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Drawing. Creating. Inspiring. These are the primary pillars upon which award-winning builder Chris Ashner relies to bring his innovative ideas to fruition. Building a home requires significant preparation, and the steps involved are both intricate and intentional. The lot must be chosen; the design of the house has to be selected; and all of the interior finishes should align with the lifestyle, tastes and desires of the occupants. There is no denying it takes confident hands to construct a home; it also takes a uniquely creative mind to bring forth a vision unlike no other. Building a home that stands apart from the rest requires a bold blend of inventiveness and imagination, partnered with the standard construction aspects of pulling it all together.

Ashner, owner of Bodine-Ashner Builders Legacy, LCC, is one such builder. He and his experienced craftsmen don't just build houses; they create homes. Their talents expand beyond the traditional blueprint and into the innovative. It's about seeing spaces within a home from a different perspective, motivated by ideas that may flow into the design trajectory from any given point and at any given time.

"You never know when inspiration will hit," expressed Ashner. "I could watch a TV show, see a movie, or visit a hotel and see interesting elements I will then incorporate those into the homes I design and build."

Ashner works with the heart of a builder but relies on extraordinary creative vision to capture a new way of living. For example, he will add architectural interest to a previously unused area. Where someone



else may just notice a wall paired with an open ceiling in a pantry, Ashner sees a place to add a ledge shelf for added flavor, distinction and purpose. He has the insight to transform ordinary spaces into extraordinary statements. In other words, he gives the blueprints of his homes an artistic voice.

As part of the development team for Wilshire by the Lake in Overland Park, Kansas, Ashner is excited about one of his latest creations. Located at 11635 West 158th Terrace, this Spring Parade of Homes standout promises to capture a broad bandwidth of attention. A new plan from Ashner's impressive portfolio, this reverse story-and-a-half is listed at just under \$950,000.

"The whole thing is cool," Ashner enthusiastically expressed. "We have laced both traditional and modern details into this home."

Ashner appreciates this floor plan, not only for its aesthetic appeal but also for its lifestyle objectives.

"This is the perfect floorplan for a couple with teenagers, college-aged kids or even adult children who may be temporarily living at home," he indicated.

The main level of the 4,200 square foot home is wide open and consists of a great room, kitchen and dining area. Tall, vaulted ceilings are held up by large, rustic support beams, adding a taste of industrial loft architecture. A luxurious master suite is also on this level, as well as another bedroom and full bathroom. Two additional bedrooms with full bathrooms are on the lower level, along a half-bathroom, walk-in wine room and a wide open entertainment space.

Ashner took bold steps within the master suite in terms of the décor, incorporating panelized trim walls with bold color throughout. In the master bathroom and adjoining closet, the vaulted ceilings, the eight-foot tall glass-enclosed marble shower, floor to ceiling built-in cabinets and pull-down closet pulls on a hydraulic systems are all things Ashner believes are indicative of what people want.

"My craftsmen will work with me to create new and innovative things," indicated Ashner. "Everything we create is a work of art, not just an aspect of the home."

In the kitchen stands a magnificent island, built not only for maximum function, but also for eye-catching enchantment. Ashner gave his wife Carol a nod for finding the inspiration for this piece, as, much like

himself, she keeps a keen eye out as a design scout of sorts.

"This island actually looks like an old piece of furniture, as it stands up off the floor supported by its legs," noted Ashner, referring to the cabinets within that stand 16 inches off the floor. "You can actually see underneath the cabinets."

A "super pantry" is located adjacent to the kitchen, separated by a brick archway that acts as a passthrough to the back hallway. This oversized and completely open pantry is home to a six-foot wide double-stainless steel refrigerator. The cabinetry has roll-out shelves, rustic slab shelves, and a prep sink area. Other highlights of the kitchen include a double oven, gas cooktop, custom designed cabinets with roll-out shelves and a footprint that allows for exceptional traffic flow.

Ashner purposefully attends to all appointments within each home, and this model is no exception. He installed authentic hickory hardwood flooring on the main level, which will be finished in the natural colors of the wood. High-end tile highlights all bathrooms.

"I try to value engineer my selections, but I do my best to make every house I build suitable to what I would want," said Ashner. "And I always look for opportunities to do something innovative." ●



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