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Project Spotlight:

Learn more about this kitchen on pages 2 & 3.

News & Notes: Harth Named Builder for Custom Carriage Homes in Lower Gwynedd

We are excited to share that Harth Builders recently broke ground on a new project—building 11 carriage homes on a 5.6 acre wooded parcel in Lower Gwynedd Township. The development will be known as The Carriages at Lower Gwynedd. The first available home unit is projected to be ready to tour in April 2017.

The development was designed by Christopher Luce, of LUCE Architects, and planned by civil engineer, Tim Woodrow. Situated on Pennlyn Pike, this luxury townhome community will offer easy access to major traffic arteries. It will feature 11 home sites with amenities like aging-in-place design, walk out basements, and elevators. Complete with scenic trails, The Carriages will be within easy walking distance to Springhouse Village where a new Whole Foods Market is also slated to open in 2017.

Three models will be available: Avondale, Beaumont, and Channelle. Each model will be approximately 3500 square feet. Pricing starts at \$1.2 million. Allyn Harth is leading the sales efforts for the properties through the Advantage Realty office. To learn more about The Carriages at Lower Gwynedd, visit the website at www.TheCarriagesatLowerGwynedd.com, or contact Allyn at (215) 654-0364.



A Kitchen with Fun



Prior to the renovation, this family in Blue Bell had lived in their 46 year old home for four years saving and planning for their future home improvement. On the top of their lengthy remodeling “to-do” list was transforming the kitchen into a functional and attractive work space. After noticing our jobsite signs around their neighborhood, they reached out to start a conversation about their home.

Upon visiting the home, we learned that our clients loved to cook and bake with their children, but that their kitchen made those activities quite challenging. Not only was their kitchen cramped, it lacked adequate storage and counter space, and was fairly dark. Our clients’ objective was to create a brighter, collision-free kitchen with ample room for cooking and baking together in comfort. They also wanted to improve the view of their backyard, and enhance the overall aesthetics of the space.

To meet their needs, our design team developed a new layout for the kitchen that not only increased the natural light and opened up the space, but strategically redirected foot traffic to eliminate pinch points.

One of the keys to improving the traffic flow in the kitchen was to add a pie-shaped island. The Artosha granite topped island provides ample counter space for food prep away from the primary cooking areas. It also offers loads of storage space beneath, as well as seating opposite from the food prep space to keep family members and guests from getting under foot while meals are prepared.

We dramatically increased the amount of natural light flowing into the room with a glass slider and a bank of windows across the back wall—which also provided a panoramic view into their yard. To maintain the brightness during evening hours, recessed lighting was added



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throughout the ceiling, and attractive pendants for task lighting were placed over the island.

Our clients favored a transitional style with a touch of rustic, old world charm. To that end, we included a gorgeous mural over the range that was hand painted on 6 x 6" Durango tiles and then sealed for preservation. Complimentary warm tones are found in the porcelain tile backsplash, as well as the granite countertops and espresso stained base cabinets.

One of the highlights of the kitchen for our clients is the pantry. With ample storage space, plus a counter complete with electric receptacles for appliances, the pantry closet provides both functionality and convenience.



Our clients are very pleased with the renovations—so much so that they have referred us to friends and are already thinking about their next project. According to the homeowners *"So far, we have recommended Harth to three other people who were looking into remodeling services. We also are considering potential future projects ourselves depending on budgets."*



Company News

Recently, we made several staffing changes to keep pace with our growth, and to replace key team members who have moved on to other opportunities.

New Team Members

Please join us in welcoming the following new team members.



Emily Garis
Design Coordinator



Heather D'Biagio
Draftsperson



Allison Smith
Accounts Payable
Assistant



Mike Laws
Carpenter II



Harry Pohl
Carpenter I



Nate McGready
Carpenter II

Promotion

Congratulations to Steve Torres on his promotion from Lead Carpenter to Project Manager



Farewell Andrew and Tim

We are bidding Andrew Lemmon and Tim Wrona a fond farewell. Both of these long-time employees have moved on to other opportunities and we wish them well in all their future endeavors.



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**A Note
From Greg:**

Harth Builders was recently recognized as one of the fastest growing companies in the region by the Philadelphia Business Journal. We were thrilled to be ranked 28th of the 50 on Fire in Philly.

On a related note, we were also recognized by Remodeling Magazine and Qualified Remodeler for ranking among the top remodeling companies in the nation in both of those publications surveys.

We are grateful to all who have helped to foster this growth. With your support, Harth Builders will continue to thrive and contribute positively to our community.



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