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— MAYA ANGELOU

“It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live.”
— J.K. Rowling

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Summer 2022

Future Trends

PEOPLE ARE LEAVING URBAN COUNTIES FOR A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE.

Future trends are now geared to enrich their quality of life.

According to official data examined by the bipartisan Economic Innovation Group, more than two-thirds of U.S. counties with an urban core and a population of 250,000 or more experienced population loss last year for the first time in 50 years.

Exurban counties—those that are outside the suburbs but not too far away to be considered "rural"—saw an increase in families of 80%.

In contrast, exurban and rural counties witnessed an increase in the proportion of counties that saw population growth, with non-metropolitan rural counties experiencing the biggest population gain since 2008, it was reported.

The study revealed the shift was sparked by a desire for more room and less expensive houses.

When people are younger, they may be drawn to cities, but when they decide to start families, they tend to move out to the suburbs and exurban areas in search of larger, more affordable houses. - Google News.

Only three counties made up the group of counties with the greatest population growth in 2012.

Additionally, the migration pattern from the eastern U.S. to the west continued. The fastest-growing region was Maricopa County in Arizona, which includes Phoenix, defying the national trend away from metropolitan areas.

According to the report, outlying rural counties in eastern Oregon and northern Idaho saw "strong population growth," and every county in Nevada saw an increase in residents...

Remote work has dispersed skilled workers away from the traditional business hubs, particularly on the coasts, and will develop new tech, financial, and innovation centers across the nation, lowering the cultural influence of the coasts and bolstering previously under-performing metro areas in the heartland.

Thus, the growth of remote labor will reshape economic ecosystems in both metropolitan cores and exurban areas.

Adding retail and service enterprises will improve the quality of life, create jobs, and draw more people to the exurban areas. Local planning commissions must be aware of the trend and take action to prevent exurbs from extending into larger suburbs.

Urban centers face the opposite problem.



The quality of life will decrease as city services deteriorate; more people will leave, starting a downward spiral.

To succeed in the big picture of this thing called life, you don't need to choose wisely. Simply avoid making bad decisions. Mistakes do occur. People can attest to making mistakes in their lives.

Due to an increase in violent crimes, wealthy residents are hiring private armed guards to patrol their neighborhoods to protect themselves and their property. 🏠



