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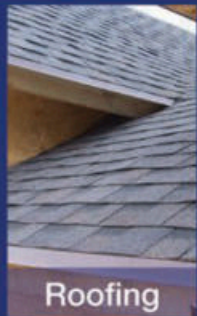
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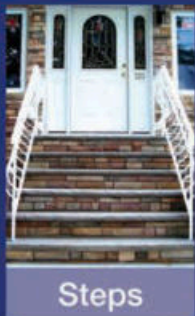
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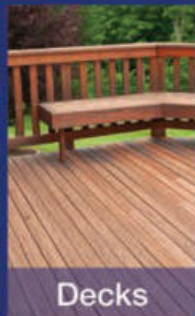
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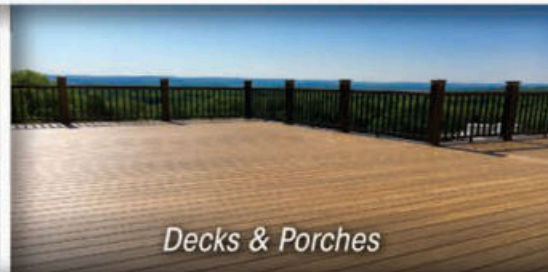
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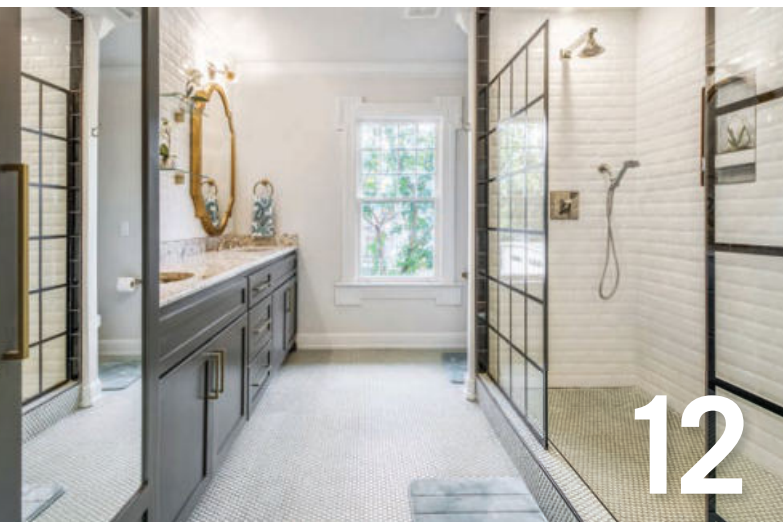
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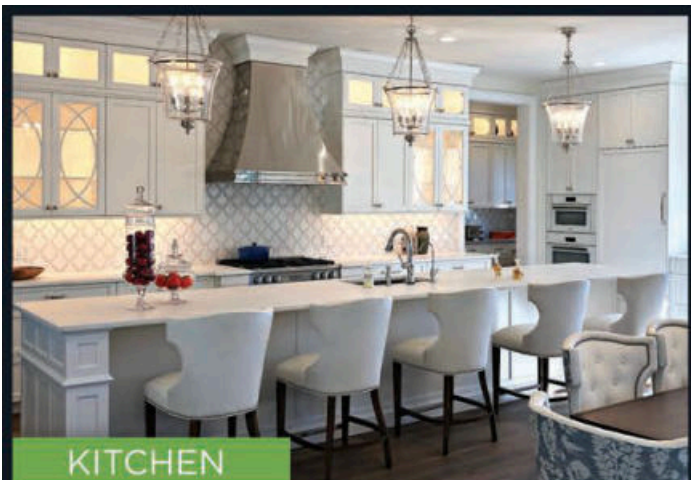
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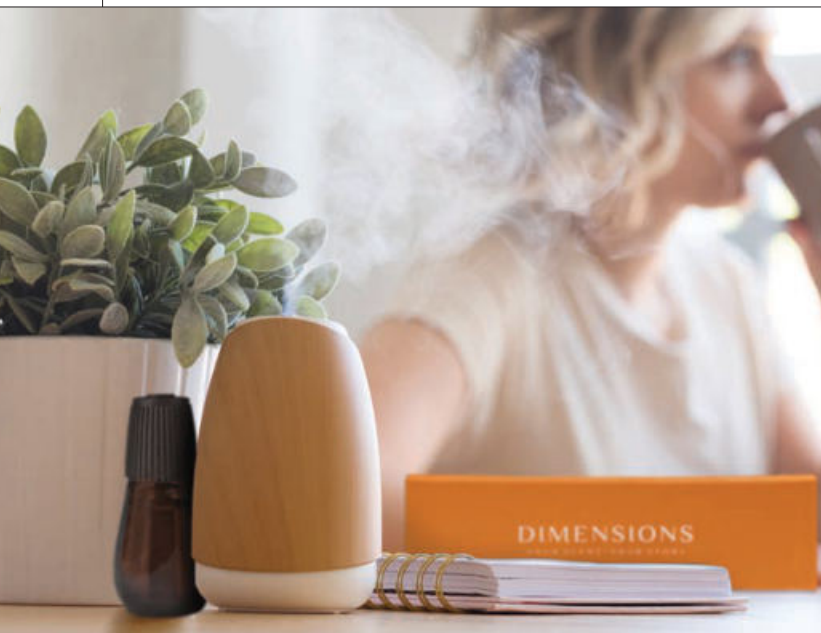
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Baby boomers remain one of the most interesting segments of the country's population. History has watched them grow up, and as more of them age into their senior years, they are increasingly making their living preferences known. Studies show a majority plan to stay in their current home, as opposed to move to a retirement or assisted living community, and many plan to make improvements on their home. Remodeling industry professionals have embraced this

trend of upgrading kitchens and bathrooms with a balance of luxury and safety in mind.

Often referred to as "aging in place," this trend empowers those who want to stay in their home but may need modifications to make it more suitable. This may mean moving a master bedroom to the first floor or installing safety features in a bathroom. We spoke with some of the region's prominent remodelers about renovating for this segment and how aging in place can still be done with style.

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First steps

Assessing the safety and security of a home is a priority, says Christopher Fontana, owner of Magnolia Home Remodeling Group. “We have to look at everything, including the electrical, plumbing and heating. Older houses often don’t have what they need to help people stay there so a lot needs to be updated,” he says.

“When you’re considering aging in place renovations, the existing home has to be assessed for what can and cannot be done within budget,” says Doug Mottershead, CKD, kitchen and bath designer for McHales. “I have to look at all kinds of solutions. Can I build a soffit to hide things? Can I lower the ceiling or raise the floor to make access easier? These are important questions.”

Sophia M. Amiano, design assistant at Amiano & Son Design-Build says hearing the client’s thoughts is what truly determines the direction of the project. “Do they want to use the stairs as frequently? Do they want a more functional kitchen and bathroom? Questions like these are dire when renovating a forever home,” she says. This information guides choices on budget, materials and planning.

“When people can move into new homes where they can have everything they want, it can be rare to have homeowners who want to convert a 60-year-old house,” says David Cerami, CKBR, president of HomeTech Renovations. “When they do, there’s a lot to think about, especially accessibility to everything.” He mentions ramps, doorway widths, ADA compliance, getting to and from the house, aisle width, etc. “A renovation is a substantial investment that could cost \$60,000 to \$70,000. You have to ask yourself, ‘Can we do this? Do we want to?’ It really comes down to your quality of life.”

