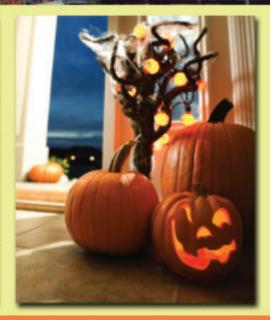
# Festival of Homes

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### **HOME SPOTLIGHT**

### Step into history

### Victorian duplex in Boyertown for sale

the home at 103 N. Reading Ave. All gas lines have since been re-Boyertown is "a special kind of place."

In approximately 1900, a prominent local family, the Shaners, built this elegant 2900-squarefoot Victorian duplex. Being of extreme wealth for the time, the home was built with the most cutting edge of amenities ever seen before. The home has been meticulously maintained with all the originality and features that were box and 10-foot floor-to-ceiling installed when the home was originally built.

Upon entering the main foyer, you immediately realize the home itself is a work of art. The craftsmanship is exemplified in several art mediums, from the abundance of dark heavy woodwork- interphone and a more current ing, which is a mainstay in each of the areas, to the stain glass windows and the vast specialty tile work.

Each and every room is swathed in intricate deep dark woodworking all in its original grandeur. Hardwood flooring and a grand staircase are the backdrop to The 10-foot ceilings showcase the 19 windows, each of which is 8 feet in height and covered with full-length levered double paneled shutters. Three sets of pocket doors with matching hand-carved overhead frets are a unique rephome.

Imported English encaustic tile welcomes you into the entrance fover and is also an exquisite detail in each of the two magnificent wood fireplaces. Each fireplace is surrounded by a hand-carved oak mantle and is the central figure the home, you will enjoy the artistry of the interior stain glass and leaded glass doors and windows.

One of the first homes in Boy-

Steeped in Boyertown history, and electric lines to power them. is truly a perfect example of why moved, but all the original light fixtures hang from all ceilings. While there are several styles throughout the home, each light features the same etched leaf de-

The most pronounced timedated feature of the home is the Butler Pantry. This pristinely preserved and maintained area of the home features the working dumbwaiter as well as the original icecabinetry. This pantry area was a necessity in 1900s, as well as today, providing enormous amounts of storage and also the hub of the home's communication. Here is where you will find the first and still in partial working order oak intercom system. Space is abundant, and you will never be at a loss for rooms or space. Both the front ornate staircase or the rear servant steps will take you to the second floor.

The main full bathroom is yet another room that dates back to the home's original build with three of the main floor rooms. original features from floor to ceiling. The parquet oak flooring, wainscoting as well as yet another 8-foot full-shuttered window. The original fixtures take you back to 1900 with the claw foot tub and marble top sink with backsplash and floral inlayed porcelain washresentation of this time period bowl. Directly above the sink is a built-in medicine cabinet, and lighting the room is a beautiful delicate glass beaded ceiling light.

Three large bedrooms are the mainstay of this floor, each one individual in its appearance and features. Windows, lighting, stained glass and closets abound, remindin the front parlor and also the ing you in each and every room formal dining room. Throughout that this is a special kind of place.

more rooms with yet more windows and stained glass. The highlight of the third floor is a stunertown to have electricity directly ning room to the very front of the panel into the home, all the light fixtures home. With 12 hours of sunlight, are original to 1900. At that time, this is the perfect art studio, muthese fixtures featured both gas sic room, dance studio or private



reading room.

While the home is a reflection of days gone by, there have been many upgrades to make this a contemporary place to call home. The kitchen is completely renovated with newer white faced appliances, custom white cabinetry, corona countertops, dishwasher and microwave. Directly off the kitchen is a first-floor powder room. The rear servant steps lead to what at one time was the maids quarters and has since been transformed into the laundry room with a full shower right off of the The third floor boasts even second-floor main bathroom.

Utility upgrades include:

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- Roof
- Furnace
- Rebuilt chimney

• Fire alarm system

The exterior of the property is also a wonderful expression of the time period from when the home was built. The four-story tower is the main attraction to the home both inside and out. The tower can be seen from the basement up through the first, second and third floors of the home topped on the exterior with a Victorian fenerol.

The front-pillared porch has been rebuilt along with the second-floor porch to the rear of the home. The side and rear wraparound porch with removable glass panels is original to the home, and all doors lead you to the beautiful rear brick inlayed patio surrounded by Victorian trellis and slate walkways.

The landscaping is reflective of the time with magnolia, 100-year-old ash, English Holly,

crepe myrtle and hydrangea. And no property of the 1900s would be complete without the original outhouse.