Summer Special 2022

4TH JULY



THE LOON LAKE

Vacation Home ... Cottage

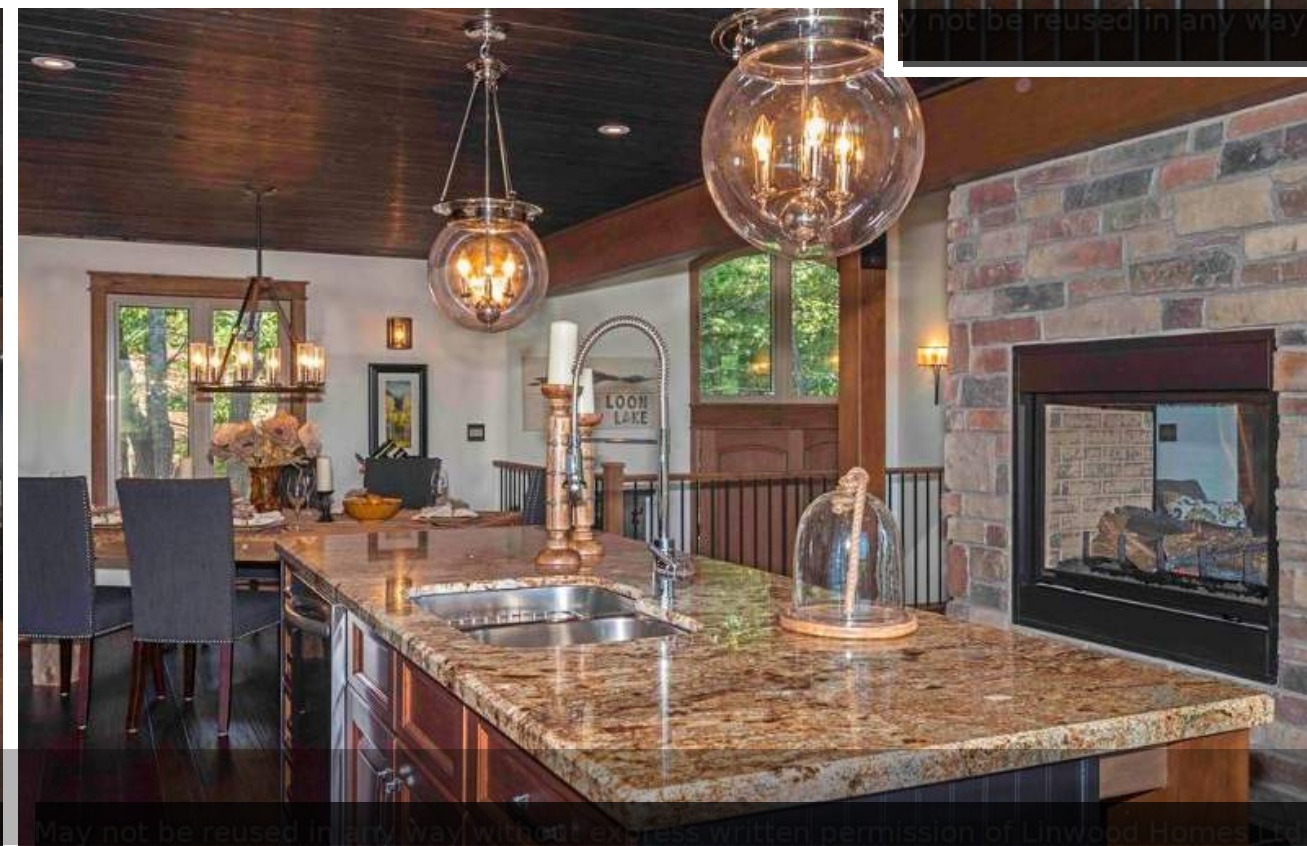
plan of the month

July 2022

4 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS
2,740 SQ. FT.



THE LOON LAKE
POST & BEAM
COTTAGE DESIGN



The Loon Lake cedar homes design, post and beam home package is getting accolades from thousands of admirers. Designed as a dream cottage or vacation home, it has so much to offer for those seeking the ultimate dream home.

Beyond EXPECTATIONS



The Loon Lake



Post & Beam Cottage Design





The Loon Lake Custom Home



Home Information (Sq Ft)