The homeowners might not even need health-specific renova-

tions yet they don’t want to downsize. “We’re finding a lot of people are getting the work done not because they are having medical issues, but because they want to make their homes more comfortable,” says Stephen Turbyfill, president of Freedom General Contracting. “This might be the house they’ve lived in for decades, but they never had time to renovate. They’ve paid off the mortgage, the kids have left and they just don’t want to move. This is their chance to get 10 to 15 more years out of their house.”

Features to consider

Like any remodeling project, changes come in many degrees, from full-scale demolition/design/build, to minor updating that doesn’t necessarily disrupt homeowners’ daily life.

“Remote control lighting, keeping areas accessible and free of clutter and trip hazards are low-cost, common-sense ideas that can be beneficial to everyone,” says Dave Dilworth, director, sales and design of Dilworth’s Custom Design.

For other renovations, making the space accessible is key, says Cerami. “You need to consider walkers and wheelchairs, wider doorways, easy thresholds and transitions. Can the person easily manipulate a walker in the room? Is there enough space to turn around? Is the room easy to use assisted or unassisted? You might need to rip everything out of a space and reconfigure the room to make it function the best.”

With this in mind, an open floorplan often works best. “In all parts of the home, clients are asking us for open-concept layouts. They’re easier to get around, especially if the client uses a wheelchair or walker,” says Amiano.

“Bathrooms and kitchens are not usually set up for anything other than what an able-bodied person needs, so you have to approach things differently. Someone who is blind will need things that someone who uses a wheelchair doesn’t. There are different requirements,” says Mottershead. “People with visual impairment



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can’t have white cabinets and white countertops. Having brighter, cleaner light and maybe white cabinets with a dark countertop helps with depth perception. People in a wheelchair will need a 9-inch high toe-kick for their kitchen cabinets instead of the usual 4-inch high one. They also need shallow-draw sinks so they can fit their chair in and are able to get things out,” he says. “Also, no one likes to have to reach into the back of a cabinet, so we install roll-out trays in almost every one. It’s about making everything inside accessible.”

The kitchen now has many features that make life easier for homeowners, says Dilworth. The farmhouse sink and wall ovens

don’t require as much bending over, pull-out drawers give easier access and corner cabinets can be designed to allow use of the entire space without reaching far back. “Soft-close doors and drawers can be modified as to the amount of force required to open them. Kitchens can be modified to have larger doorways if needed for wheelchair access,” he says.

For those homeowners who are looking to aging issues, they might put an addition on the first floor to have a bedroom space available in the future and reduce the needs for stairs, says Turbyfill. Another popular option is to convert the garage into a living space, allowing older people more convenience without them worrying

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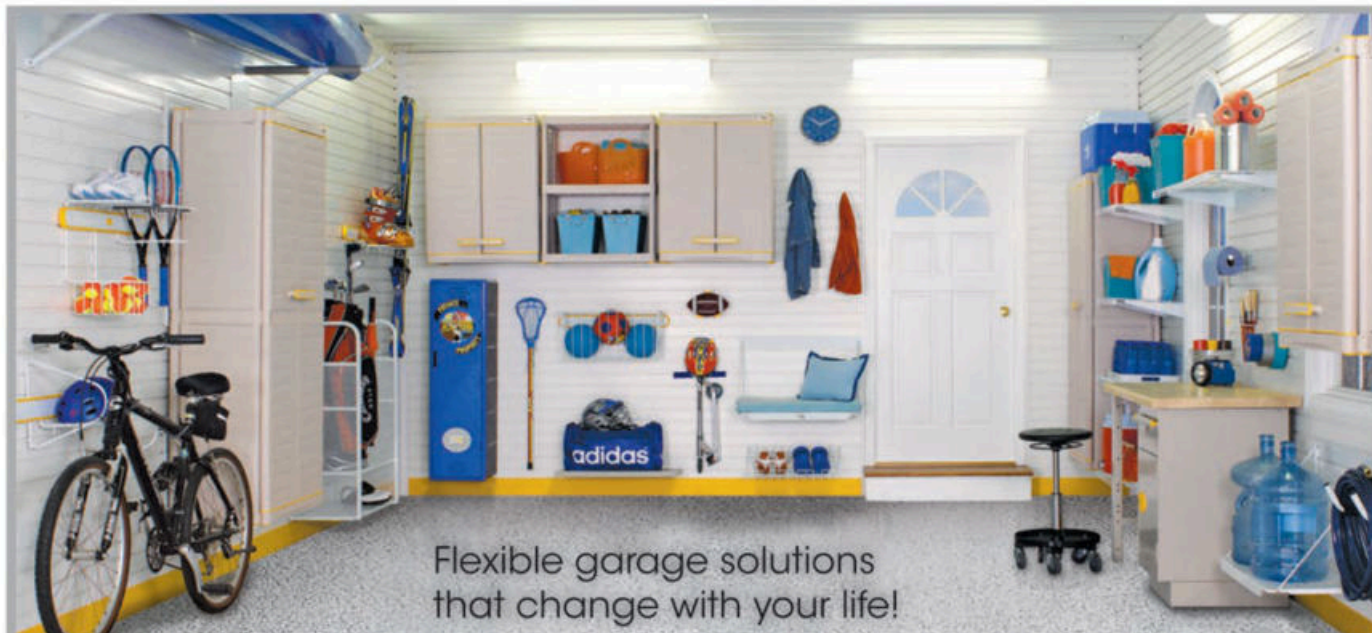
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about going up and down steps, says Amiano.

Once the first floor of the home is remodeled, homeowners may want to consider specific changes in their bathroom, like replacing a large whirlpool tub with a freestanding soaking tub, and making the spaces cleaner and more simplistic. "But we're seeing that no matter the choices, everything is style attractive and style-driven," Turbyfill says.

Homeowners don't need to sacrifice their taste. "There's a lot that can be done that is still very attractive," says Fontana. "We had one house a son wanted fixed-up for his mom. The grab bars and towel bars were very tasteful and aesthetically looked really nice. It's not like a hospital."

"In bathrooms, many changes are good to have no matter who uses the space. Horizontal grab bars and small vertical ones are good ideas. Maybe even having a seat in the shower," Mottershead says. In addition to the standard hot and cold valves, he suggests a secondary one so you have more control, and installing a diverter so you can shower when seated, [using] the main one to rinse.

"We're getting more requests for low-curb or no-curb showers, because they're much easier to navigate for older people," says Fontana. They also install lower controls and showerheads on hoses, as well as a main floor drain and no-slip materials on the floor.

Bathroom doorways are often too tight for wheelchairs so a 36-inch door gives plenty of room, says Amiano. A curbless shower helps clients who find it difficult to lift their legs over the pans.

"Vanities can be made taller for less bending over and can be multilevel to accommodate a wheelchair," says Dilworth. "Radiant floor heating can eliminate the need for throw rugs in

the bathroom, a trip hazard as we age. If it's taking longer to get in and out of the tub or shower, a heat lamp may be a welcome addition." Other features to think about include touchless and anti-scald faucets with lever handles, and improved task and under-cabinet lighting. "Bathrooms should always have a nightlight and the shower area should be properly lit."

One option Cerami floats is the idea of building or creating an in-law suite, with a brand-new layout specifically built for the older person. "Maybe they don't need or want a full kitchen. Perhaps a smaller kitchenette is best. The space functions as a mini-apartment, so the senior can keep their independence."

