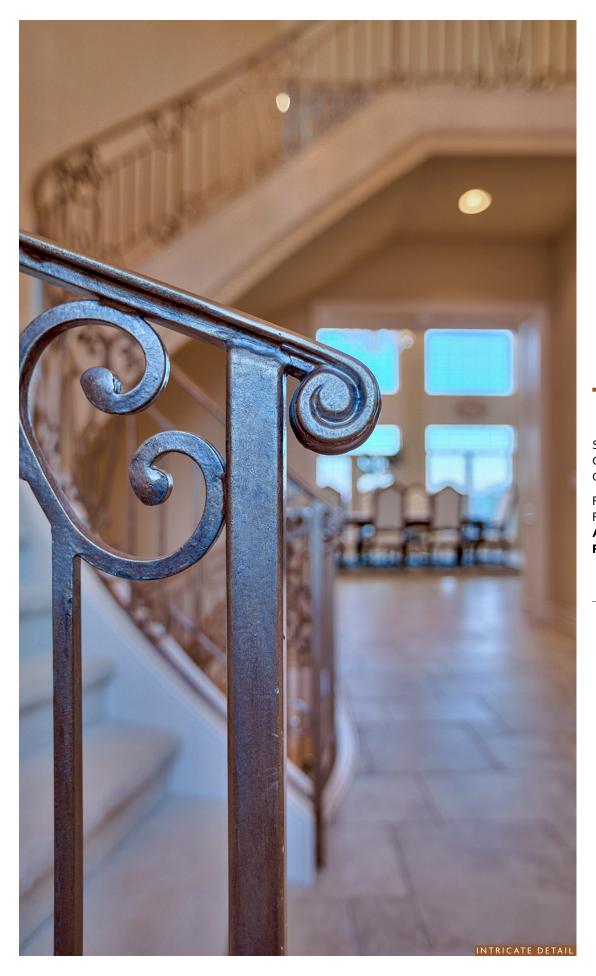


ELEGANCE BY THE LAKE

here's definitely something to be said about the alluring combination of luxury and lakefront living that has many deeming it the "best of both worlds." This 8,900 sq. ft. traditional French style property at Newport Landing Bennington Lake is just that. It offers a perfect blend of opulence and tranquility that so many potential homebuyers are craving.

While the neighborhood exudes vacation vibes, bustling West Omaha is merely a short 8-minute drive and downtown nightlife only 20. This means that all of the amenities that accompany lake life, as well as city life, are well within reach from the property.

Settled on a beautiful private estate lot more than an acre in size, this spacious six-bedroom, seven-bathroom home was built to entertain and accommodate a larger family. Kelly Kontz, the realtor for the listing, emphasized the flexibility that the home can offer.



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"The house presents itself as very French at first, but it could easily be given a more Mediterranean or contemporary style simply by changing some of the paint colors and light fixtures," Kontz said. "The next homeowners have the opportunity to make the space their own and customize it to fit their unique style." She has lived in Newport Landing at Bennington Lakes for 16 years and specializes in lake living and luxury properties. She said many do not realize the value of an existing luxury property.

"Before deciding to build a luxury home, I always encourage people to take a look at properties that are already out there first," she said. "When building from scratch it can be fairly easy to go over budget quickly, as additional items are tacked on during the construction process. People should also keep in mind that most existing homes are situated on the best lots with the best views. and those spots will not be available again, especially for the price. For these reasons, an existing property can make the most sense in certain scenarios, especially the luxury home market in Omaha."

For every listing, Kontz assists with the home staging process by bringing in accessories, helping to select color palettes, and also contributing to other decorative decisions. With this particular home, Kontz worked to create a casual feel, while also incorporating the home's traditional French roots.

On the outside, the impressive sculpted landscaping and all-brick exterior foretell the elegance that is yet to come upon entering the 1.5 story home. A charming foyer, vaulted ceilings, a custom floating spiral staircase, and quality finishes decorate the inside. An inviting

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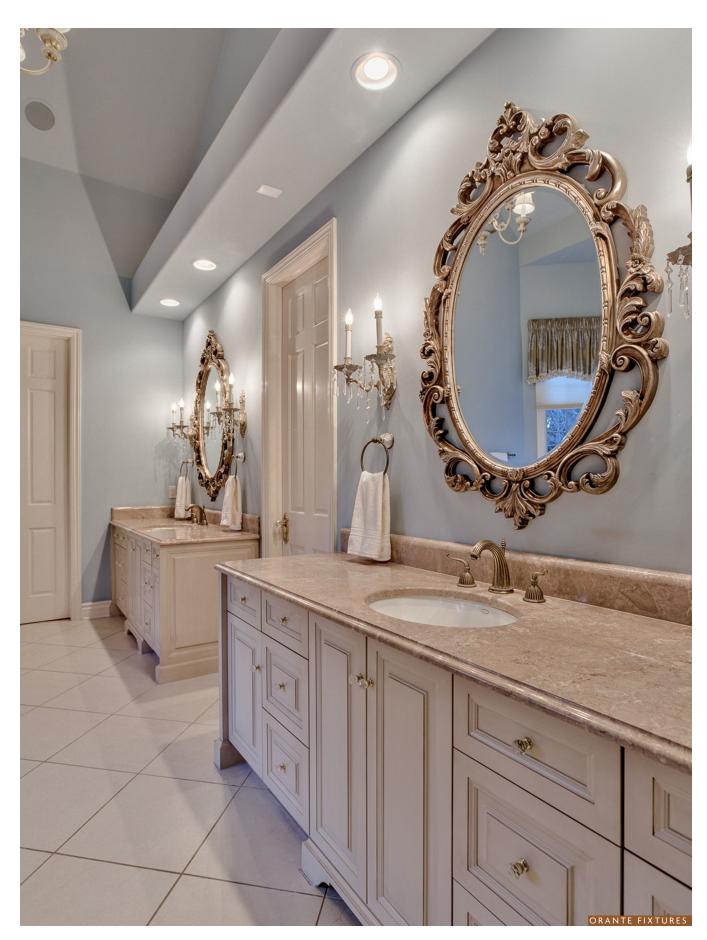
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study also lies nearby, offering both a daily workspace and a cozy place to retreat.

Beautifully carved marble countertops and high-end appliances fill the chef's kitchen, and a formal dining space summons guests to feast while they take in a floor-to-ceiling window view of the front courtyard. A dreamy octagonal breakfast room sits just off the kitchen, and a spacious living room with a wet bar awaits, ready to accommodate the next gathering.

In the plush master suite, sweeping lake views can be accessed through a

private deck. Upstairs, three oversized bedrooms equipped with full en-suite bathrooms and walk-in closets provide all the space for a growing family or overnight house guests. Four fireplaces are positioned throughout the entirety of the home, bringing about a certain kind of warmth and splendor.

The lower level was made with entertainment in mind, as it houses a billiards room with a wet bar, wine cellar, theater, exercise room with steam shower, and additional guest room with a full bath. Outside, the walk-out basement conveniently leads directly to the lake, as an oversized deck sits just above, granting a breathtaking view of the wide, no-wake

"This home is equivalent to a dream vacation year round," Kontz said. "The peace and quiet pairs perfectly with the luxurious details, making it the retreat of a lifetime for the next family." For additional information or to schedule a private showing, contact Kelly Kontz with The Key Group - Berkshire Hathaway Home Services at (402) 290-4972 or visit The Key Group website: openadore.com.



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