Main Floor: 1,304
Upper Floor: 1,436
Total Living Area: 2,740

Covered Entry/Porch: 370
Balcony/Deck: 336

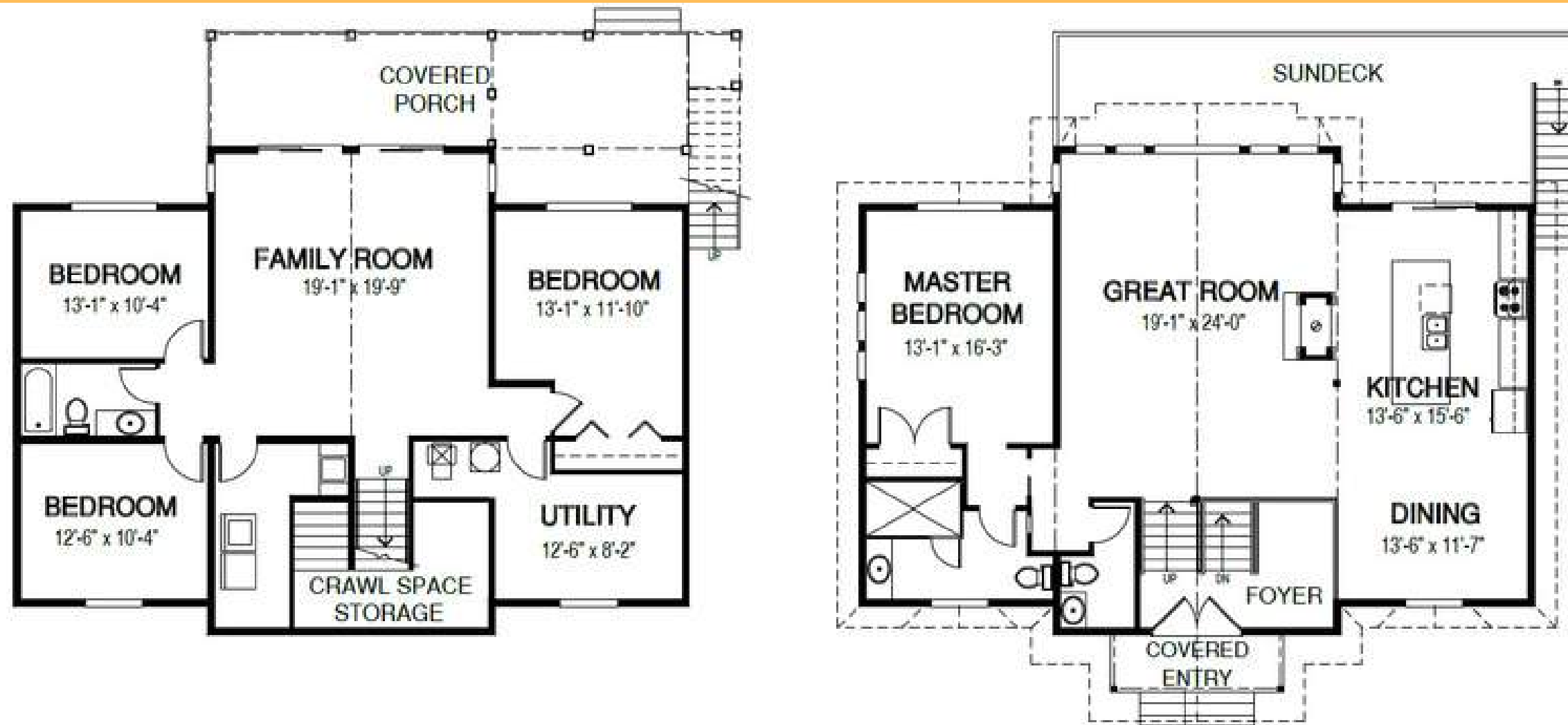
Total Area: 3,446

Home Dimensions (Ft)

Width: 51
Depth: 42

Floor Plan

THE LOON LAKE



Vacation-style **Luxury** **WATERFRONT** **LAKE**

CUSTOM HOME

Luxury Waterfront Lake Home!

Experience the irresistible sense of rest, relaxation and recreation. The set-up and style of the home play an important role in how you socialize, entertain and enjoy it. Spend your nights watching the sunset and have beautiful dinners under the stars or watch the sunrise as it comes in through your beautiful sunroom and skylight bedroom windows.



Open- concept floor plan

allows
family and
friends to
gather
while
giving each
other space.



Connects the kitchen,
living room and dining area
into one unified space.



Your deck is an extension of your living space...
a place to chill out and entertain.



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Waterfront Custom Home



Vacation-style
Luxury



*You're
Dream Home!*





2021 - 2022 TRENDS

39 percent preferring rural/small-town life

rural living

People moving to rural areas favor more settled rural areas with attractive scenic qualities or those nearer large cities.

United Nations: 90% of reported coronavirus cases worldwide are concentrated in urban areas. Less stressful driving experience, cleaner, and better air quality.

Organically grown food is available all around in contrast to urban areas where consumers pay a premium. Less expensive housing, lower property taxes, and lower mortgage payments compared to similar properties in a large metro area. Consider the possibility to buy land and have a custom home built. Remote employment is becoming more common. It provides a benefit for both employee and employer. Online banking and investing go with you wherever you live. Your own personal bank branch and broker account at home with you.





Turn Your
Custom Home
Dreams Into
Reality!



LAKE SIDE COTTAGE



live
your
dream.



THE SANTA CRUZ

MODERN DESIGN

A CUSTOM HOME

just for you

3 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS
2,594 SQ.FT.



CUSTOM SANTA CRUZ

MODERN DESIGN

Summer 2022



A custom home makes it easy not only to celebrate the lifestyle of its owners but also the environment that surrounds it.

Find inspiration to embrace custom living in your own custom-built home.