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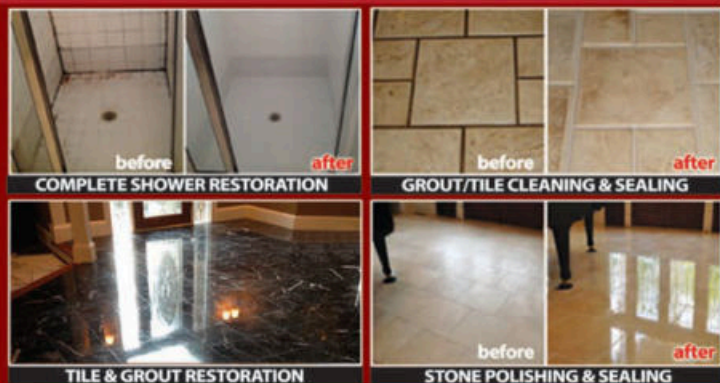


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Legends Home Improvements has been giving customers the backyard of their dreams for more than 40 years.

by **Matt Cosentino**

It may be hard to imagine during the dog days of winter—when the temperatures are low, it becomes dark at dinnertime and the threat of snow is always hanging over us—but soon enough the warm weather will arrive, encouraging us to spend as much time outside as possible.

With a well-designed outdoor living space, homeowners can get the most of their backyard, whether they are dining al fresco with the family, enjoying a cocktail after a long day at the office or having friends over for a barbecue.

While there are many so-called experts vying for business in the outdoor living arena, it is crucial for homeowners to find an established company that values honesty and integrity in its work, and Legends Home Improvements has fit that description since its founding in 1975. A full-scale home improvement company that does kitchen renovations, basements, additions and more, Legends specializes in building decks, porches, screen rooms and gazebos.

“We basically build outdoor rooms,” says Bill Lecorchick Sr., who owns and operates Legends with his son Bill Jr. “It’s no longer just a simple square or rectangle off the back of the house. They include fireplaces, fire pits, roofs, stonework and kitchens. We create beautiful outdoor spaces for people to enjoy.”

Customers know they are working with a unique company right from the initial consultation meeting with Legends, which is free of charge. It usually lasts about an hour and a half and homeowners are urged to share their desires and to take an active role in the process.

Legends’ experienced designers will listen intently to their hopes for the space, explain cost and present a conceptual design for the project.



Creators of Elegant Outdoor Living Areas

“Our first goal is to figure out what our customers want to accomplish and get the husband and wife on the same page, because they are often thinking different things,” Lecorchick says. “The customers will usually bring out pictures of things they would like to incorporate and we work with their ideas. We can also give them an idea about the values, because some of the items on their wish list are much more expensive than they realize.”

During the design stage Lecorchick has two important recommendations, if they can be accomplished in the homeowner’s budget: a roof structure and an outdoor kitchen. In his experience, these add another dimension to the space and drastically improve the look and functionality.

“I really believe that every deck and patio should have a roof area,” he says. “It allows for more usage of the deck, when it gets hot in the summertime or it’s raining. A lot of people put a fireplace on the deck as well, so it extends their season well into the winter.”

“The other thing that is great, if you can do it, is an outdoor kitchen. If you entertain frequently, outdoor kitchens keep you involved and make you part of your party, and they incorporate very nicely into the outdoor living area.”

Unlike some companies that work exclusively with one manufacturer, Legends is proud to offer the finest materials from seven of the leading manufacturers, including Trex, Azek and TimberTech. Over 65 boards and railings from those companies are on

display in Legends’ impressive showroom, allowing customers to get an idea of what their deck will look like before committing.

“We don’t specialize in one manufacturer; we’re here for our customers,” Lecorchick says. “If a customer prefers one manufacturer over another, that’s what we’re going to build with. It allows for flexibility and a better design. Our goal is to give our customers the outdoor living area they want; not what we want to build with.”

Once a customer decides to move forward and the contract is signed, Legends will handle all of the planning, such as building permits from the township, completion of necessary inspections and arrangement for licensed trades, including gas and electric. “All the customer has to do is watch us build their dream deck,” Lecorchick says.

Legends only has two crews, consisting of employees who have been with the company for years, are well-versed in deck building and are committed to delivering the project the customer was promised. When the job is finished and those goals are accomplished, there is no better feeling for Lecorchick, even after four decades in business.

“It’s a terrific feeling when we find out the customer loves the outdoor living area we built for them,” he says. “They often bring us back to their house for another job because the crew was a pleasure to work with and was respectful of their property. It’s wonderful to get that feedback.” **H&H**

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Lawrenceville Home Improvement

by Lauren Kubiak

If your windows are over two decades old or there's a light draft coming through the window, it might be time for a replacement. Installing new windows is a costly and oftentimes stressful project. The professionals at Lawrenceville Home Improvement, a window, door and siding company, find the balance between what the client wants and what works best for their home. They take pride in their customer satisfaction guarantee and uphold a reputation to install high-end products at affordable prices. *House & Home* spoke with owner James Russo to learn more about window options and designs.

How do you choose windows?

Lawrenceville Home Improvement has painstakingly reviewed and met with countless window manufacturers to develop a top-notch selection of windows for our customers. Cost, efficiency, sustainability and, above all, quality have been taken into consideration as we assembled this impressive lineup. There is something for everyone.

What materials are windows made from?

The three primary types of windows are wood, vinyl and fiberglass. Each material offers advantages and disadvantages. Wood is often required in homes under historical society regulations and is favored by those who want a certain look and are willing to put in the necessary maintenance. Vinyl is a top pick for those who are budget conscious. Fiberglass windows, which often land in between wood and vinyl in terms of price, offer superior efficiency and sustainability. Once installed, a fiberglass window will most likely never need to be replaced.

Which windows are more energy efficient?

Windows have come a long way in terms



James Russo, owner

of providing energy efficiency. Most window manufacturers require double-paned glass insulated with argon gas. In addition, fiberglass windows offer superior efficiency over other window materials. Fiberglass has limited expansion and contraction (unlike wood and vinyl) when it is installed. What this means is the window will stay tight in the opening. Windows that expand and contract over time can be compromised resulting in drafting or total window failure. Most customers who opt for a fiberglass window see their cooling and heating bills decrease right away.

How do you know when to get your windows replaced?

There are usually five questions you should ask yourself when determining whether your windows need to be replaced:

Are your windows over 20 years old? If your windows were installed 20 years ago, they are probably made of wood or vinyl. Both of these materials expand and contract with the changing temperatures of the progressing seasons. As a result, the fit of the window can become compromised thereby making the window susceptible to drafting.

Do you have trouble opening or closing your windows? Although mechanism failure can sometimes be repaired, it is more likely the sign of total unit compromise.

Do you feel a draft? If you feel air coming through, heat or air conditioning is seeping out. A drafty window is a call to action to replace your windows.

Is there cloudiness or fogging between the glass of the window? Seal failure is the cause of discoloration or fog within the window panes of glass; you will not be able to wipe it off with your hand or a cloth. In some cases you can just replace the glass in this situation, but if your window frame has been warped or compromised in any way, the problem will reoccur.

Are your windows single paned? Most windows made today have two panes of glass with a heavy insulating clear gas in the middle. If your window is old enough to be single paned, it most likely needs to be replaced.

Why should people choose Lawrenceville Home Improvement when looking for new windows?

