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## The Meadows brings front porch back

### Craftsman design holds lots of appeal

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The Meadows of Rosewood by Arbutus Properties is a new Saskatoon development designed for neighbourliness. Craftsman style homes bring back front porch living where it's easier to connect with those around you, and kids may be found playing on the street.

Arbutus' Parade of Homes on Eaton Crescent features the best of five prominent Saskatoon builders. Arbutus' own stunning new showhome at 243 Eaton Cres. reflects the essentials of Craftsman design, with deep baseboards, wainscotting, crown moulding and window trim, and custom millwork on the fireplace surround.

Annabel Richer, Arbutus' design consultant, says a major strength of the design is all of the millwork throughout the house. "I think that really sets us apart from other builders."

The result creates a sense of refinement that is far from staid, but rather fresh and finessed.



Arbutus' showhome at 243 Eaton Cres. in the Meadows features 1,582 square feet of Craftsman style design.





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A flex room at the front of the house offers the perfect greeting on entering, with wainscotting reaching two-thirds the height of the room. Whether used as a den or reading room, this space offers separation and privacy from the rest of the main floor.

An open concept living area occupies the back of the home, enhanced by high ceilings and plenty of large windows.

"I like the layout in this house, and in all our houses, I really love our big open windows that let in so much natural light," says Richer. The Greene plan is a midrange option and a popular choice.

A frosted glass window lets in the light while retaining privacy in the ensuite bath, with dual sinks, a soaker tub and tile flooring.





High ceilings, large windows and wire-brushed hardwood floors expand the main floor's open concept.

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# **Craftsman** Family-friendly community

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Ceilings are 10 feet, and eight foot doors throughout the main level accentuate this height, including the patio door that leads to the back deck. White shaker style cabinets with a white subway tile backsplash in a brick pattern and granite countertops make this desirable kitchen a standout. Off the kitchen is a mud room with a series of lockers, as well as a laundry space, and access to the garage.

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Upstairs. Richer finds the bonus room ideally located, along with the placement of the bedrooms.

"The bonus room is a good size too, it's not too big but you still have enough room for your family without everyone being in each other's way," she said.

An ensuite off the comfortable master bedroom features a soaker tub and dual sinks.

"We've created a walkable pedestrian-friendly community," said Jeffrey Drexel, president of Arbutus Properties. "We're going to run the parade of homes through the summer, and probably into September or October."

Those who visit the parade have a chance to win a oneyear lease on a Ford F150 4x4 Platinum pickup truck.

Additional commercial development in the form of the Meadows Market will make this family-friendly, multi-generational community even more attractive to potential homeowners.

Visit The Meadows Parade of Homes Monday to Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday to Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information see meadowsliving.ca.



The kitchen sports Shaker-style cabinets, granite countertops and even a homework desk.



Upstairs, three bedrooms and a bonus room create easy family living.



A flex room at the front of the house showcases the exceptional millwork in this home and provides degrees of separation.









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