

Red Maple Park at 7938 209th Street by Polygon

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The Maples Club community clubhouse offers ample opportunities for exercise and recreation. A swimming pool, hot tub, playground and movie screening room are just a few of the family-friendly amenities available to Red Maple Park residents. Polygon's two and three bedroom townhomes come with tandem garages and backyards. WAYNE LEIDENFROST -PNG

RED MAPLE PARK Address: 7938 209th St., Langley Project Location: Willoughby-York area, Langley Project size: 32 townhomes in Phase 2 (some remain available in completed Phase 1) Residence sizes: Two and three bedrooms, from 1,205 square feet Prices: From \$299,900 Developer: Polygon (Red Maple Park) Homes Ltd. Architect: Formwerks Architectural Inc. Interior Designer: Polygon in-house Sales Centre: 7938 209th Street, Langley Hours: Noon -6 p.m., Sat -Thurs Telephone: 604-888-8699 Email: redmaplepark@polyhomes.com Web: www.polyhomes.com Occupancy: December 2012(for Phase 2) Before Stacy and Mark Vogl toured the Red Maple Park townhouse development in Langley, they had one date on the top of their minds: Dec. 20, 2011. That's the due date for their first child. Mere hours after they toured the project, they had one more day to look forward to: their July 27 move-in date. "We wanted to bring the baby home to a nice place," says Stacy Vogl, 34. She and Mark, Vancouver residents who work in the hospitality sector, had been looking for their first home for two months before they settled on their two-bedroom town house at Red Maple Park. The attraction was instant. "We knew we would find our place when we walked into it and it felt like home." By the time they move into their new home -the two-storey townhouse will have a tandem garage and a backyard that backs onto the new community's playground -construction of the 32 townhomes in the second and final phase of Polygon Homes' Red Maple Park community will be in full swing. As with the 15 residences in the first phase, the two-and three-bedroom townhouses will feature a tandem garage. An upper floor with open-concept kitchens, full dining areas and living room comes fitted with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and laminate flooring. The top floor is designated for the bedrooms, one full bath and a master ensuite. From the looks of the completed first phase, with its outdoor playground climbing centre and swingsets, Red Maple Park was made for young families like the Vogls. As well, it is appealing to couples who want to downsize their living space, and first-time homebuyers, according to Ralph Archibald, Polygon Homes' senior vice-president of sales and marketing. Beyond the playground and swings stands the 8,400-square foot Maples Club community clubhouse. When the Vogls' baby is a little older, he or she will be able to romp about in the clubhouse's indoor playground or take in a movie in the screening room. The Maples Club is also fitted with a fitness centre, two guest suites, a games area and lounge under 25-foot ceilings. French doors open to a large outdoor pool for owners' use. It's there that Polygon's activities coordinators, who circulate between nearby developments, will conduct water aerobics classes, lead fitness classes in the clubhouse and organize community events. The developer has constructed about five single-family home and town house communities in the Langley area because it sees a future for downsizers, young families and 20-and 30-somethings looking for value for their housing budget, says Archibald. "Townhome living is roughly 10 per cent more than apartment living, but [Red Maple Park] comes with a clubhouse, more square footage, a tandem garage, and everyone gets a backyard." As far as the surrounding neighbourhood, "this is a very progressive area for development in the Lower Mainland," he says. "That means a lot of things: it means housing, schools, and shops." Such robust development comes as an outgrowth from the Township of Langley's 2006 relocation of its municipal hall to the Willoughby area. More commerce and retail followed. Fastforward to today, and Red Maple Park homeowners can drive a few minutes to big-box stores, the Willowbrook Shopping Centre, or a quaint shopping experience in the narrow streets and older shops in Fort Langley. For the Vogls, no surge in development will change the character and warmth they found in their community at Red Maple Park, says Stacy. "Having a new family, we want to be involved with a sense of community as well, and it feels so small-townish." © Copyright (c) The Vancouver Sun



Laminate flooring extends through the open-concept dining, living and kitchen areas at Red Maple Park. Kitchens are fitted with granite counters, stainless steel appliances and ceramic tile backsplash. Photograph by: Wayne Leidenfrost, PNG, Special To The Sun



The show home kitchen island is roomy enough to serve as both a meal prep station and breakfast bar. The ensuite bathroom, right, has a walk-in shower and dual porcelain sinks. An outdoor pool at The Maples Club, top right, will welcome residents during the warmer months. Photograph by: Wayne Leidenfrost, PNG, Special To The Sun