David and Judy Larson bought the property from the Shaner family and have raised their family in the historic home. In 1985, David was commissioned by the Bovertown Area Community Counsel to do a rending depicting the Boyertown Scape. It became "A Special Kind of Place" and in 2003 became the first mural to grace a building landscape in Boyertown. Since then, David has been commissioned to continue the series, the latest being in celebration of Boyertown's 150 Anniversary. This truly is a one of a kind home in a one of a kind town.

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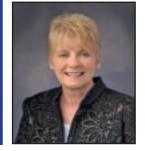
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Jonathan Sukonik was one of the first builders in the United States to earn the National Association of Homebuilders Certified Green Professional designation, and Neil Sukonik has achieved Build Green's Certified EcoBroker status.

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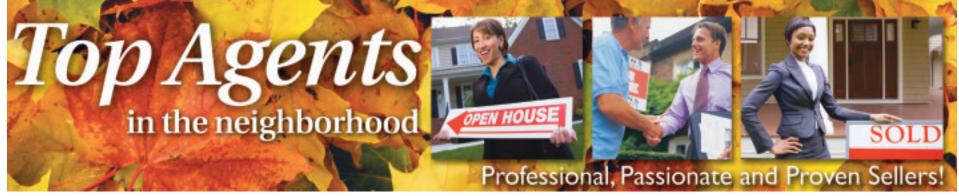
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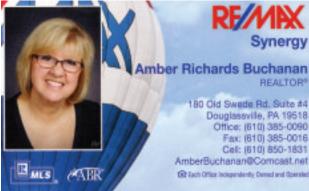
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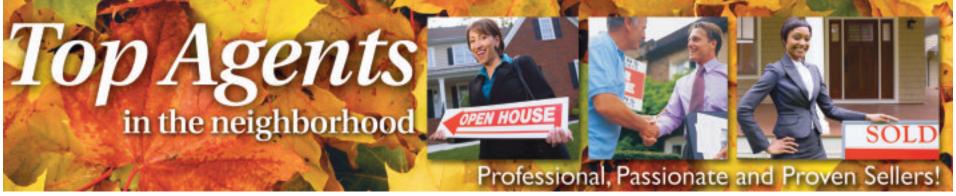
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With the construction of new homes underway at The Reserve at Bally Springs, the intersection of Gehringer Road and Joy Circle in Bally is undergoing a major transformation.

Eighteen of the 44 available Rotelle Development Company homes are already under contract, and the company is planning a grand opening of its beautifully appointed model home ters and in-law suites. For one-half to three-acre on Oct. 29. All are welcome!

Buyers will have 10 different floor plans to choose from, ranging in size from craftsman-style elevations 1,500 to 4,000 square feet of home style for every budget can choose from. and preference, including ranch, Cape Cod and twostory custom home styles with three and four bed- District, each home will rooms and first-floor mas- be situated on picturesque



the design of this new community, Rotelle has tapped into today's hot trend of and façade trim details, as living space. And there's a one of the options buyers tennis courts.

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building lots with breathtaking mountain views and a grand on-site recreational area complete with a large playground, basketball and

### Incredible Builder Incentives

But homes are moving fast with pre-construction single-family home plans starting at \$254,900 and incredible limited-time builder incentives that include \$15,000 in free options, \$5,000 in seller assist and free finished basements in nearly all models. With financial incentives like these, buying a home at The Reserve at Bally Springs becomes the obvious, affordable choice.

According to Peter Rotelle, president and owner of Rotelle Development Company, "Bally Springs is a fantastic community located in the right place, at the right time, at the right price. It's without a doubt the best value in the area. We have designed a living community that offers space, price points and design options that will resonate with a diverse group of home buyers," said Rotelle.

First-time buyers work-

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### 185 Hoffmansville Rd., Barto Reduced! \$349.900

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### Reserve

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ing with Rotelle will quickly discover that building a home with personalized amenities is both attainable and affordable.

For buyers looking to build a home that will accommodate their growing Rotelle offers creative designs and customized floor plans to set the stage for future needs.

And for folks ready to offers smaller lots for onestory ranch-style living.

So for buyers currently looking for a home in the Boyertown area, Rotelle advises them to look no further.

"You won't find any other community that can offer Bally Spring's winning combination of affordable, stylish homes on large lots with striking countryside initial conversation to finviews."

### **A Personalized Home Buying Experience**

veloper, has been design- the years to develop our ing and building quality unique brand and distinchomes for nearly 30 years. tive buying experience for The company has been at our home buyers," said Rothe forefront of innovation telle. when it comes to delivering a highly personalized, educational experience that makes building a custom home attainable, simple and stress-free.