The Santa Cruz Modern Design

Building Your Custom Home

THE BUILDING PROCESS

YOUR HOUSE BUILDING PROCESS

- Review House Design and Custom-Building Material Quote.
- Enter into Custom Home Purchase Agreement.
- Preparation of Permit Ready Floor Plans.
- Production of Custom House Materials.
- Cedar Homes Package Shipment to Site.

Using a Cedar Designs Home design and custom material package allows builders to accurately estimate the remainder of the costs of construction.

Your cedar home design details will give home builders the information that they need to do so.



If your requirements have changed, you can revise the design and material specifications at any time during the concept stage.

REVIEW YOUR QUOTATION

Your custom house quotation is based on your selected house design and building material choices.

Your initial concept house design shows floor plans and elevations. You receive a list of the main product features in your home package along with available options for you to consider.

If you have other questions about your chosen cedar home design and house materials at this stage let us know. Changes and adjustments can be easily changed if you wish.

CONFIRMATION OF BUDGET

At this stage, you may want to ensure that your house site improvement and home building costs meet your planned budget and financing requirements.



CONTENTS OF DESIGN & MATERIAL PACKAGE

PURCHASE AGREEMENT

A purchase agreement is prepared based on the quotation provided. This will consider any revisions or modifications that you would like to make.

Once you are ready to move ahead, all you need to do is sign the purchase agreement, which together with its schedule details commitments to you.

You require only a 10% deposit of the house package price at this stage.

You will always have full control over the timing of when you want to move to the next step in getting ready to build your cedar home.

Design:

Development of Concept
3D Site-Specific Design
Full Construction Drawings, Foundation Plans, and Detailed Material List

Materials:

All materials to build the structure of your custom home to lock up are outlined in your quotation and include:

- Performax pre-cut wall/flooring/roof system
- Energy-efficient exterior doors and windows
- Siding, trim, fascia

Technical Support:

Valuable advice and construction support for you and the home builder.

Everything You Need to Build Your Dream Home

OTHER HOME PACKAGE VALUE

- Fixed price protects against rising prices.
- Guaranteed quantity minimizes costly downtime.
- Premium quality gives better-finished results with less waste.
- Factory-organized and labeled for more efficient construction.
- Direct-to-site shipment ensures all materials are available when needed.
- Owner Builder Manual guides budget and construction decisions.
- Access to Cedar Designs Builder Network to help you select the right builder.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Your initial 10% deposit covers the following activities:

- Registration of your Price Guarantee in our records.
- Preparation of your 3D Site-Specific Design.
- Issuance of Owner Builder Manual.
- Help to select the right builder.
- Confirming permit timing in your area.
- Make any needed changes to your design.
- Finalize material choices in your package.

Once these activities are complete to your satisfaction, you will be ready to move to the next stage.



3-D SITE-SPECIFIC DESIGN

A member of your Cedar Designs team will be working closely with you to make sure that any changes that you need are incorporated into your 3D site-specific design.

Your home design adjustments can be major changes to the size, look, and layout of your custom home, or simple ones like exterior features. Changes must be made at this stage of the design process, as doing so later could be costly and may cause delays.

At the end of this process, you will have enough detail in your drawings to get accurate quotes and obtain a bank appraisal for construction financing, if required.

FIXED PRICE & QUANTITY GUARANTEE

There is often a significant time lag between completion of home design and being able to start construction. This is due to the time taken to get permits, complete site development activities, and allow for weather.

Material prices are rising constantly and are always higher in peak season. Lumber yards only offer a fixed price for a very short period and will never give quantity guarantees.

Our price and quantity guarantee is unique in the custom home industry. It provides our customers and their financing institutions with a much higher degree of cost certainty and significantly reduces the risk of cost overruns.

Price is important, and we'll give you numbers with regard to your custom cedar homes' pricing.

The quality of our cedar lumber is outstanding, and far superior to what most contractors can purchase from their lumber yards, even if they are willing to pay a premium.

Building with high quality, straight and true components means that everything goes together the first time with lower construction cost. You will not experience settling problems from our kiln-dried material.



