



COVER STORY



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DEVELOPER: Candor Properties
AREA: Turner Valley
BUILDERS: Woodmaster Homes, Coco Homes, Southview Homes, Kimcorp
PRICE: 44-ft. wide level lots from the \$100,000s; 44.-ft. wide walkout lots from \$125,000.
DIRECTIONS: Follow Hwy. 22 south to Turner Valley. Turn right at the four-way stop onto Sunset Blvd. and turn left at George St.
HOURS: Call showhomes for hours.
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FAST FACTS

Turner Valley a 'hidden gem'

In a historic town only 20 minutes south of city limits is a new community that truly encompasses the concept of country living.

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Where other satellite towns have swelled to three or four times their original size, Turner Valley has remained quaint and charming. It's a reminder of Alberta's rich history in the oil fields, a quiet respite for those who work in the city where today's oil industry thrives — and according to Candor Properties' Rachael Roulston, home buyers have taken notice.

"What people like about Everwood Estates, and about Turner Valley, is the small-town atmosphere," she says. "Nearly 70% of our buyers are from Calgary and they're looking to leave the city and have a slower-paced lifestyle. They want to raise their families somewhere like this."

When complete, the community will combine the best of modern living — think gourmet kitchens, attached garages, open-concept floor plans — with classic small-town charm.

Sprawling home sites, including

walkout and amenity lots, along with eye-catching craftsman style architecture will create a rambling and old-fashioned community, with stone and wood detailing on bungalow, bi-level and two-storey homes providing an esthetically pleasing look.

"The lots in Everwood are significantly bigger than what you'd get in the city, for significantly less," Roulston says. "We're also fortunate to have wonderful amenities."

Parks, open spaces and a future water park will lend an outdoorsy and family friendly nature to the area, while surrounding the development is an abundance of natural attractions, from the Sheep River, to the cowboy trail, to Kananaskis Country only moments away.

And contributing to the area's rustic appeal are abodes built by Woodmaster Homes and Southview Homes, both of which have showhomes open, while Cornerstone Homes has spec homes and pre-sales available.

Coco Homes builds duplexes in the community, and Kimcorp has the multi-family market covered with duplexes and townhomes to select from.

Choice is abundant outside of the neighbourhood as well — necessities are close at hand, with an array of false-front shops and services lining the quaint Main Street, along with coffee shops, artisan studios and boutiques.

"In the town, we have a kindergarten to Grade 8 school, and in Black Diamond, there's a kindergarten to Grade 12, and due to their proximity, the two towns share other amenities as well," Roulston says.

"There's a hospital in Black Diamond, which is a huge selling feature, and there are a lot of restaurants and artisans in the area, which is really neat."

It's a complete community, she says, where residents know each other by name, where regulars at the coffee shop read the paper over a cappuccino, and where kids are safe to ride their bikes along the town's winding boulevards.

"It's a growing community, and yet Turner Valley hasn't experienced the growth of other towns like Okotoks and Airdrie, which have just exploded," Roulston says.

"It's kind of a hidden gem — it's undiscovered."