The company recently opened Rotelle Studio(e) families for years to come, in South Coventry, Pa., a one-of-a-kind design studio where a Rotelle inhouse architect, interior alty Group is located at 542 designers and lot specialists guide home buyers evdownsize, the community ery step of the way: from choosing the ideal location, to selecting the per- Springs is open Friday fect house plan and custom and Saturday from 11 a.m. design features, to advising them on financing.

> This inspiring studio setting with an emphasis on buyer education ensures that Rotelle customers are well-informed, well-served and protected against risk. The entire process — from cated at 1011 Ridge Road in  $ished\ product\ -\ includes$ a guarantee that the new home will be delivered ontime and on-budget.

Rotelle Development est example of how we as a the Studio(e) website at Company, a premiere home company have invested an http://studioehomes.com builder and environmen- incredible amount of time, to learn how Rotelle can tally responsible land de- money and resources over help you build your custom

### Call Or Stop By To See For Yourself

Rotelle Development Company and Studio(e) have teamed up with real estate specialists Keller Williams Realty Group and Terese Brittingham, owner/ broker. Keller Williams Re-N. Lewis Road in Limerick. Brittingham can be reached at 610-792-5900.

The Reserve at Bally to 5 p.m. and is located at the intersection of Gehringer Road and Joy Circle in Bally. Please call Cyndi Yaeckel, site agent, for more info or to set an appointment at 215-272-4122.

Rotelle Studio(e) is lo-South Coventry. Hours are Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; weekends 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call the Studio directly at 610-422-1000 for "Studio(e) is just the lat- more information or visit



Rotelle Development Company recently opened Studio(e) in South Coventry, Pa., a unique studio setting with an emphasis on buyer education. Surrounded by creative inspiration, buyers are guided every step of the way by a Rotelle in-house architect, interior designers and lot specialists who help them choose the ideal location, house plan and custom design features and advise them on financing.

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with the unveiling of new models at Douglass Village, artfully designed to provide the best in amenities to discriminating buyers age 55 Village is an award-winning community that is rapty's most coveted place to call home.

This unique manufachomes in nine appealing on some models. models, all with singlelevel floor plans for carefree, independent living. Choose from two-, three- reach in every possible way. or four-bedroom designs, give that special custom full kitchen to be used by

Leisurely living has been el- homes are beautifully outevated to a whole new level fitted with high-style Whirlpool appliances with gas or electric ranges standard.

These charming Energy Star Certified homes offer 90-plus high-efficient and over, while understand- gas heat, public water and ing the importance of life- sewer and impressive 2-bystyle, comfort and flexibility 6-inch construction. Each to make changes to accom- Douglass Village residence modate buyers. Douglass features a garage that is standard, providing homeowners with extra space for idly becoming Berks Coun- bikes, sporting equipment and hobby supplies that are a part of a busy and active over-55 lifestyle. Two- and tured-home community fea- three-car garages and extra tures spacious single-family storage space can be added

> Priced from an affordable low \$100Ks, the homes at Douglass Village are within

A newer clubhouse is each offering two baths fully equipped with a fitand a roomy and conve- ness room; a comfortable nient country kitchen that game room with flat-screen is standard in most mod- TVs, shuffle board and card els; 27-foot family rooms tables; a library room for and 27-foot front or rear your reading pleasure; and porches can be added to a large gathering room with

**DOUGLASS, BERKS COUNTY** » touch. All Douglass Village residence for community parties and personal use. A sparkling heated pool lends vacation ambiance that Douglass Village residences can enjoy all summer long.

Located near major highways, this beautiful 55-plus community provides easy access to shopping areas, malls, outlets, health facilities and cultural centers in Berks, Chester and Montgomery counties and well beyond.

Learn more about Douglass Village, a quality manufactured-home community, by calling the sales office at 610-323-4583 or visit between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Also you can call the broker's office at KELLER WIL-LIAMS REALTY GROUP at 610-792-5900 ext. 208.

Directions: From Collegeville, Route 422 West, Stowe exit. Left at first light (High Street). Make right at second light (Broadmoor Blvd.) into community.

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### **REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL**

## RE/MAX Achievers welcomes another producing sales agent

John E. Ohler, broker/ owner, welcomes Cindy Royer to RE/MAX Achievers real estate of Pottstown & Collegeville.

When you think of real estate in Montgomery County, think of Cindy

Cindy has relocated her place of business to RE/ MAX Achievers Inc. of Pottstown & Collegeville.

Cindy has been a licensed Realtor for over 13 years. Historically, Cindy's sales trends have produced multi-million dollar results. From her new construction sales to real estate resale experiences, Cindy offers a diverse résumé packed with tate portfolio includes resreal estate services.

