Hazel SET YOUR SIGHTS

- By Susan M Boyce -



oming soon to Coquitlam's enchanting Maillardville neighbourhood, Hazel is a collection of just 34 condominium homes inspired by nature and designed with contemporary connectivity in mind. Of course, you could also say they're stylish, sophisticated and boast a distinctly fun-loving attitude.

EASY LIVING

The one-bedroom display suite feels like a breath of fresh air, and immediately reminds one of the comfortable, laid-back lifestyle associated with a seaside retreat.

On the right is an open-concept kitchen that looks perfect for entertaining – whether your idea of gourmet fun is a cook-off between you and your significant other or hosting the entire family for dinner. "And don't you just love the quartzite counters – so much easier to maintain than granite?" asks Sherry Saran, project manager for Phoenix Homes. It's hard not to agree, but the sky blue, glass backsplash is even more intriguing – and eye-catching.

Flooring throughout the main living area is a country-style, light charcoal laminate – meaning easy care, great durability and outstanding good looks. The living room has a photographic "view" across the Fraser River and just off the living room is a covered deck with plenty of space for a lounger, barbecue and table for two. Okay, it's getting tough to resist the urge to simply put my feet up and stay a while.

In the bathroom is another visual treat – here the sky-blue glass tile reappears as a whimsical and playful shower and tub surround. Very fun, very funky, very different.

Branch Out

"This is such a terrific neighbourhood," Saran says. "You've got great access to SFU via transit or car, BCIT is a quick trip via the Millennium Line or Highway One, and local shopping is fantastic." Plus there's Lougheed Town Centre, Coquitlam Centre and New Westminster as well as the diverse selection of big box shops along United Blvd.

And if you're looking for recreation, in all forms from mild and professionally guided to extreme and independent, Hazel puts you close to it all. Steve Nash Fitness World, walking trails along the Burnett River or through Burnaby Lake Park, mountain biking, even hang gliding – Maillardville is just minutes from it all.

Hazel (by Phoenix Homes) will be located at 825 Roderick Ave. in Coquitlam. Presentation centre and display suite are now open at 901B Lougheed Hwy. (on the northeast corner of Blue Mountain). Grand opening celebration now on. Priced from \$234,000 with HST included. For more information, visit liveathazel.com or call 778.829.1500.