THE BARRETT

NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN



2 BEDS | 1 BATH
1,185 SQ.FT.

FINALIZE MATERIAL CHOICES

Your Cedar Designs Team will work with you to make sure that you are happy with your choice of materials included in the home package. Changes can be made to any of the materials specified in your purchase agreement.

The reason for changes might range from color choices to upgrading materials you originally selected or adding options that you may have been previously considered.

These changes can easily be handled by way of amendment. You have full control of the change process as any amendment must be approved by you in writing.



HOMEOWNER INVOLVEMENT

Every new custom cedar home project is different, and the level of homeowner involvement varies considerably. However, as the owner of the land and one paying the bills, you always have some level of responsibility.

This includes selecting the right combination of resources that you can trust to help you build your cedar home successfully. Builders and

contractors must also provide you with accurate building cost quotes, so you can properly prepare your working budget.

You also need to take an active involvement upfront to make sure that you are given good information so that you can make the right decisions.

OWNER BUILDER MANUAL

A detailed Owner Builder Manual is issued to every Cedar Designs customer. This is a step-by-step reference guide to help you select your custom home builder, control your house project, and save money.



The Barrett has a breezy covered porch, which can be screened in by homeowners. The convenient, L shaped kitchen and dining area – open to the central great room.



The Barrett Neighborhood Design

It also includes a comprehensive Project Budget worksheet outlining all the other various project costs estimate that need to be considered in your initial preliminary budget.

Turning this into a working budget should be completed with input from your custom home builder and other house contractors involved as soon as you have finalized your 3D Site-Specific design and cedar home product choices.

Design and material changes can be made before the preparation of construction drawings. This process gives you the flexibility required to make any changes needed to stay within your target budget.

SELECTING THE RIGHT BUILDER

Cedar Designs will provide you with a ‘Working with Builders’ document and help you select the right builder.

As part of the house builder selection process, you will also need to confirm that your house builder is available to build at the time required to meet your custom home construction timetable.

Cedar Designs will need to talk to your custom home builder to make sure that they understand the benefits of working with Cedar Designs Homes’s design and cedar homes material package and price your custom home job accordingly.

Once your cedar home concept design is complete, you will be able to get accurate quotes from your selected house builder to be included in your working budget. These may also be required by your financial institution.



PREPARATION OF PERMIT READY PLANS

Once you have finalized your 3D Site-Specific Cedar Home Concept Design and are ready to move ahead with your custom home project, you can take the next step in getting ready to build your dream home.

This requires an additional 10% deposit. Cedar Designs will then start the preparation of permit-ready house plans.

House plans also include foundation plans, schedules, and cross-sections. Floor joists and rafter or truss layouts are also included if they are required for permit applications.

Your cedar home builder will find that the level of detail provided will make your custom house construction process easier and faster. The house drawings will be pre-engineered and ready for local engineering, if required, as part of the customhouse permit approval process.

ENGINEERING & PERMITTING

Your local planning department will require Permit Ready House Plans before they issue the necessary approvals.

All Cedar Designs plans are pre-engineered to meet national standards for loading and structural integrity. However, many jurisdictions require a local engineer to certify that your house plans meet local building codes.

The Lochlin Neighborhood Design



Cedar Designs staff engineer will work with your local engineer to make any changes necessary to obtain house plan approvals. This level of technical support speeds up the process and reduces local engineering costs.

PERMIT READY PLAN DETAIL

Cedar Designs' permit-ready house plans are widely regarded as the best in the industry. These house plans contain a large amount of detail, which helps your home builder use the custom home materials supplied in the right way to get the best house construction result.

The cedar home materials needed at each stage of the custom home construction process are identified and indexed to your house plans. This makes for faster house construction and minimizes the chance of mistakes by the builder.

Cedar Designs provide a Construction Guide to your custom home builder. This gives useful information about how to properly use your custom cedar home materials in the construction process. It also facilitates efficient communication with Cedar Designs Homes technical support personnel.

PRODUCTION OF CUSTOM MATERIALS

Once you have the necessary house plan approvals based on your construction drawings and foundation plans, you are ready to move to the next step in getting ready to build your custom cedar home.



Main floor master bedroom and elegant vaulted ceilings



The Lochlin Neighborhood Design



Premium Building Materials

Your Cedar Designs package contains custom materials and components that are custom manufactured and unique to your cedar home. Accordingly, we require an additional 20% to move your cedar home package into production.