Cindy's past client, Ms. Ellis, shares, "Cindy Royer seller agency, structural & is such a good Realtor. She not only listened to exactly what we wanted in buying our new home, she made sure that we understood the house buying process focus is online advertisand all that it entails. She kept us busy with viewing homes, and though sometimes it can be discouraging, she kept our attitudes positive. She is understanding and knowledgeable, and I would recommend her to anyone buying a home. I feel like we made a friend in Cindy."



Cindy Royer

Cindy's 13-year real esidential re-sale, new construction, buyer agency, design skills, contract com- RE/MAX Achievers serves pilations and real estate buy-improve-resell strategies.

ing and awareness. Check St., 610-326-1200. Log on to out her online profiles on Facebook.com, LinkedIn. information. com, Twitter.com and Zillow.com. If you'd like to ing, contact Cindy Royer learn more about real estate and related topics, log on to www.CindyRoyer.Remaxagent.com.

earned Multi-Million Dol-

lar sales status. Cindy has equipped herself with a team of professionals and has "go to" resources for financing, title, conveyancing, marketing and home improvement and repairs. Cindy prides herself in her personal communications with clients. Her number one business asset is her commitment and quality of customer service.

Cindy's RE/MAX affiliation involves her with charitable organizations, Children's Miracle Network and the Komen Foundation Race for the Cure. Collectively, these charities have collected over \$100 million in RE/MAX donations.

No one sells more real estate in the world than RE/ MAX. Now is a great time! the community from two locations: Collegeville -1425 S. Collegeville Road Cindy's marketing plan (Route 29), 610-489-5900; Pottstown — 2060 E. High AchieversPA.com for more

Whether buying or selland let her real estate experience go to work for you. Cindy can be reached at 21-262-4298 or Cindv-Professionally, Cindy has RoyerProperties@gmail.

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tems come with smart home app, which allows you to relocks, lights, video cameras and even your thermostat. crime, with professional monitoring for emergen- tem can."

cies and wireless communication that can't be defeated by a semi-savvy burglar with wire cutters.

Today's best security sys- rity system combines stateof-the-art protection with technology and a mobile the convenience of smart home technology," says it. Thanks to smartphone motely control your system Matt Zartman of Alarm. apps, that's all changed. You as well as other devices like com, a l smart home security technology provider. "It's easy to use, whether Modern systems also offer you're at home or away, enhanced protection from and it does much more for bed tucked in for the night you than a traditional sys- or hundreds of miles away

Here are few changes Zartman has seen:

Smart features: One of the biggest challenges with "A next-generation secu-traditional security systems is forgetting to arm the system. Once you leave home, you have no way to control can arm a modern security system with a tap on the screen of your smartphone, whether you are upstairs in

SYSTEM » PAGE 18

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### **ACTIVE ADULT COMMUNITY**

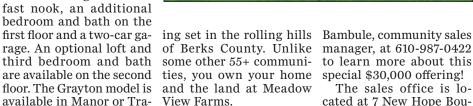
### Two new model home designs coming soon

Judd Builders is excited to announce The Grayton and The Hampton, two brand new model home designs available soon at Meadow View Farms, a 55+ active adult community in historic Oley Township, Berks County, Pa.

At 1,188 square feet, The Grayton model features a lavish first-floor owner's suite, an open living and dining area with gourmet kitchen leading to a breakfast nook, an additional bedroom and bath on the available in Manor or Traditional style exteriors.

room and bath on the secexteriors.

\$200s, the single-family



Our elegant and wel-At 1,625 square feet, coming community center The Hampton model wel- is the perfect place to host comes you into a foyer a birthday party, meet the leading to the great room grandkids for lunch, play with optional fireplace, a hand of cards with new dining room, gourmet friends, browse the interkitchen and breakfast net in the business cen- juddbuilders.com. room. A luxurious owner's ter or stay in shape at the suite with walk-in closet well-appointed fitness cenand additional bedroom ter. The Oley Valley offers a and bath are located on peaceful, yet convenient lothe first floor. The home cation with easy access to also features a two-car recreational activities and garage and plenty of stor- area attractions. Enjoy the age space with an optional outdoors, the arts and the Philadelphia. Over their loft, attic and third bed- area's rich local history, while living a carefree, ond floor. The Hampton satisfying lifestyle. With reputation as a skilled model is also available in most typical home and Manor or Traditional style yard maintenance chores planner of communities out of the way, your time that is sensitive to Priced from the low is finally your own!

homes at Meadow View truly carefree living in well as the concerns of Farms are beautifully de- the scenic Oley Valley! all homebuyers. Today, signed for an active life- There's never been a bet- Judd Builders offers high style, as well as energy effiter time to purchase a quality, award-winning ciency. The highest quality brand new home and get homes designs in the materials and workman- super savings at Meadow most desirable locations. ship are used in their con- View Farms! For a lim- For more information struction. Meadow View ited time, take advantage on the company and its Farms is a milestone in of special pricing on your communities, visit www. luxurious, active adult liv- dream home. Contact Tim juddbuilders.com.