Lawrenceville Home Improvement is a family-owned and -operated business that is thoroughly committed to customer satisfaction. The staff is available to answer questions and our showroom on business Route 1 has all of the windows we carry on display. Really, we are a great resource for the homeowner and we strive to help them make an educated and informed decision. **H&H**

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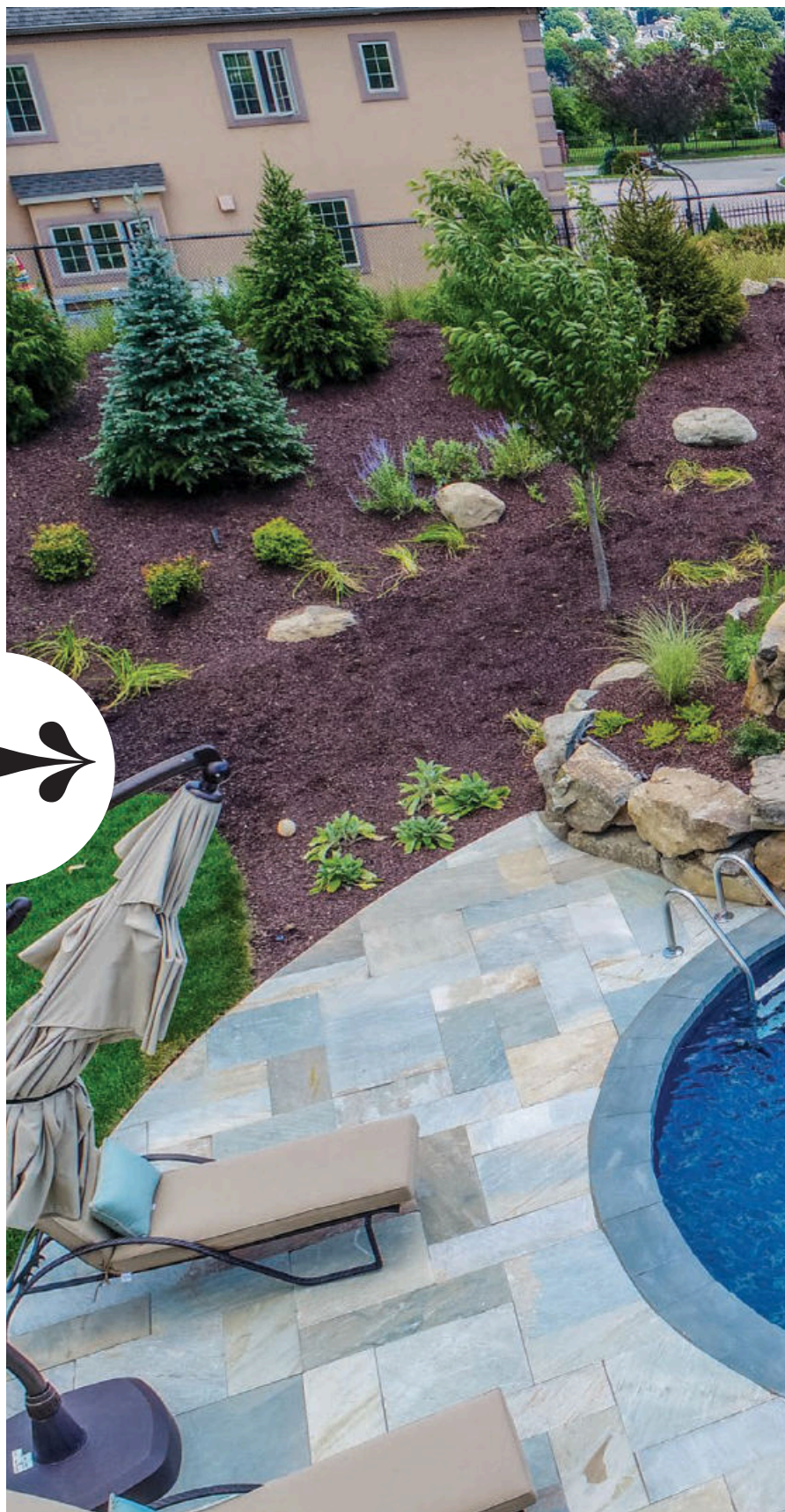
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BY LINDSEY GETZ

While we may not be finished with snow and icy temperatures just yet, warmer days are just ahead and the only way to be truly ready for them is to start planning now. Landscaping professionals are already gearing up for their busy season and booking jobs. Homeowners who are waiting to make that call risk getting left behind as landscapers fill their schedules on a first-come-first-serve fashion.

“Checking in with your landscaper before the spring is an excellent idea,” says Chelsea Feast, sales and marketing-Go Green Division-at Elite Landscaping. “Professional landscapers are extremely busy in the spring because they are starting to install



Landscape design sketch and project images courtesy of CLC Landscape Design

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all of the projects that were planned during the winter. Therefore, the longer you wait to reach out and plan, the longer you will end up waiting for the project to get on their schedule and get completed.”

“It’s never too early to get ready for spring—especially if you’re looking for something fun to do,” says Tammy Panetta of D. Panetta Contracting. “D. Panetta does 3D designs of your yard to show you what you can do by bringing it to life on the screen. You can see how your yard can become the backyard paradise you are dreaming of. Then, when you approve the design, we’re ready to bring it to life for you.”

Plan Now for Warm Weather Fun

The landscaping experts we spoke with all stressed that the “offseason” is an excellent time to start the planning and designing phase of an outdoor living project—particularly if it’s a larger undertaking like a new patio, an outdoor kitchen or maybe even a pool. In fact, it’s simply not feasible to have a project like this finished if it doesn’t get underway early on.

“Most homeowners don’t realize just how much time it takes to plan a project,” says Richard Cording Sr., LIC, owner of CLC Landscape Design. “A lot of that process is out of our hands with permitting being required for even smaller projects these days. We’ve had permits take two or three months to get approved as the local townships are often overburdened with receiving so many at once. It pays to get those plans started early so that there are no hold-ups when it’s time to build.”

“The offseason is the best time to start planning your landscape updates and renovations,” adds Dave Zimmerman, owner of Zimmerman Landscaping. “Unfortunately, those who wait until the first signs of spring to start thinking about their landscape could be in for a long wait. If it’s a large

project, you may not even be able to enjoy it until the following season. We always recommend getting on your landscape provider’s radar well ahead of time—even if it’s just an idea at this point.”

Planning in the winter is also a great way to get through those “wintertime blues,” adds Dean Johnston, owner, Johnston & Associates Land and Water Creations.

“It also helps you create a budget so that you don’t overspend

or rush into something,” Johnston says. “I find a lot of mistakes with homeowners who are just rushing to put something together at the last minute.”

Cording says that acting soon will also help avoid disappointment. He has had first-hand experience with this and says he always gets last-minute calls from homeowners who want to have a brand-new patio built in time for their child’s high school graduation party or a pool installed in time for Memorial Day swimming. It’s difficult to have to disappoint those people.

“It’s no fun having to tell a homeowner who is excited about their project that it’s not going to be ready in the timeframe that they want it,” Cording admits. “But when you don’t make that call until March, it’s just not realistic. Even if we worked as fast as we could, there will always be factors like weather and permitting that are out of our hands. In most cases, we’re already starting to break ground on projects by mid-March, so you want all the designs and permitting to be finished by then.”

