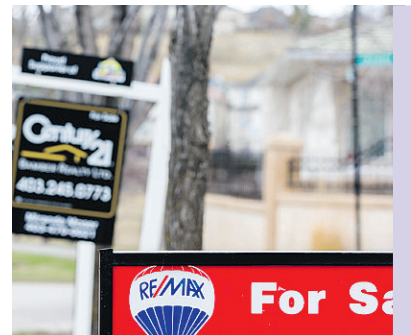


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Erhardt and Arvella Tutto enjoy a glass of wine on their dock at the Mahogany development in southeast Calgary, which can be a “hypnotizing” experience, says Erhardt. **DON MOLYNEAUX**

# BRING THE LAKE HOME WITH YOU

Hopewell Residential’s Mahogany development helps deliver vacation life to your own backyard

**JOSH SKAPIN**

When Erhardt Tutto recalls what a friend said about moving to a community with a lake, it now makes perfect sense.

“He told me they used to go to Kelowna every year — now it’s like Kelowna off their backyard,” he says. “I never thought about that.”

Now he does. Regularly.

Erhardt and his wife Arvella moved to Mahogany by Hopewell Residential in southeast Calgary,

where they have a private dock that provides a direct link to the largest freshwater lake in Calgary.

Before the move, Erhardt admits, being on water wasn’t a priority. He says growing up in Calgary, where lakes aren’t in abundance, it just wasn’t top of mind. That time is long gone.

As he describes it, the lake and specifically the dock are features the couple wishes they would have found sooner.

“I find myself sitting on my dock

and just looking at the water,” says Erhardt. “It’s kind of hypnotizing.”

“I would have never known that, never thought about it. But now that it’s there, some day I’ll probably end up moving again and I’ll tell you, that would be the thing I’m going to miss: being on the water.”

The couple bought through Calbridge Homes and took possession in April 2016.

Mahogany Lake stretches 26 hectares — and provides not only a place to be active in the water, but

a serene backdrop, too.

“It’s really relaxing when you look out your back window and you see that water in the morning,” Erhardt says. “There’s not a ripple on it.”

But they venture out on the water too, with a dinghy ready for guests that supports about 10 people. From the dock, “It’s easy entry into the water,” he says. “You don’t have to walk over a bunch of rocks to get into the water. They’ve got a ladder that comes right off of it.”

For the Tuttos, part of the appeal of the lake is that it’s stocked with fish.

“In the evening, when the wind dies down, the water becomes like glass and the fish start jumping like crazy throughout the whole lake,” Erhardt says. “So when you’re sitting on the dock, you can watch the fish jump. You don’t get that everywhere.”

But the fish are for more than just show. For people with a lot on the lake, their fishing trip is only a few steps out their back door.

“You have your private dock, so you can go out there anytime you want and throw the fishing line in,” Erhardt says. “Many nights after work, I’ll go down there with my lawn chair and a glass of wine and throw the line in, sit there and watch the bobber. It’s really relaxing.”

Mahogany is a three-time winner of Community of the Year-City of Calgary at the Calgary Region SAM (Sales and Marketing) Awards.

“Having a dock in your backyard with access to a fabulous lake is obviously a novel and wonderfully unique feature when you’re talking about homes in Calgary,” says Scott Hamilton, Hopewell’s director of marketing and customer experience. “Most people use them as their primary connection to the lake and the Mahogany Lake lifestyle; whether it’s launching a paddleboard, jumping in for a morning swim, going for a skate in the winter or simply enjoying Calgary’s sunny summer days.”

SEE **MAHOGANY** ON **F4**

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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Kirkwood has what large families look for when deciding where to put down roots.

The 2,391-square-foot model with a front-attached, two-car garage is displayed as a show home in Ravenswood, a master-planned community by Qualico Communities in Airdrie.

Ravenswood's current phase puts buyers within a short walk to Les Petits Pieds Preschool and Ecole francophone D'Airdrie, as well as Heloise Lorimer School.

As a whole, the community also provides 8.2 hectares of green space, four parks, one feature playground and a soccer field, giving families an abundance of space to enjoy the outdoors.

Ravenswood's location on the southeast end of Airdrie helps provide people who work in Calgary a swift commute, with convenient access to Hwy. 2.

With the Kirkwood, young families with more than two children will appreciate its approach to bedrooms.

At certain ages, having all of the sleep spaces on the same level is



The great room in the Kirkwood is a welcoming place for the family to gather. *PHOTOS: NUVISTA HOMES*



The kitchen wraps around a spacious central island with a sink and extended eating bar that seats three. Appliances are stainless steel.

key. This home has four bedrooms on the second floor, led by a 14 foot six inch by 13 foot nine inch master bedroom along the back.

The parents of the family will enjoy its accessory spaces, with a spa-inspired ensuite linking to a large U-shaped walk-in closet.

Featured in the ensuite bathroom are dual vanities, with generous space between them, under a full-width mirror. This is next to a deep soaker tub and stand-alone shower.

With a design that presents a winged effect, the three second-

**WHAT:** The Kirkwood is a front-drive, single-family home.

**BUILDER:** NuVista Homes.

**AREA:** Ravenswood is a community on the southeast end of Airdrie.

**DEVELOPER:** Qualico Communities

**DIRECTIONS:** The show home is located on Ravenstern Link. To get there, take Highway 2 to Yankee Valley Boulevard, head left on Kings Heights Gate, and turn left.

**HOURS:** The show home is open Monday through Thursday from 2-8 p.m. and noon to 5 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

**INFORMATION:** Visit [nuvistahomes.com](http://nuvistahomes.com)

ary bedrooms on the opposite end of the second floor combine with a central bonus room to serve as a buffer, creating privacy between the two sides.

One of the secondary bedrooms is accessed from the bonus room. Separated by a bulkhead, the other two bedrooms sit side-by-side and adjacent to a full bathroom along the front of the home.

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MAHOGANY FROM *F1*

The Klee family, who bought through Morrison Homes, are enjoying their direct access to Mahogany Lake, as well.

Justin and Evelyn Klee, who have a two-year-old daughter, bought through Morrison Homes on Mahogany Island — part of greater Mahogany and the only residential island in Calgary. Every one of the 22 lots on the island has its own dock, and homes here currently are priced from \$1.4 million.

Before relocating to Mahogany, the Klees were in Douglasdale Estates. When Justin was asked what inspired the move, the answer was simple.

"The water. Just to be on the lake," he says.

While their search started with homes in older lake communities, when they saw the full lineup of existing and future amenities in Mahogany, plans changed. Pointing to the commercial development at Mahogany's new Village Market and the 22,000-square-foot Beach Club, Klee says: "It's unbelievable

what they did with that community.”

And having a dock mattered. On how often they're out there, Justin says "almost every day."

Their home also has a pool, hot tub, gazebo, and outdoor kitchen, too.

"When you're on that dock, it's like being at a vacation home, but you're at home," says Klee. "Just fishing off the dock, and the late nights watching the fish jump, or the paddle boat and just being able to go when you want, it's unbelievable."



Evelyn, Sienna Rose and Justin Klee relax on the dock in Mahogany. The family can be found on the dock "almost every day." *DON MOLYNEAUX*

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