with adjustable racks and concealed controls, garburators, microwaves and hood fans. There

are white, soft-close, shaker-style cabinets with contrasting matte black hardware, polished quartz countertops and large farmhouse-style, single-bowl sinks.



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Sliding barn-style doors lead to luxurious master ensuite bathrooms and there are polished quartz countertops in all bathrooms. Main floor powder rooms feature designer tile and white, Shaker-style, soft-close doors and drawers with matte black hardware.

Haven also includes a two-storey clubhouse designed for indoor and outdoor entertaining. It features a kitchenette, a covered barbecue area, a powder room, a games and movie room and a large upper deck. There's dedicated visitor parking on site, hose bibs located inside the garages and all homes include rough-in for gas barbecue outlets on patios or decks.

"There's a lot of new technology in these homes," Hughes said. "We've put in forced air furnaces, on-demand hot water and a lot of the bells and whistles that you would normally only see in a single-family home."

The Haven sales centre at 3331 148th Street is open from noon to 5 p.m. every day except Friday.

“It was wonderful customer service,” Klaiman said. “The team really made us feel comfortable, they were very professional and they offered us good advice when we needed it. That’s really why I decided to talk about it publicly. I wouldn’t do it if I wasn’t happy with the service.”

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