Of course, planning ahead doesn’t only apply to large-scale design/build projects. While it’s

definitely critical that you get those on the calendar, you can also use the offseason to plan for maintenance projects. Feast says that the winter is a good time to create checklists of smaller items that you plan to do (or want your landscaper to complete) in the spring such as power washing and resealing your patio or deck, repairing loose boards or bricks in outdoor spaces and making sure that all outdoor lights are operational.

Trends on the Horizon

In terms of what homeowners are interested in, the big trends seem to be all about “backyard vacation destinations,” says Zimmerman. Homeowners are looking for lots of amenities like new patios with outdoor fire places, built-in stone pizza ovens, outdoor kitchens and combination water/fire features for amazing “accent pieces,” Zimmerman adds.

Sam Waddell, owner of SLS Landscaping, agrees and says that the “stay-cation” trend continues to reign in popularity. If anything, homeowners are getting more elaborate than ever with their backyard paradises. He says that it’s due to the fact that people are



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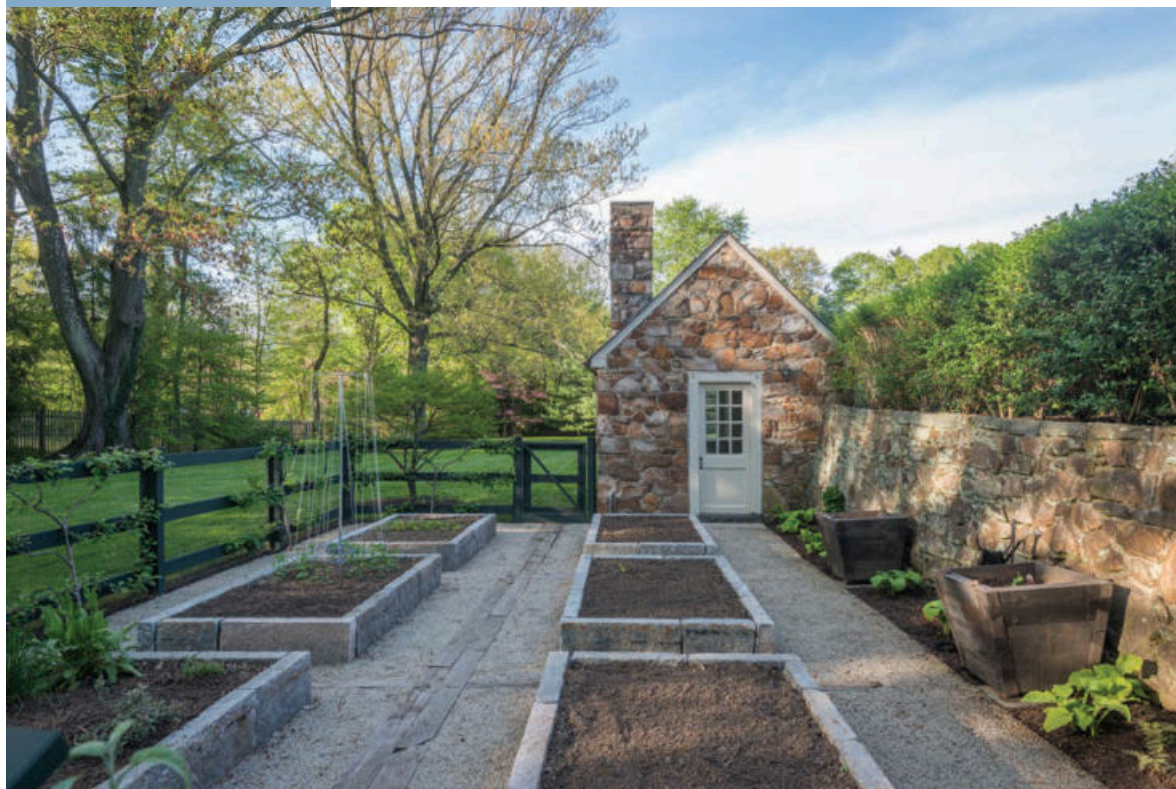
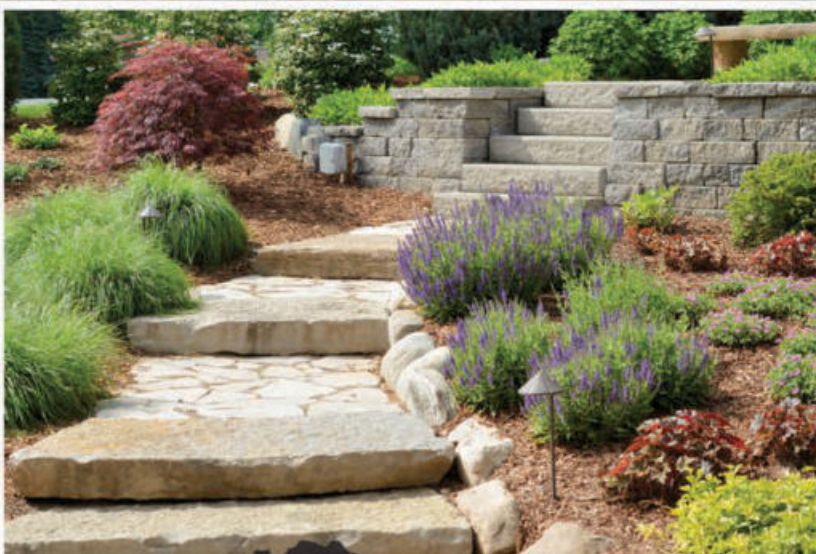


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spending more time at home and want to have a backyard they can enjoy.

Beyond outdoor living spaces, there are other trends to pay attention to in 2019 as well. Christine Gale, president of Gale Nurseries, says that she's seeing more requests to accommodate organic lifestyles.

"Many clients are requesting vegetable gardens so that they can eat organic," she says. "We have done a lot of raised-bed vegetable gardens recently. Along that topic, we have done some very interesting chicken coops and even vineyards. People want to grow their own food and it's an easy way to accommodate an organic lifestyle."

Along those same lines, there's also an increased interest in being environmentally friendly.

"Permeable pavers are gaining a lot of attention as they reduce or even eliminate any rain or storm water runoff," adds Zimmerman. "This is great for the environment as it keeps water from your property out of storm drains leading to rivers and streams and eventually to the ocean. Sustainability is becoming a key feature in our ever-changing climate."

Making Smart Choices

As you think ahead to the summer, Johnston advises that you make sure you "work with a professional."

"You may find that anybody with a truck calls themselves a landscaper," he says. "But many of us go to school in the winter to sharpen our skills and knowledge. An educated designer and builder will help you get the right results the first time. I work with a lot of clients who went with the cheap contractor first because they wanted to save some dollars but ended up spending two times what it would have cost to work with an experienced and educated

contractor in the first place."

The bottom line? Reach out to a professional who has your best interest at heart and plan now. If you want to be able to actually enjoy your space all summer long, you must plan ahead.

"Meeting with a landscape professional now enables sufficient time to design the swimming pool, outdoor kitchen and landscape, make necessary revisions to plans, submit for permits and schedule and order job materials," Waddell says. "Projects implemented in late winter and early spring will provide for all-season-long use of the new backyard, giving family and friends time to enjoy it!"

