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A loft is made into part of the master suite of the Birch model at Buckingham Orchard in Lombard.

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Pick of the Orchard

Luxury townhouses feature convenient Lombard location

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Buckingham Orchard, an enclave of 34 luxury two-story townhouses, offers a location near parks, recreation and downtown Lombard.

Built by Northfield-based Dearborn-Buckingham Group, the low-maintenance community provides lawn care and snow removal for a monthly association fee.

Located off Route 53 and south of North Avenue, Buckingham Orchard features three floor plans with both standard and end units available. Each townhouse has two to four bedrooms, convertible loft, 2½baths, full basement and two-car attached garage with exterior side entry.

The featured model is the Birch, which has an open, airy feel, said Christopher Coleman, company president.

"The flexibility we give buyers to customize certain aspects of this home, such as the finish options for the basement and various configurations for the second floor, are items buyers don't expect to be able to customize in a townhouse," Coleman said.

The Birch, priced from \$359,900, has 1,660 square feet, two bedrooms including a master suite, 2½baths, lookout basement and two-car garage. This design features an open layout with contemporary decor and showcases several available options.

A covered front entry with angled front door brings you into the foyer, which opens to the staircase with oak rails and white balusters on one side and the breakfast area and kitchen on the other. A powder room is adjacent to the stairs in the foyer. Hardwood flooring throughout the first floor gives the home a rich look.

In the kitchen, a black granite breakfast bar angles into the living room, forming a focal point in the space. The room also features deluxe 36-inch maple cabinetry with crown molding, stainless steel appliances, pantry, under-mount sink with pullout faucet and

recessed lights. The breakfast area accesses the garage, ideal for unloading groceries.

Open to the kitchen and living room, the dining room is set for guests with a candle centerpiece on the table. Still life pictures decorate the area, while sliding glass doors access the cedar deck.

In the two-story living room, large windows bathe the area in natural light. A fireplace with ceramic hearth and decorative columns on either side highlights the room, while an eggplant sofa and two chairs form a conversation area. A two-sided fireplace between the

living and dining room is an option. A laundry room, linen closet and hall bath are at the top of the stairs, while the guest bedroom with elegant gold and white spread is located to the right. The upstairs loft is converted into a master suite bedroom, just one of several flexible options available with this plan.

The suite features an elegant double-door entry, sitting room with camel-colored chaise lounges, animal print throw and burgundy accents. A half-wall with decorative column and champagne shelf separates the sitting area from the sleeping

quarters. An arrangement of heart prints accents the romantic feel of the suite. A vaulted ceiling tops the bedroom area, which features a burgundy and gold spread, sleek furnishings and walk-in closet. The deluxe private bath has a dual-bowl vanity, whirlpool tub and walk-in shower with a seat. A steam shower is an option.

Other designs include the Cedar, from \$364,400, with 1,730 square feet, two bedrooms including a first-floor master and loft, or optional third bedroom, 2½ baths and second-floor family room. The Ash, from \$383,900, has 1,750

square feet, two bedrooms plus loft, or optional third bedroom and 2½baths. A Birch design with the same floor plan as the model, including the super suite, is priced at \$354,000 and available for immediate delivery.

To visit the community, take I-355 to North Avenue east to Route 53 south about one-half mile to Pleasant Lane, then west to the sales center and community on the left. The sales center is open from noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Tuesday, closed Wednesday and Thursday. Call (630) 261-9404 or visit www.dbghomes.com.



The dining room is open to the kitchen and the living room.



Light fills the two-story living room, which features a fireplace with a ceramic hearth.

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Price range: \$359,900 to \$383,900

Square footage: 1,660 to 1,750

Schools: Forest Glen Elementary and Hadley Junior High schools in Glen Ellyn Elementary District 41 and Glenbard West High School in Glenbard Township High School District 87

Parks: Butterfield Park District