



LAMBIE CUSTOM HOMES PRESENTS THE JUNIPER MODEL

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At a certain age, homeowners want a little less work. After raising kids and building a career, they've earned a chance to relax a bit.

That's why maintenance-provided communities have become so popular in recent years.

"It seems to be a big market," says Jim Lambie of Lambie Custom Homes.

After forty years in the business, Lambie has done it all: building, remodeling, developing and commercial work, but he gets the most satisfaction from developing. "I enjoy taking a raw piece of ground and making something out of it," he says.

Lambie developed The Enclave at Cedar Point at 133rd and State Line to be one such maintenance-provided neighborhood, taking care of streets and lawns. The majority of the 24 home sites belong to the 50+ age group.

One of the most popular floor plans is the Juniper, although every homeowner tweaks it in some way to make it fit their preferred look and lifestyle.

"Customers see the plans and modify them to meet their needs and the lot they pick," Lambie says.

Thus keeping the same plan from getting repetitive. "We don't build the same house over and over again, so that's fun for us," Lambie notes.

This version of the Juniper shown here looks like a Tudor on the outside, but inside, it feels like a home in the mountains.

"It has a Colorado, rustic feel to it," says Lambie project manager Brad Harder.

Natural materials ground the home in nature from top to bottom: Wood floors, cabinets and beams; a sliding barn door in the master suite; a stone fireplace in the great room; and a brick backsplash in the downstairs bar. Plus, views out the back windows look upon evergreen trees. "It really makes it feel like you're outside," Harder says.

There is another unexpected element at play here: water. Accents of blue are featured throughout the house in upholstery and drapes. The most notable one, however, is the blue glazed kitchen island, which has sparked some imitation from neighbors who were impressed



with its boldness. The master bedroom barrel-vaulted ceiling is also painted a light blue.

The reason for it is that the couple own a second home in Naples, Fla., where they eventually plan to fully retire to, and wanted the blue incorporated to remind them of their space there. This keeps the ocean close by even when they are far away.

"They did all the interior design," Harder says. "I'm really proud of them."

Beyond material choices, the homeowners made other decisions that functionally affect their lives — by adjusting the floor plan to suit a lifestyle built for two.

"Their kids are grown now, so they use two of the plan's bedrooms for other purposes," Harder notes.

For example, they changed a second upstairs bedroom into a home office, with glass-insert doors, and another bedroom downstairs became a craft room, engaging and inviting in yellow with plenty of natural light. The room's closet is a major highlight of the space, with its contents tidy and organized to a T.

"It looks like Hobby Lobby in there," Harder says.

The lower level also features a home theater with surround sound and four theater chairs, a game table area, jukebox and double-size bar. "It's the best house for entertaining ever," Harder adds.

But it's the outdoor amenities that are the real draw for everyone in the family, with a screened-in porch, waterfall, fire pit, gas grill, Big Green Egg and wood-fired stone pizza oven.

Every element of the house, from working in the cook's kitchen or home office — but not in the yard, thanks to services provided! — to playing or relaxing in the lower level or outside, synergistically makes this home the ultimate in lifestyle.



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