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The sales office is located at 7 New Hope Boulevard, Oley, PA 19547, and is open Monday and Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Bambule or visit www.

Judd Builders, a division of the broad-based DePaul Group, was founded in the late 1950s as a builder of custom homes in and around 50-year history, Judd Builders has earned the and conscientious the contemporary Discover the beauty of environmental issues as

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### **COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY**

### RE/MAX Achievers launches food drive, toy drive

Estate annual goals — "Support our community where we live and work" our 2016 Thanksgiving and Holiday Toys for Tots Drive.

again to the local communities for their continued support by giving back.

In October, November Achievers on Route 29 in Collegeville and 2060 are collecting canned goods and dry food for local shelters. There are giving dinner. Every No- to provide gifts to their day season!

MAX Achievers Real MAX Achievers has been ing holiday season. Since donating 25 turkeys and 2008, RE/MAX Achievover 300 canned goods to the local food shel-- we proudly announce ters. In December 2015, RE/MAX Achievers doand December Food Drive nated nearly 12 grocery carts of food to a local shelter. Once again, the asking the community to The local community real estate company is has supported RE/MAX extending the invitation toy for this holiday sea-Achievers Real Estate of- to the public. RE/MAX fices since 1987. RE/MAX Achievers kindly asks Achievers Real Estate the community to check team is saying thank you their pantries and donate their canned goods and dry food products to the cause.

and December, RE/MAX Achievers Real Estate will collect Toys for Tots. Re/ MAX Achievers will col-E. High St. in Pottstown lect the items at the offices located on Route 29 in Collegeville and 2060 E. High St. in Pottstown. all of your real estate over 450 families in the There are hundreds of needs whether buying, area that are in need of families that will not selling or investing! All of food for their Thanks- have the financial ability the best for a happy holi-

In keeping with RE/ vember since 2001, RE/ family during the upcomers Real Estate has adopted families and provided gifts for families each holiday season. We are reaching out to our local communities and consider donating a new son cause.

If you would like to participate in any of the above, please visit one of our branch offices: Collegeville - 1425 S. Collegeville Road (Route 29), of-In December, RE/MAX fice: 610-489-5900; Pottstown - 2060 E. High St., office: 610-326-1200; on the web: Achieversoffice@AchieversPA.com.

RE/MAX Achievers is eager to assist you with



RE/MAX ACHIEVERS holds the annual Thanksgiving food drive last year. Pictured are, from left, Nicole O. Roman, vice president; John E. Ohler, broker/owner; Suzanne Jurenko; Michael Richter; Scott Tomlinson; Marcia Singh; Brent Harris; Don Peters; seated in front: Kathy Cicala; Donna Russell; Nancy Peters.





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RE/MAX Achievers team members participate in the Miracle Jeans Day. Pictured are, from left, Melinda Bastable, Kathy Cicala, Paula Pierce, Nicole Roman, Lori Leister, Nancy Peters, Patty Kerridge and Mike Richter.

## RE/MAX Achievers supports Children's Miracle Network

RE/MAX Achievers is ing moments that take Achievers has been genercommitted to its goal: place can be attributed to ous with their time and tal-"support our community the generosity of donors ent in their support of the where we live and work."

On Sept. 14, RE/MAX support of the Children's With over 100,000 affiliates, Miracle Network.

wore their favorite jeans than RE/MAX. to work and made financial contributions to show their support for the kids Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

commitment to the future of CHOP.

From research advancements to facilities expansion to pioneering clinical care, so many life-chang-

like RE/MAX Achievers.

John E. Ohler, broker/ Achievers of Collegeville owner, recently announced and Pottstown partici- that RE/MAX worldwide has pated in their second an-raised over \$110 million for nual Miracle Jeans Day in Children's Miracle Network. no real estate franchise has The Achievers team raised more money for CMN

Every year, RE/MAX Realtors donate a portion of their earned commission Hospital of Philadelphia. treated at the Children at to Children's Miracle Network. RE/MAX Achievers, Inc. has been a corporate RE/MAX Achievers' sponsor since 1992, raisgenerosity helps CHOP ing over \$300,000. Funds consistently rank as one raised through Children's of the top children's hospi- Miracle Network throughtals in the nation and ex- out the Philadelphia reemplifies the company's gion are earmarked for patient care programs like the Child Life and the Education Department at Children's Hospital of Philadel-

In addition, RE/MAX com.

