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Flexible floorplans in Bridgeport; top builder named



Bridgeport model homes showcase flexible floor plans

Just in time for the kickoff of the spring home buying season, two fully furnished models have opened at Lexington Square2, a community of 24 single-family rowhomes in Bridgeport eight blocks west of U.S. Cellular Field.

Located across the street from Donovan Park at 3618 S. Sangamon St., Lexington Square2 offers two floor plans ranging from 2,216 to 2,507 square feet. Base-priced from \$379,900 to \$414,900, the three-story homes include three bedrooms, two and a half baths, rooftop decks with skyline views, and attached two-car garages. Options allow for additional bedrooms and baths.

Developed by Chicago-based Lexington Homes, Lexington Square2 builds on the success of the developer's first entry into Bridgeport, Lexington Square, a sold-out community of 39 single-family rowhomes.

"At Lexington Square, we fostered a close-knit community," says Jeff Benach, co-principal of Lexington Homes.

Eight of the 24 rowhomes have already sold, and ground has broken on six more rowhomes, which are scheduled for late spring delivery.

One of the models is the 2,507-square-foot Buckingham, which is base-priced from \$414,900 and serves as the Lexington Square2 sales center. The Buckingham model showcases the new entry foyer in all Lexington Square2 homes, which includes a half wall on the left and a granite-topped

niche on the right upon entering the home.

"We listened to homebuyer feedback and added a sophisticated looking space for buyers to organize items like keys and purses," Benach says.

The porcelain-tiled entry on the Buckingham's lower level leads to an attached two-car garage. A half flight of stairs up on the main living level, the kitchen features white cabinets with crown molding, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and an island. This level also includes a powder room, laundry closet, open living/dining room, and an oversized balcony off the kitchen.

On the third level, the Buckingham model features a master bedroom suite, including a walk-in closet and a bath with a granite, dual-sink vanity, soaking tub and walk-in shower with a clear glass door. Two additional bedrooms share a full hall bath.

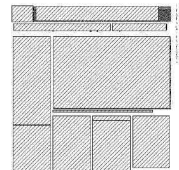
A second model available for viewing is the 2,216-square-foot Grant, which is base-priced from \$379,900.

To visit Lexington Square2, exit I-90/94 at 35th Street and head west for eight blocks. Turn left at Halsted Street and continue for three blocks. Turn right at 37th Street and the sales center will be located just ahead at 3618 S. Sangamon St. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 773-523-5900 or visit lexingtonchicago.com

Weiss Buiding & Development earns top honor

The Northern Illinois Home Builders Association recently awarded 2012 Northern Illinois Builder of The Year to Brandon Weiss, owner of Weiss Building & Development.

"It is a true honor to receive this award,



and be recognized as one of the top builders in the area. It is especially rewarding to receive an award that is voted on by other builders, remodelers, and industry professionals," says Brandon Weiss. Our main focus has been on building the highest quality homes using the most advanced building sciences, while also focusing on energy efficiency and indoor air quality. We have focused on all areas of green building and have many third party certified projects. Building a quality home and giving our clients a great experience is what we strive to do. In order to quantify and qualify our quality claims, we have been getting our projects third party verified for quality (beyond local code officials)."

Weiss continues to set himself apart with high-level education, designations, and certifications focusing on building high-

performing quality homes. In 2012, Brandon became the 24th Master Certified Green Professional in the world, a BPI (Building Performance Institute) Building Analyst & Envelope Professional, and Certified Aging In Place Specialist. The same year, Weiss's company built a first-of-its-kind, Certified Passive House in Chicago. Passive House is the world's most stringent energy efficiency standard, and WBD exceeded its threshold by 33 percent. The Passive House home was also certified for indoor air quality by a new Healthy Home Initiative, and was chosen as part of their pilot phase.

In addition, Brandon Weiss became the Education & Green Building Committee Chair at the Northern Illinois Home Builders Association.

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The kitchen at Lexington's Buckingham Square's model features white cabinets with crown molding, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances.