

Better living

Universal design never goes out of style

The homeowner's wish list may vary in the custom market, but there are certain luxury amenities which boast universal crowd appeal.

With more than 35 years of experience building some of the most notable homes on Chicago's North Shore and beyond, Orren Pickell Designers & Builders have witnessed countless trends come and go through the years. While the pendulum swings with certain trends, "universal design" never goes out of style. Incorporating elements which can satisfy homeowners at all stages of life will always stay in vogue.

Some design elements

with universal appeal include:

■ **Dual Master Suites.** National trends indicate that many retirees are opting to forego the home in traditional retirement states and stay where they raised their families. While some are remodeling their existing homes to reflect their changing lifestyle, others are starting anew and building custom homes.

For both, a popular desire is a dual master suite, which also appeal to homeowners in every stage of life. The dual master satisfies the empty-nester, the older homeowner and the ever-loving entertainer who constantly hosts houseguests.

Incorporating a private bath and walk-in closet in both master suites, guests always feel welcome.

When the second master suite is located on the first floor of the home it simplifies life for the homeowner looking to slow down and offers houseguests a secluded sanctuary during their stay.

■ **Elevated Living.** Elevators continue to be in high demand for homeowners of all ages and varying lifestyles. Whether it's to accommodate heavy luggage after a trip, the stroller after a day out, older guests coming to visit for the weekend or aging homeowners, an elevator is a wonderful luxury in the



Master milieu: Master suites, especially dual masters, add a custom flair to privacy and create a special atmosphere. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

home.

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