Children's Miracle Network. Each year in the fall, RE/MAX Realtors volunteer their time at the OLD-IES 98.1 CMN Radiothon and also support the Children's Miracle Network Miracle Jeans Day.

If you would like more information on how to donate to Children's Miracle Network at The Children's please call 215-590-7002.

RE/MAX Achievers is eager to assist you with all of your real estate needs whether buying, selling or investing! You can contact us at our two offices located in Collegeville -1425 S. Collegeville Road (Route 29), office: 610-489-5900; Pottstown − 2060 E. High St., office: 610-326-1200; on the web: Achieversoffice@AchieversPA.

### **HOMES**

### Some secrets to building the best media room in your home

Statepoint

There was a time when terrupting the show. only a few could afford a large screen television. The resolution was clunky, the sound poor and the cost high. But over the past decade, technology has advanced so remarkably fast that today a 60-inch television with unbelievably crisp resolution is within many people's budget.

tickets for movie theaters are more expensive than do just that. ever, and it makes sense why home theater in their house. amazing electronic toys, it's possible to create a media room that delivers theater-And you can enjoy it in more you to mount your speakers,

out obnoxious strangers in-

But 4K televisions, surround-sound speakers and bass cannons are only part of the overall experience.

To compliment these electronics features, you need the right setting to amplify the experience. This means taking the time to design a proper media room that enables your Add to this the fact that equipment. These five indispensable tips will help you

1. A great media room bemore people are building a gins with the right walls. Incredibly strong, Habito(TM) With some planning and drywall is able to hold up to 30 pounds on a single screw. This drywall does away with wall mounts and the quality sound and visuals. need to find a stud, allowing

where you want them to go. toward the screen, many

what color you choose for or maroon. your room will be based off personal preference, aim sult of more than speak- stead of hard blinds, use create separation between for earthy, neutral colors ers. Designing your room sound dampening curtains your media room and the that minimize glare. To help with acoustics in mind

2. Paint wisely. While paint the wall a burgundy ity to the sound. To avoid also contributes to reduced

ate a sharp, echoing qualto help enhance the sound living area of the home.

comfortable seats and with- television or screen exactly draw the focus of the room is key. Hard surfaces cre- and keep out the sun. The density of Habito drywall this, your media room sound transmission be-3. Great sound is a re- should be carpeted and in- tween rooms, helping to

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**247 Prospect St, Pottstown** \$162.000

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DIR: From High St & Hanover, N on N Hanover St to R on Prospect St. Home on Left.

Hosted by David & Diane DeLong "Spouses Selling Houses" 610-858-0267



### OPEN SUNDAY 1-3 PM



2310 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville \$237,000

Beautiful ranch home, 3 bds 2 baths. Finished bsmt w/ stone fireplace. 2 car garage, hdwd flrs, screened porch, many upgrades. Move right in! GL101

DIR: From Gilbertsville, Swamp Pk East to home on Right.

Hosted by Matthew Kennedy 610-304-8340



### Sunday October 23 • 12-2 PM



\$217,900 Fully renovated, 3 Bedroom, 2 full Bath Bi-level in Daniel Boone with lots of extras

and inclusions. 1800+ sq ft of well situated living space. Gorgeous 40 foot paver patio with a built-in stoned front granite topped BBQ and fireplace. Must See! 6862125

812 W. 8th St, Birdsboro

Directions: Rte 82 Birdsboro, Right on W. 1st St, Left on Jefferson, Right on W. 8th St.

### Sunday October 23 • 1-3 PM



**1049 Queen St.** Pottstown \$78,900

Enter this spacious & bright Pottstown Twin through the covered front porch. There is a lg Living Rm, Dining Rm, half Bath and nice size Kitchen. The door off Kitchen leads to back vard area and 2 car garage. Upstairs are 3 BRs and a full BA. Third floor offers add'l living or storage space. 6823473

**Directions:** West on High St toward Willow Rd., Left onto South Price St (St. James Lutheran Church is on the right), first Right onto Queen St, Property on Right.

### Sundav October 23 • 1-3 PM



433 Cherry St, Pottstown \$115,000

This all Brick 3-4 BR Single home is located on a lovely tree-lined street. From covered front porch, enter into a charming Living Rm that leads into the formal Dining Rm. Huge Kitchen leads to private patio. Bedrooms are nice in size and the finished attic would be great as an office, playroom or bedroom. There is a lg backyard which is fenced, a garage and 2 car off street parking. Pottstown S.D. **6819074** 

Hosted by: Barb Borger

Directions: High St to Franklin, L onto Cherry, Prop on L.

