

# Hometown builder offers range of styles in Sequim

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**SEQUIM** — As carefree as the fragrant fields of lavender wafting in its surrounding hillsides, homebuyers are discovering equal parts respite and recreation at Cedar Ridge. Built by Anderson Homes, the neighborhood is set in the north Olympic Peninsula sunbelt-protected warmth of Sequim.

With this weekend's 21st annual Lavender Festival taking place in the city's floral farms, Sequim is basking in its recent honor as "the best Northwestern Small Town" in the country, according to USA Today.

This comes as no surprise to third-generation builder and Anderson Homes Vice President Caleb Anderson.

"We see a lot of people who are selling their home in a metropolitan market and building their dream home here," says Anderson. "When they come to Cedar Ridge, they have views of the water and get a lot more for their money."

Offering a range of prices, Anderson Homes has more than 100 plans from which to select — or buyers may choose a custom design. Its 179 homesites at Cedar Ridge include 94 single-level homes of 1,470 to 2,000 square feet in The Village with homesites near 6,500 square feet, each one near the neighborhood's clubhouse. The Estates hosts 85 larger homesites for one-, two-story and basement homes featuring 1,800 to 4,500 square feet of living space.

"From The Estates, Cedar Ridge offers mountain views, views of Sequim Bay, Protection Island and Mount Baker," says Ander-



The 2,315-square-foot, three-bedroom Mt. Angeles design is featured in one of the models open this weekend at Cedar Ridge.

## CEDAR RIDGE

Open 10 a.m.–6 p.m. daily at 180 Jones Farm Road, Sequim

**Prices:** Homesites from \$45,000, homes from the low \$300,000s

**Information:** 360-452-1232 or [cedarridge-sequim.com](http://cedarridge-sequim.com)

son. "There are 11.5 acres of beautiful open space, with a lawn going down to the pond, two fountains and a waterfall."

The clubhouse features a fitness center, fireside living room, meeting room, full kitchen and large deck overlooking the pond.

The amenities at Cedar Ridge are connected by 3.5 miles of community walking trails. For longer distances, the popular Olympic Discovery Trail, a non-motorized 126-mile route linking Port



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Townsend on the east with La Push to the west on the Washington coast, is available nearby.

"We're five minutes from downtown Sequim, so it doesn't feel like you're directly in town — and we're in that rain shadow, so we get about 16 inches of rain

a year — less than half of Seattle's rainfall average," Anderson adds.

He says local flavors from a Saturday Farmer's Market and first Friday of the month art walk blend seamlessly with the convenience of Sequim's Costco for locals.

"Geographically, we're in

a unique place — right on the Strait of Juan de Fuca, near the Olympic Mountains," Anderson says. With a two-hour connection via the Edmonds/Kingston ferry and Highway 104 in light traffic, he says "it's no wonder that Sequim has long been a popular retirement community."

"Since a lot of our buyers are retirees who plan on living in their home as long as possible, all of our homes incorporate design guidelines from Aging-in-Place and Universal Design. Our homes feel spacious and are easy to get around with wide hallways, wide doors and a zero-step transition at the entry and garage doors.

We place in-wall blocking around toilets, tubs and showers for future grab bars. We also use high-quality and low-maintenance materials like James Hardie cement siding, Milgard windows

with a lifetime warranty, and LED light bulbs, to name a few. Many people are designing their final home here. They come to Cedar Ridge for a home where they can live as long as they can with Aging-in-Place."

One of this weekend's models — the Mt. Angeles — showcases many of the builder's most popular features. With three bedrooms, two baths, a den, 250-square-foot outdoor room and two-car garage, it features 2,315 square feet of living space. Nine-foot ceilings crown the open-flow great room, and brick, tile and stone accents enhance exterior finishes.

Other features include Grohe plumbing fixtures, heated tile bathroom floors, Belmont cabinets, a full walk-in kitchen pantry and Cronin engineered hardwood flooring.

"Our clients know us and they know we want to take care of them down the road," says Anderson. "What drives a lot of people to us is peace of mind."

He believes a lot of that confidence comes from Anderson Homes' long history on the Olympic Peninsula.

"My grandfather has built over 750 homes here — the most of any builder on the Peninsula," Anderson says. "My father has built 500 homes — the second-most on the Peninsula. Today, we're a team of people, a full-service contractor. Our buyers come to us with dreams and visions and pictures from Pinterest. We're here to give them help finding their land, designing their homes and creating their specifications together."

"We're friendly — very easy to work with," he adds. "We're proud to be the hometown guys."