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Landscaping extends homes' living spaces

T rue to its name, Kimura Gardens offers homeowners a welcome retreat from their busy schedules.

In Japanese, kimura means “tree village,” and the homes at Kimura Gardens are surrounded by protected green spaces and lush landscaping. These backyard sanctuaries extend residents’ living space beyond their four walls, says Windermere Real Estate’s Tana Lehman, the listing agent at Kimura Gardens.

“This is a great neighborhood for busy homeowners who want their own little oasis to come home to without having to worry about cutting the grass or watering the lawn,” Lehman says. “Because some of the yard spaces are maintained [by the developer], free time is truly free.”

Kathy Smith, who owns a home at Kimura Gardens with her husband, David, says she appreciates the fact that the lots are maintained. “We’ll be able to travel in the summertime without worrying about watering, mowing or weeding,” she says.

The homes, built by CamWest, are priced from the low \$300,000s and include three- to five-bedroom designs.

Each homeowner can choose from one of three backyard-landscaping packages: Fresh-To-Your-Table



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Open noon–5 p.m. daily or by appointment at 21830 38th Drive S.E., Bothell

Prices

From the low \$300,000s

Information

206-321-7368 or camwest.com

Gourmet Garden, Pacific Northwest Zen Garden and Clean-and-Green Outdoor Fireplace. All of the garden-design packages are included

in the price of the homes.

“CamWest has created these wonderfully unique outdoor living rooms that go beyond the typical backyard landscaping you find in other new-home communities,” Lehman says. “I see homeowners out all the time entertaining friends in the backyard gardens.”

The Gourmet Garden package includes a raised vegetable/herb planter and patio dining space. The Zen Garden offers patio space with a water feature for an out-of-the-way retreat. And the Outdoor Fireplace package includes

a propane-heated, energy-efficient fireplace for a cozy setting year-round.

“These private yards, coupled with bungalow-style architecture, create a charming street scene rarely found outside the neighborhoods of Seattle — a streetscape of varied architectural styles, interesting colors, trellises, inviting parks and landscaping,” Lehman says.

Buyers can choose from 11 floor plans, each of which includes at least two exterior elevations. Some feature four-sided architecture, which have 360-degree design elements

that Lehman says make the homes aesthetically pleasing from every viewpoint.

“I love the architecture of the homes,” says David Smith. “They are unusual in that the backs of the houses are just as interesting to look at as the fronts.”

Interiors include oversized windows and high ceilings that allow natural light to fill the rooms. Hardwood floors extend throughout the main living space, and kitchens are outfitted with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances.

“Kimura Gardens’ standard finish package has a higher quality of materials than most other new-home communities,” Lehman says. “And if you purchase a presale home, you’ll have the opportunity to customize your spaces by choosing select designer finish materials.”

Kimura Gardens has a mix of both move-in-ready and presale homes, she says.

In addition to the private



gardens, CamWest incorporated three parks within the Kimura Gardens community. Each park features a large lawn area with a play structure, a trail system for jogging, and permanent greenbelts.

“Our homeowners often tell me how much they appreciate the parks and the trails,”

Lehman says. “It makes them feel part of a close-knit neighborhood where they can create fast relationships.”

Kimura Gardens is located near the University of Washington Bothell campus and is approximately 10 minutes from historic downtown Bothell, where homeowners

can explore the 40-plus shops and services of Country Village.

Bothell is undergoing a revitalization that will include more downtown retail, as well as a new city hall, an outdoor public plaza, and pedestrian corridors that connect the city center to Main Street.