### Sunday October 23 • 1-4 PM

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formal Dining Room, Living Room with fireplace and cathedral ceiling. Den, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, Family Room with fireplace.

**273 Concord Dr. Pottstown** 

\$275,000

Upper Pottsgrove Twp. custom built brick

and aluminum Rancher. Country Kitchen,

Oversized 2 car garage. 6765539

Directions: From Pottstown: Rte 663 N, bear Left onto Orlando Rd., Left onto Continental, Left onto Concord

### Sunday October 23 • 1-3 PM



Hosted by: Betsy Bellantoni

### 444 Mt Vernon St.Pottstown \$219.900

Delightful 4 BR stone Ranch for graceful living in Rosedale neighborhood. Large Kitchen, great work space, huge den to enjoy many Holiday get-togethers, private BR/BA for guests. Formal Living Room, Dining Room and 3 large BR's. H/W floors throughout. Rich trims and finishing touches too numerous to mention. Eniovable to show! 6625528

Directions: : High St to R on Wilson, R on Mt. Vernon

### Sunday October 23 • 1-3 PM



Hosted by: Vanessa Deskie

### Ave, Boyertown \$168,000 3 BR, 1.5 Bath Boyertown Stone beauty dating back

1637 W. Philadelphia

to 1840 with the modern conveniences of today. Deep window sills, open beam ceiling, wooden floors and an open hearth walk-in Fireplace convey evidence of days gone by. 6827746

Directions: From intersection of Rtes 73 and 562 in Boyertown, South on 562 to House on Right (4.5 Miles)

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### **REAL ESTATE**

### Make your home feel bigger without adding space

Statepoint

Party balloons, elastic waistbands and the universe - for some things, expansion is easy. When your home is too small, however, it's not always possible to expand it.

Whether you live in a subcondo or a big, modern single-family home on a tiny lot, chances are good expanding iust isn't in the cards for vour home. Many Americans are in the same situation, and they're seeking creative ways to maximize the utility of the space they have.

Here are some ideas for improving the functionality and

appearance of your space without adding a single (and costly) square foot to your home's footprint:

Make it look and feel bigger A space that's crowded with stuff, filled with large furniture and decorated in dark hues will feel tight and oppressive urban townhouse, an urban no matter how big the room is. Decluttering, lightening up your decor and right-sizing furniture are three of the easiest ways to make your home feel bigger and work better. Replace dark drapes and carpets with lighter colors, paint the walls in pale neutral hues, and ditch the sectional that dominates three walls of your small living room. rooms where privacy is impor-

brighter, and modern skylights, like those from Velux America, make it easy to bring natural light into virtually any room.

A before/after video of a Charlotte, North Carolina home illustrates the dramatic difference simply adding skylights can make. Visit https:// vimeo.com/176301240 to view the video.

There are also a number of traditional skylight solutions. including light wells from attics to ceilings below, for spaces without direct roof access.

Skylights are also great sources of natural light in

can help a space feel bigger and room. What's more, Energy ural light from the roofline ishing an attic may be as simple Star-qualified, solar-powered, fresh-air skylights provide natural light and passive ventilation without requiring you to give up any precious wall space.

> designer colors and patterns to solar skylights, and you can control the amount of light entering a room with the programmable touchpad remote control. and installation costs.

roof access, another option could be Sun Tunnel tubu-Next, look up. Natural light tant, such as the master bath- lar skylights that funnel nat-

into spaces below. These models also have optional light kits that make them functional 24/7. Visit www.whyskylights. com to learn more.

Finally, it may be possible Add solar-powered blinds in to remove a non-load-bearing wall between rooms to create a more open space. For example, if your kitchen is partitioned off from the family room, removing the wall between the Even more - homeowners can spaces - or even half of it - can receive a 30 percent federal tax make both feel bigger. Have credit on solar skylights, blinds an unused bedroom adjacent to your master bedroom? Re-For rooms without direct moving the wall between the rooms can give you an impressive master suite.

#### RECLAIM UNUSED SPACE

Virtually every home has some space in it that's not being used. Finishing a basement or attic can be a cost-effective way to increase your home's living space without adding to its footprint. Basement finishing systems make it easier and faster than ever to create can help optimize the space a comfortable and attractive and maximize the amount you space below ground, while fin- can store there.

as adding insulation, sheet rock and skylights or roof windows.

