

Universal Design is for You!

A house built with Universal Design features is adaptable and will meet the lifestyle needs of active families as they change over time. The design will also satisfy the growing desire of adults to stay in their home after retirement and "age in place" in a neighborhood they have grown to love.

Consumer demand for this type of housing is growing and is very marketable. Upscale design and functional ease are incorporated into easy living features that increase usability by people of all ages, sizes and abilities. Attractive rooms, cutting edge products and barrier-free, state-of-the-art features are included in all styles of universally designed single family housing.

Incorporate Universal Design features to add a lifetime of value, convenience and marketability to your investment!



Directions:

From I-66, take Exit 44, the 234 Bypass/Prince William County Parkway exit. From the bypass, exit onto Nokesville Rd/VA Rte 28 South. Pass Bristow Road and Vint Hill Road, about 3 miles. Turn left onto Bristow Village Boulevard (at the BIG "Centex Model Homes Open" sign). Make the first left onto Poagues Battery Drive. The Universal Design House is 10616 Poagues Battery Drive at the corner of Ricketts Battery Drive.

From I-95, take Exit 152 (Dumfries Road, Rte. 234 W toward Manassas). Stay on Route 234 for about 20 miles. Exit at Route 28/Nokesville Road (South). See directions to the House, above.



Take a free tour and learn new ways of thinking about how to have your future home designed and built!

The Demonstration House will be open to the public for free tours from December 2, 2006 through early Spring 2007.

HOURS of operation: 10:00 am - 5:30 pm
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays
Call regarding holiday weekend hours.

Groups are encouraged to have meetings at the house and/or arrange tours by reservation.

For reservations and more information, please CALL (703) 792-6400 or visit our website at www.pwcgov.org/ud.

Universal Design Hits Home:

New Directions
In Single Family Housing



**Universal Design
Demonstration House**
10616 Poagues Battery Drive
New Bristow, VA

*Presented by:
Greater PW Coalition for Housing and Universal
Design, Centex Homes and Devereaux Architects*

Homes Designed for Easy Living and an Active Lifestyle with the Ability to Adapt to Changing Needs



Are you:

- A family with young children?
- A person with a permanent or temporary disability?
- An older adult who wants to remain independent at home?
- A family who plans to live in their home for a lifetime?
- Interested in housing that offers convenience and is easy to maintain?
- Desiring a house that is more marketable and easier to sell?

Universal Design is for everyone!

Design your home to be barrier-free, convenient, comfortable and easy to live in:

- A sloped front walkway from the driveway to the front porch is user-friendly.
- Flush thresholds at entries and throughout the house are convenient and safe.
- Wider doorways and hallways are practical for delivery of large items and welcoming to party guests.
- A 48" wide stairway with handrails on each side allows two people to walk safely side by side.
- Lighted landings and contrasting stair nosings are both safe and attractive.
- Low windows let in natural light and allow outdoor views from a seated position.
- Lever door handles and rocker light switches are simpler to use.
- Lower light switches and higher electrical outlets are easier to reach.
- Varying kitchen counter heights allow food preparation by kids or seated adults.
- Spacious bathrooms are handy when everyone has to get ready at once.
- A ramp between the garage and kitchen makes unloading groceries easy.
- The built-in elevator shaft makes future installation economical.



Think smarter about home building!

Why do it now? Because life is ever-changing and full of surprises.

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Homes with Universal Design features are a great investment in the enjoyment of the home now, in the future as the residents' needs change, and in resale value. There is a large and fast-growing market for homes built using Universal Design concepts, a market that is vastly under-served by the building industry today.



For more information and Community Resources:

Prince William Area Agency on Aging

(703) 792-6400

www.pwcgov.org/aoa

PWC Disability Services Board

(703) 792-7649

www.pwcgov.org/dsb

Project Mend-A-House

(703) 792-7663

www.pmahweb.org

**Housing and Community Development
Neighborhood Rehabilitation**

(703) 792-7537

www.pwcgov.org/housing