

# Bellevue exudes stately charm in Quarry Park

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The exterior of the Bellevue II show home by Birchwood Properties in Quarry Park. Andrea Cox for the Calgary Herald

Nothing says old-world elegance better than European-inspired brick- and stone-faced brownstones.

Take for example Birchwood Properties' collection of Boulevard Townes in Quarry Park. The collection exudes stately charm, combined with modern sensibility. The Bellevue II, one of two recently-launched show homes, features a facade reminiscent of homes found in historic East Coast cities like Boston. Generous use of stone, wrought iron and iconic details such as dormers and balconies create a welcoming esthetic.

Inside, the open-concept 1,670-square-foot, two-storey plan features myriad details, weaving interest into every corner. A built-in bench in the entrance way offers an attractive focal point, as does the living room with its 18-foot ceiling. The home is sleek and sexy, peppered with judicious use of luxurious and elegant materials.

White cabinetry highlighted with oil-rubbed bronze hardware blends graciously with the tone-on-tone white quartz countertops swirled with threads and splotches of taupe and grey and pops of silver glitz.

It's all complemented by the icing on the cake, a glass backsplash in shades of sparkling grey: the perfect backdrop for the sculptural stainless steel hood fan overhanging the gas cooktop.

The rectangular island features a sink and an eating bar with plenty of room for guests to sit and chat with the chef or for informal meals with the family. Large windows frame the great room and dining nook allowing light to flood the space. Built-in shelves surround the gas fireplace, which is highlighted with a textured tile. A french door leads to a fully landscaped, secluded patio graced with privacy screens. The patio extends to a separate, row-attached double garage.

The home's second level incorporates a large master bedroom with ensuite and walk-in closet, an open den and a secondary bedroom with two French doors extending to an upper-level balcony. A laundry room and another four-piece bathroom complete the upstairs plan.

Perfect for entertaining, the lower level offers a guest bedroom, ensuite and a large games and theatre space. The home incorporates many upgrades, including basement development.

The design is compelling. And according to Donna McQueen, community sales manager for Birchwood Properties, it's easy to recreate.

"The beautiful thing about the process is that buyers don't have to narrow finishing choices down to a wall board," she says.

To that end, the sales staff at Birchwood spend time with each client, assisting with the initial concept, while the design team at Contempa works with the buyer to sift through and select the finishing details.

Sales of the Boulevard Townes have been swift.

"This (past) weekend was crazy; we had so many people come through the show home," says McQueen, adding only eight Boulevard Townes are still available. McQueen notes Birchwood has recently released another townhome collection — Bristol Town homes — which are proving to be very popular with buyers as well.

The Boulevard Townes are priced starting in the low \$500,000s.

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**BUILDER:** Birchwood Properties

**DEVELOPER:** Remington Development Corporation

**AREA:** Quarry Park

**Home Model:** The Bellevue II, part of Birchwood's Boulevard Townes collection. The two-storey townhome offers more than 1,600 square feet of living space and is located a short walk from the Bow River in Quarry Park.

PRICE: The base model starts in the low \$500s with monthly condo fees sitting between \$150 and \$200. Pets under 50 pounds are welcome.

DIRECTIONS: The show home is located at 324 Quarry Park Blvd. S.E. Take Glenmore Trail east to the 18th Avenue exit. Follow signs to Quarry Park.

HOURS: Monday to Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m., and weekends and holidays from noon to 5 p.m. Closed on Fridays.

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