Another option might be to increase your entertainment space by converting a patio or deck into a sun room. Gaining that space as living area can allow you to reconfigure other areas inside your home for greater utility. For example, a finished, enclosed patio can function as your family room, allowing you to use all or part of the old family room to expand your kitchen and add a powder room.

### **USE EXISTING SPACE WISELY**

Finally, use the space you do have more efficiently by designing rooms that multitask - such as a home office/ guest bedroom combination or guest room with the closet converted into a work space. If you're like most Americans, you store stuff in the garage. Adding organized storage such as shelves and cabinets

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on vacation.

Real-time news: An older system would only alert you when an alarm was set off. Today's systems can alert you to a range of events via your smartphone. For example, you can get an alert when your kids arrive home, when a trusted contractor opens your smart lock, or when a video camera detects motion. You can also get notifications when something inside your home is accessed, such as learning more about moda safe or a locked cabinet.

Upgraded protection: Older phone and cablebased security systems are easy to defeat because a

outside the home. The best modern systems use a wireless cellular connection to communicate. Even if your power is disabled or WiFi signal goes out, your home security system keeps you safe and connected.

Other emergencies: Tied into modern security systems is the ability to detect other emergencies in your home, such as detecting smoke or a carbon monoxide leak. They are even capable of alerting you when a water pipe bursts, so you can take action to prevent costly water damage.

If you are interested in ern security systems and how they keep your family safer and more connected when you are away, check out Alarm.com's Smarter Home Security sysburglar can cut the wires tems at www.alarm.com/blog.

### **REAL ESTATE**

### Top energy-efficient housing features every new homebuyer should know

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Most Americans want an energy-efficient home, and they're willing to make the necessary changes to help improve efficiency, whether it's changing their habits or appliances. But reducing energy bills and making your home more efficient doesn't just begin with remembering to switch off lights in empty rooms or paving top-dollar for newer appliances.

"Energy efficiency has to start when a home is being look for: built," says Kevin Clayton, CEO of manufactured home builder Clayton Homes. "If you're buying new construction, it's important to look for a home that's built with energy-efficiency in mind during the home design stage. Those additional features will have a great impact on a home's overall efficiency."

As demand for greater en-

design has moved from the realm of luxury homes into the mainstream, Clayton notes. "You no longer have to buy a mansion to get an ing, wall and floor cavities. energy-smart, sustainable home. Manufactured homes buying more energy-efficient are very energy-efficient and it's easier to add energy saying features when the home is being constructed in a climate controlled environment."

a new home, here are energyefficient design features to

#### SUPERIOR INSULATION

Insulation doesn't just keep a home warm in the winter. It should also help keep it cooler in the summer, and help central airconditioning units operate more efficiently. The R-Value heating and cooling costs of insulation tells you how well it will be able to resist heat transfer, and a higher Rergy efficiency has grown, the Value means better heat re-

a home, builders may use a combination of insulation types, such as batt and blown insulations packed into ceil-

#### LOW-E WINDOWS

Windows can be a significant source of heat transfer in a home, allowing heat to enter rooms in the summer and escape in winter. Lowemissive (Low-E) windows If you're in the market for hinder heat transfer while still allowing daylight to pass through. Not only can Low-E windows help A/C units operate more efficiently, they can also prevent fading of fabrics, floor coverings and furniture from sunlight entering a home.

#### **AIR MANAGEMENT**

Air leaks can increase for a typical existing home in the United States by an average of 15 percent, according to the Environmental Pro-

concept of more resourceful sistance. To properly protect tection Agency. A newly constructed home with properly tight airway leading outside can help reduce your energy

> Minimizing air leaks bewalls, floors and roofs come together are properly sealed. air flow and prevents dust to ensure no leaks occur.

#### **WATER HEATING**

The U.S. Energy Informasealed ductwork inside and tion Administration indicates that according to a 2009 Residential Energy Consumption Survey, water heating can account for nearly 20 percent gins with tight construction of a home's total energy use. in which all the joints where Modern, energy-efficient water heaters can heat the same amount of water as older Weather stripping around models, while using less endoors and windows reduces ergy. If you're having a home built for you, ask the builder from entering. Inside, duct about installing an energywork should be properly efficient water heater. Claysealed to prevent air leaks ton Homes use water heatand condensation, and tested ers with thicker side walls descent bulbs, and can last that have higher insulation much longer.

values and are better at retaining heat.

### SMALL, YET SIGNIFICANT

Some steps that seem minor can actually add up to much greater energy efficiency long-term. For example, installing CFL (compact fluorescent light) bulbs rather than traditional incandescent bulbs wherever possible can help reduce electric bills. CFLs use less energy to produce the same amount of light as incan-



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