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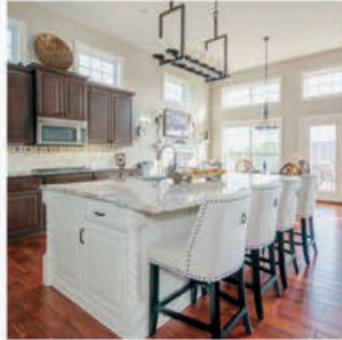
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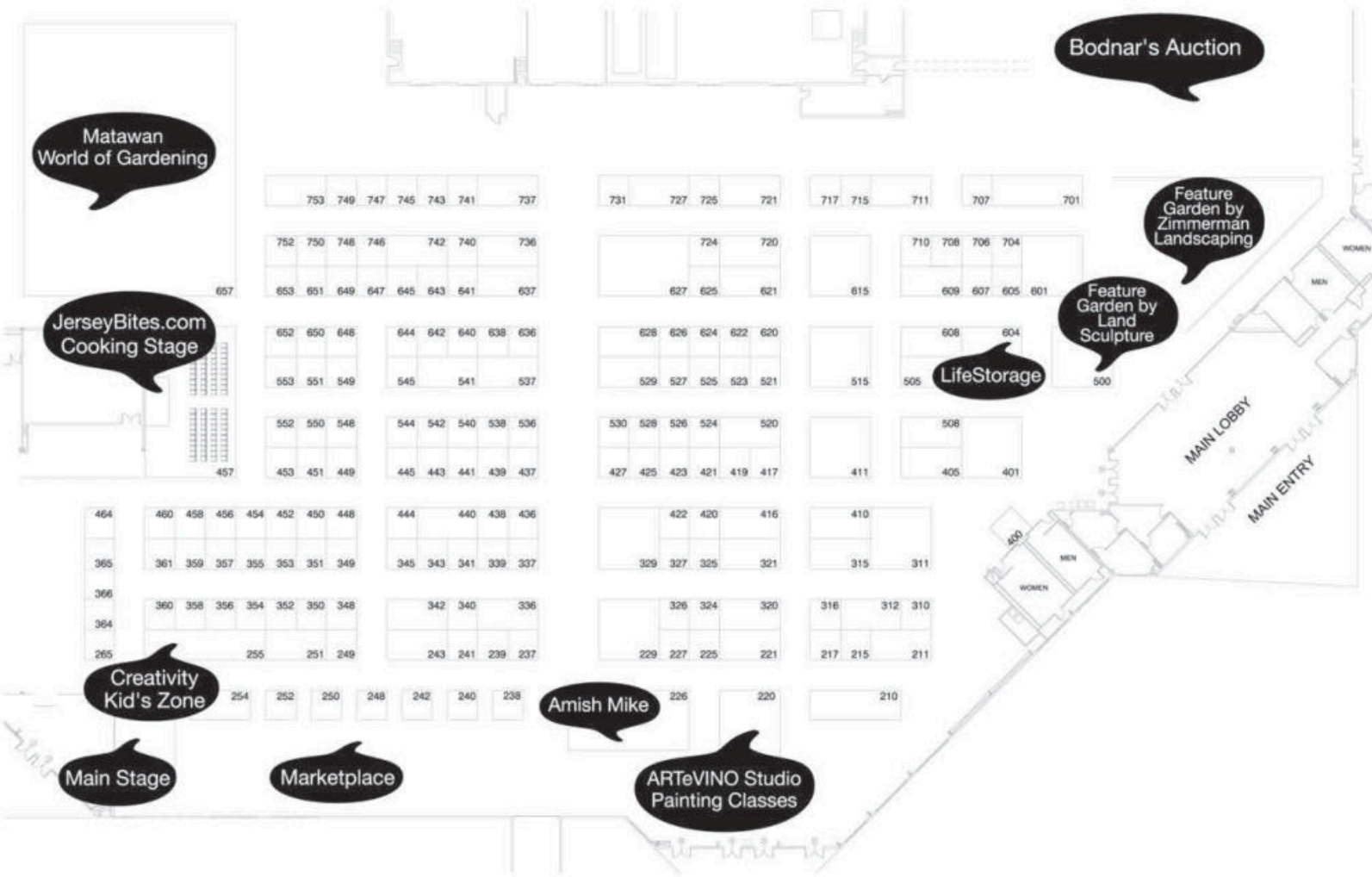


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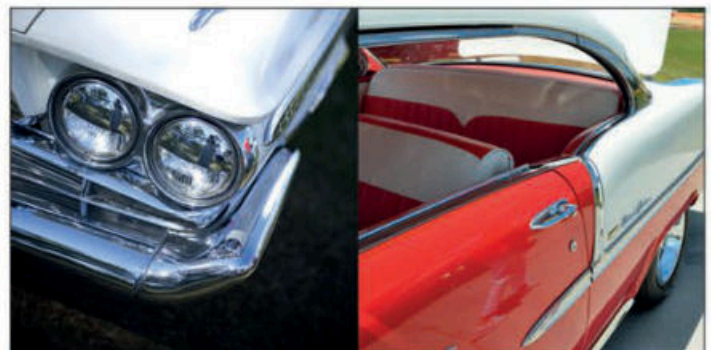
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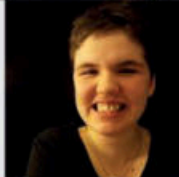
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Homemade Pizza with Arugula
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Sunday, February 24th

11:00am Valerie Gray
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1:00pm Chef Jesse Jones
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12:30pm Mike Rutkowski
Account Manager, New Jersey's
Clean Energy Program
How to Choose the Best Contractor



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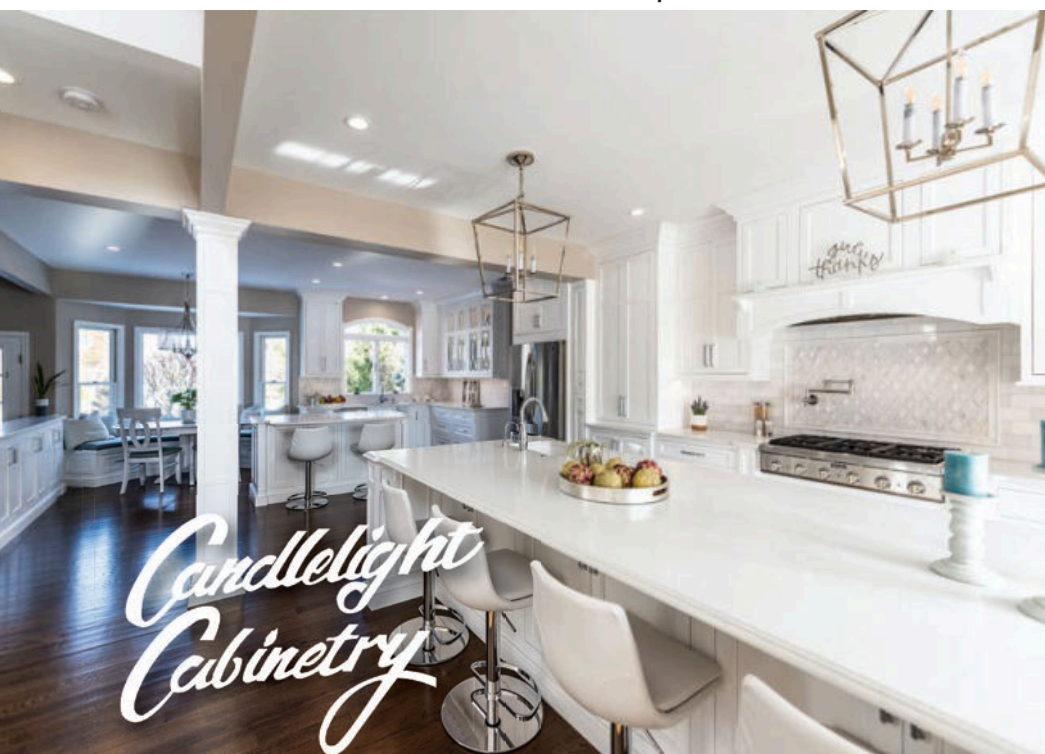


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Spring is now in full bloom, and many homeowners are planning renovation projects in their kitchen or baths over the next few months. What is the process a homeowner should expect to go through as they plan out a kitchen or bath project—where to begin?

