

Roominess, basements part of ranch floor plans

Ranch homes are for everyone who likes the warmth, openness, and accessibility of single-story living — and also for people who like big basements.

Reserve One Homes offers single-family ranch homes and ranch townhouses. And the townhouses are real ranches — with no one above and a generous basement below.

It used to be that ranch homes were either like sprawling convention centers or cramped cottages, but no more. Contemporary home designers have learned how to maximize the living space in a generously sized single floor.

"We spent many hours scrutinizing floor plans," says Lisa Porter-Loftus, a Reserve One Homes partner. "We went over every square inch to make the layouts as elegant, inviting and livable as possible."

Reserve One Homes' Running Brook Farm in Johnsburg offers the 1,088-square-foot Dartmoor townhouse a ranch base-priced at \$206,990. The two-bedroom two-bath home features 9-foot ceilings, ceramic tile floors in the foyer and bathrooms, wood-grain interior doors and trim, first-quality wall-to-wall carpet, designer-line vinyl floors, walk-in closets, a volume master bedroom ceiling, decorator light fixtures, custom-finished hardwood kitchen cabinets, double-bowl stainless steel kitchen sinks, kitchen appliances and wood bathroom vanities with cultured-marbled tops and an attached two-car garage.

Options include a bay window in the dining room, a gas fireplace, a rough-in for a basement bath, upgraded kitchen cabinets, upgraded kitchen appliances and a washer and dryer.

The single-family Laurelwood ranch is base-priced at \$354,900 and includes almost 2,900 square feet. It features three bedrooms, 2½ baths, a base-

ment and a two-car garage. Colonnades and variegated gables add to the curb appeal.

Inside, the floor plan with open access, bedrooms and high ceilings contributes to an airy feel, rarely found in a ranch home. Living areas include a family room, living room, breakfast room and dining room. There is also a laundry room.

The dining room, which features a vaulted ceiling, is off the foyer and across the hall from a powder room. The master bedroom with optional skylights and fireplace includes a master bath with dual vanities and two walk-in closets.

Architectural features, such as a plant shelf near the entry, dot the home. And many windows allow buyers to gaze out onto the natural landscape and wildlife that distinguish the Chain O'Lakes area.

The 2,223 square-foot Eden single-family ranch is base-priced \$295,990. The foyer opens to the great room with a vaulted ceiling and family area. A living room and dining room provide additional space for family enjoyment. A breakfast area off the kitchen — which also opens to the great room — is perfect for entertaining.

Banks of windows create views of the natural areas that adjoin the property. The master suite, set apart for added privacy, features a walk-in closet and master bath with a separate shower, oversized tub, and twin vanities. Two additional bedrooms have their own baths.

Each Eden ranch includes a basement, first-floor laundry room and two-car (optional three-car) garage. Another popular option is a morning room.

All Reserve One homes include first-quality wall-to-wall carpet, ceramic tile and designer-line vinyl floors, walk-in closets, volume master bedroom ceilings, 9-foot first-floor ceilings, decorator light fixtures, custom-finished hard-

wood kitchen cabinets, double-bowl stainless steel kitchen sinks, and wood bathroom vanities with cultured marble tops. Single-family homes also include hardwood floors in the foyer and powder room.

This Eden ranch is offered in three of Reserve One Homes' communities, Running Brook Farm in Johnsburg and Duck Lake Crossing and Vern's Landing in Fox Lake.

Running Brook Farm is near Route 31 and Route 120. To get there, take Route 31 north to Route 120. Go east on Route 120, one-half mile to Riverside Drive. Turn north on Riverside and go two miles to Running Brook Farm Boulevard, then follow the signs.

The sales office is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday to Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday — and by appointment. For more information on Running Brook Farm townhouses or single-family homes, call (815) 759-0808.

To get to Duck Lake Crossing, take Rand Road (Routes 12 and 59) north to Fox Lake. Then take the north Route 59 ramp turn-off and make a quick right onto Frontage Road, turn left at Chris Larkin Road and go one-quarter mile to the model.

The sales center is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays with additional hours by appointment. In mid-March, hours change to 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. For more information on Duck Lake Crossing, call (847) 973-3400.

Vern's Landing is located at Deer Run and State Park roads in Fox Lake. The sales center is located at Duck Lake Crossing.

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For information on all three communities and Reserve One Homes' newest community, Glacial Trails, visit the Reserve One Homes Web site, www.reserveonehomes.com.