The Lochlin Neighborhood Design



**3 BEDS | 2.5 BATHS
2,392 SQ.FT.**



entertain with

FRIENDS & FAMILY

PRODUCTION OF CUSTOM MATERIALS cont.

Cedar Designs will then proceed to order and manufacture all the house materials required to build the structure of your cedar home. These include specialty items with longer lead times, such as windows and beams. Your custom house construction materials can be shipped more efficiently and are available when needed.

HOME PACKAGE SHIPMENT TO SITE

Arranging for your custom home material production and delivery direct

to your home site, from the factory normally takes about the same length of time as land clearance and completion of foundations.

We are talking about 4 weeks to produce and ship the first load to the site. This process may take longer at different times of the year, so, we need to know if your construction timeline changes.

Cedar Designs team will coordinate with you and your builder to make sure that materials are available when your foundations are completed.



Final payment to be made one week before scheduled delivery date. 



It's not always a dogs' life. We were also cooped up due to that COVID thing. We can't wait to enjoy the great outdoors.

Making outdoor spaces as desirable as indoor areas has changed interest among those who have been stuck at home for the past few years.

Homeowners who built their custom homes by a lake or river are adding outdoor kitchens, water landscapes, vegetable gardens, creative outdoor spaces including bug screens and retractable TVs.

Many are coming to realize how important a safer, healthier, stress-free lifestyle is for family happiness.



2022 HOUSING MARKET

Is it going to be tough for buyers?

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022

Housing Completions

Privately-owned housing completions in May were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,465,000.

This is 9.1 percent (± 22.6 percent)* above the revised April estimate of 1,343,000 and is 9.3 percent above the May 2021 rate of 1,340,000.

Single-family housing completions in May were at a rate of 1,043,000; this is 2.8 percent (± 13.6 percent)* above the revised April rate of 1,015,000.

The May rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 417,000.

New home construction soars 22% as America finally starts building houses again... [Fortune.com](#)

Home builders are stepping up their efforts to match the red-hot U.S. housing market.

The average price of a home in the U.S. jumped nearly 19% in 2021 alone, according to the S&P/Case-Shiller U.S. national home price index

The good news is the recent increase in new home starts coupled with rising mortgage rates should help to cool the scorching U.S. housing market over time.

Ed Pinto, director of the American Enterprise Institute's housing center and former chief credit officer at Fannie Mae, sees a 12% jump ahead.



Fed interest rate hikes translate directly to higher borrowing rates for mortgages, car loans, and more, which typically leads to reduced demand. 📈



Mascarpone Cream Mousse

Ingredients

one eight-ounce tub of mascarpone or whipped cream cheese
 one cup of organic whipping cream
 a teaspoon of vanilla-flavored stevia or golden Monk Fruit
 one pint of wild blueberries
 one pint of strawberries.

Instructions

chop the strawberries into bite-size pieces
 add mascarpone or whipped cream cheese, organic whipping cream, and stevia or golden Monk Fruit into a mixing bowl and whip on high speed until stiff peaks form.
 Layer with berries in a tall slim glasses or appropriate dessert bowls for serving

Keto Portobello Cheeseburgers

Ingredients

1 lb. grass-fed 80/20 ground beef
 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
 1 tsp pink Himalayan salt or Sea salt
 1 tsp black pepper
 1 tbsp avocado oil
 6 portobello mushroom caps, destemmed, rinsed, and dabbed dry
 6 slices of sharp cheddar cheese

Instructions

In a bowl, combine ground beef, Worcestershire sauce, salt, and pepper. Form beef into burger patties.
 Brush avocado oil over the barbeque grill. Add portobello mushroom caps and cook for about 3-4 minutes on each side. Remove from grill.
 Grill burger patties for 4 minutes on one side and 5 minutes on the other side, or until the desired doneness is achieved. Add cheese to the top of the burgers and close the barbeque lid and allow the cheese to melt for about 1 minute.
 Layer one portobello mushroom cap, then cheeseburger, desired garnishes, and top with the remaining portobello mushroom cap.





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