First, take a careful inventory of your existing space. What are you thinking about changing in your kitchen or bath area? Appliances, fixtures, flooring, cabinetry and countertops need to be considered. Do you want better task lighting under the cabinets or island pendant lighting? A renovation is a great time to upgrade the lighting in your space. Don’t forget to consider re-painting, a new backsplash tile and even the type of hardware for your cabinetry. Take “before” photos of your existing space and try to gather a digital scrapbook of your preferences for the new space from sites like Houzz or

Pinterest. Many of Cranbury Design Center’s clients invest time looking at websites, watching home improvement shows and flipping through magazines and books to help them envision their dream kitchen space.

Once you have a general outline of the scope of your project, contact your design professional who will come out to your home to discuss your project and provide a general estimate of what your project will cost. This estimate, along with estimates for your appliances, fixtures and tile make up your proposed budget. The final budget is confirmed once actual cabinet choices, countertop materials and other project items are selected.

Time considerations are also important. In addition to design time, many projects require township building permits which, depending on the township, can take several weeks before a project can start. Just make



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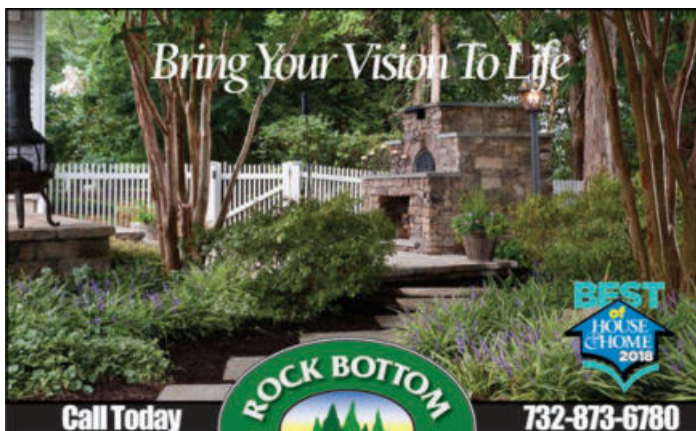
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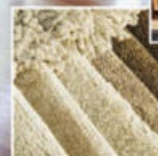


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Glass Castle

by Julie Shannon

When Scott Kingsland responded to an ad in the newspaper for a position at Glass Castle in 1994,

he knew very little about glass, but needed a job while he was going to school at night. He had no idea years later he'd end up taking over the company and have much success.

"It's one of those start at the bottom, end up in the top," says Kingsland, who's been running Glass Castle for seven years.

Glass Castle is the go-to place for all things glass, where they specialize in creating the shower door that works best for your space. Glass Castle has two showrooms in Lawrenceville and Neshanic Station, both over 1,000 square feet with 25 different shower rooms on display at each location. From thin and thick glass to semi-frameless and completely frameless door options just to name a few, Glass Castle consultants are there to help you choose what works best for your shower and other parts of your home.

House & Home spoke with Kingsland, who explained how particular this field is, how technology plays a big factor in their product and why every homeowner should have some type of glass furnishing.

Just how specialized is this field?

Glass is definitely a specialized field in the sense that it's one of the traits most people don't even think about, specifically on the residential side where shower doors have gotten to the point where it's extremely specialized, needs to be exact and understand the square measurement to a sixteenth of an inch. It's kind of a field all by itself. Glass is a product that's difficult to work with—you can't fix it. If it chips, it's done. If it's the wrong size and tempered, it's done. If scratched it, it's done. It can be a difficult product to work with, that's why you have to be so precise.



EXPERTISE: GLASS DESIGN



Scott Kingsland, owner

Can you describe your design and installation process?

The typical design process of shower enclosures is typically customers come to our showroom with their approximate dimensions and photographs of shower areas, and we take them through all the options they have. We see if sliding doors can work, whether or not hinge doors will work, and we go over the different hardware available—handles, glass options and usually the shower enclosures gets designed at that meeting. We have a general idea on how big it is, but the onsite meeting at the client's home is where everything is fine tuned and we see exactly how tall the door is going to be.

We measure with laser, and technology is moving in such a way that probably by the end of this year, my technicians will be completely paperless. When a picture of the space is taken, it will get uploaded right to the software.

In what other parts of the home do you install glass furnishings?

One of the popular areas we've been installing more and more glass doors and glass partitions is in wine rooms. It allows for a nice clean, open look. We usually install glass partitions in conjunction with the door to be able to show off the wine collection. We also install glass in gym areas

for mirrors and tabletop glass for dining room tables, as well as window repair work.

Why should people consider getting glass installed to these other areas you mention besides shower glass doors?

It looks really nice and it's easy to keep clean; protection is the primary reason. Glass tends to be a harder surface than wood, so you are not going to end up with any marks on the table itself—glass protects it.

What sets you apart from other companies?

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What's the best part about your job?

I think it's rewarding to take that process and start out in the beginning, then to design something you know is going to work well for your customer and then to see it installed. When we go into the house, we're the last component to go in. We're the finishing touch on this project they've been involved with. It's nice to see that project come to fruition. **H&H**

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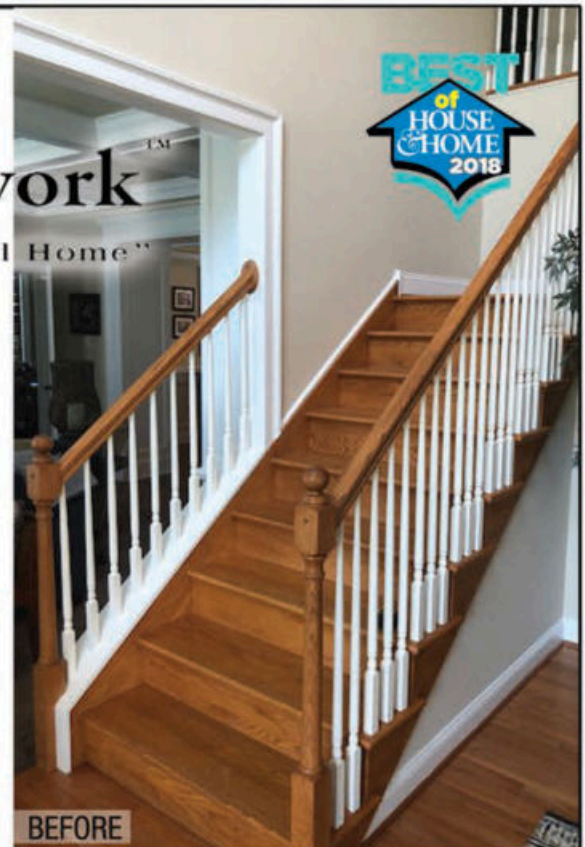
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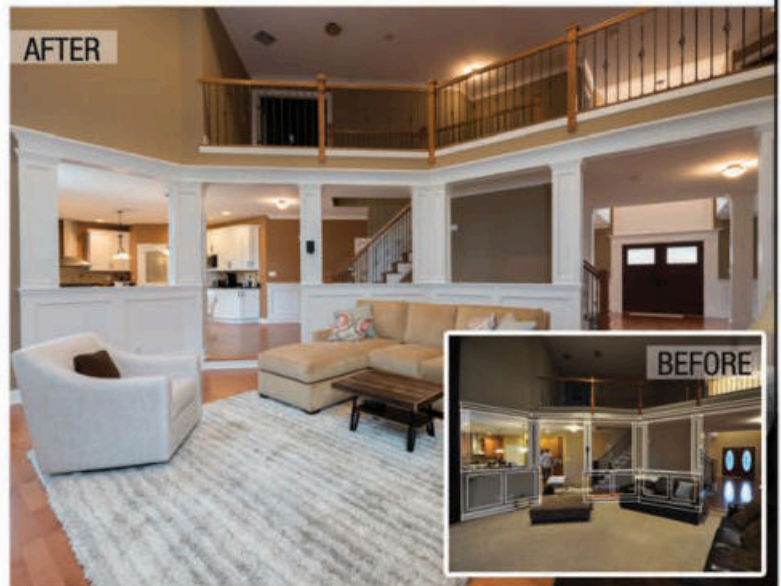
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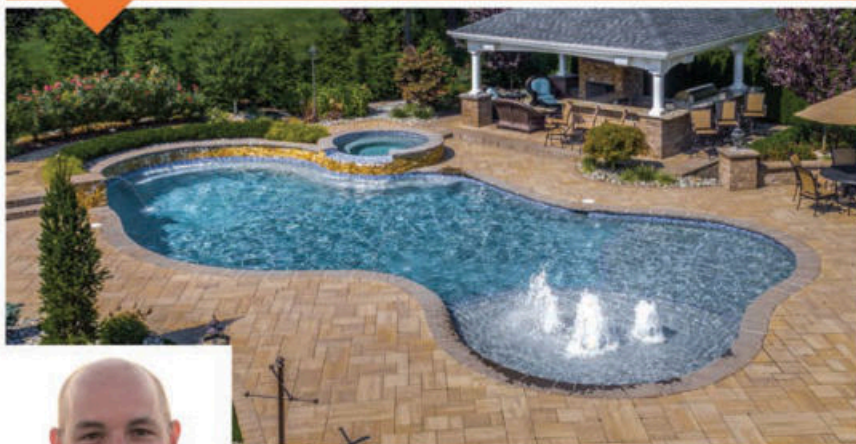
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Character Counts

Go beyond cookie-cutter designs by adding custom iron and wood elements to your home. *by Brittany Ann Morrissey*

You've bought your home, moved in all your furniture, hung the pictures and even painted those plain white walls. But even with your furniture and the paint still fresh on the wall, a home that just has basic builder-grade designs can still feel nondescript, like exiting a plane and walking through another airport terminal—it's not the same one you left from but it might as well be.

Fortunately, it doesn't take much to add true character to a space and make it reflect your style. And adding custom wood and iron elements is one of the best and easiest ways to do this.

WOODEN DETAILS

"In many of the new homes,

builders are more focused on profits and leave out the very important details that give the home distinction and style," Josso Thomas Jr., owner of Josso Carpentry, says. "Adding ideas such as crown moldings, wainscoting and chair rails can make an amazing difference when stepping into a room."

Unlike many other upgrades that are costly and don't add any value to a home, the addition of these sort of moldings can actually increase your home's worth.

"Inexpensive moldings that are properly installed by a fine finish carpenter, like myself, can increase the value of a home by 10 to 20 percent," Thomas says.

Built-in shelving is another way

to incorporate wood features into a home in a way that will give a space more warmth and interest. Easy to install, they can be made to fit your exact room specifications.

Many homeowners opt for built-in shelving because it allows them to show off all their favorite trinkets and tchotchkes, which may otherwise have been thoughtlessly placed upon an end table or relegated to a drawer because of a lack of surface space for display.

And for the less precious items in your home that you don't want to show off? Well, an experienced carpenter can add cabinets to go along with your built-in shelving, giving you a place to store any unsightly clutter that you don't want to exhibit.

"I flip many homes in my area," Thomas says, "and with those additions and a fine paint job, the homes do not stay on the market very long."

IRON DETAILS

Introducing texture to a space can be one of the simplest ways to add intrigue to the more basic areas of a home. One of the best elements to do that with is wrought iron.

"Iron work gives the house a very warm, homey feeling," John Lomonaco, owner of Lomonaco's Iron Concepts and Home Décor LLC, says.

Perfect for static entryways or staircases, decorative iron features can be customized to your tastes. Lomonaco says the most popular service he does is switching out the standard balusters on stairways for custom iron balusters.

“You can upgrade your stairway for a minimal cost compared to the added values you will receive,” he says.

Also popular are iron designs on front entry doors, inside and out. This is another place where your own creativity can shine because companies such as Lomonaco’s will let you dictate the design you want and then they will create it for you.

“Do your research and make sure the company you hire has at least an A rating on the Better Business Bureau,” he says.

BEYOND COOKIE CUTTER

Customizing a home to your taste can be overwhelming when you’re just starting out. But you don’t need to overhaul everything to get beyond the cookie-cutter feel of a builder-grade design.



Smart upgrades such as switching out simple bannisters for wrought iron ones or having a beautiful custom wood wainscot installed may be all you need to create a home that breaks out of the mold.

Best of all, there is no special maintenance.

“Iron inside the home doesn’t really need any maintenance or upkeep,” Lomonaco says.

This is also true for iron pieces that are on the exterior of the home, like a portico rail above your front door, because they are treated with a primer that allows them to withstand the elements.

“All of our iron products for the exterior of the home all have a zinc-rich powder coated primer along with the powder coated finish color, with satin black being our most popular color for both interior and exterior iron products,” Lomonaco says.

When looking to add iron elements to your home, Lomonaco advises people do their homework first and make sure the company they’re hiring is reputable.

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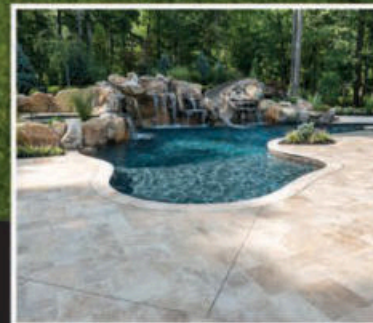
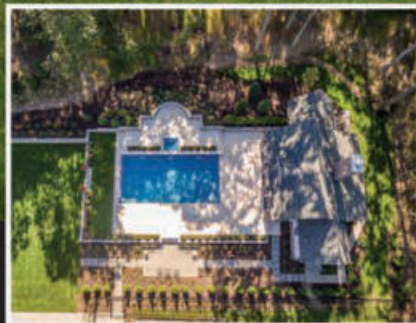
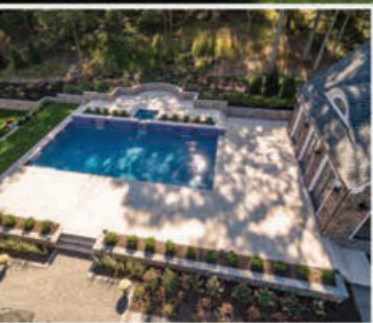
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