

A House Expanded

A cramped, dated home is transformed into a spacious, modern abode.

When the owners of a Bethesda home realized that they'd outgrown their one-story, mid-20th century abode, they decided to remodel and expand rather than relocate. A family-friendly neighborhood and high-performing schools were two of the reasons they wanted to stay.

"Their main wish was to have as much storage as possible," said Justin Wigfield, project manager, Clickman Design Build in North Potomac.

The remodeling project included a renovation of the entire basement and first floor as well as a redesign of the home's exterior. The first floor is now an open, free-flowing space that includes a kitchen with a walk-in pantry and breakfast area. The main floor also holds a guest suite, mudroom and screened-in porch.

Adding a second floor gave the family an additional 2,000 square feet of space and includes the master suite, children's bedrooms and a laundry room. The remodeled basement now holds a gym, a game room, a bedroom and ample storage.



The kitchen of this newly remodeled Bethesda home includes a walk-in pantry, breakfast area, Caesarstone counter tops and a Kohler vault apron front sink.

Creating a Lifelong Home



Many of us love the idea of staying in our homes as we age. But what does this really mean? A few simple updates can make a big difference in the comfort and safety of our homes as we get older. And they can often be great for resale purposes as well.

First Floor Master Suite. A first floor master suite provides single floor living with a bedroom, bathroom, living room and kitchen all on one floor.

Elevator Rough-In. If you are planning on adding space to your home now, think about incorporating a rough-in for an elevator. It's much easier to do as you are building than to add later.

Bathroom and Kitchen Features. Incorporating a curbless shower or grab bars in the bathroom or roll out drawers in the kitchen are great features to consider. Not only will they potentially be helpful down the road, but are nice to have of any age.

Rita Glendon, founder of Clickman Design Build, is a leader Certified Remodeler and Certified Aging in Place Specialist. The award-winning Clickman Design Build team has completed thousands of general remodeling and accessible design projects in the Metro DC area and is passionate about the work they do. Their work has been featured in a variety of publications. Visit ClickmanDesignBuild.com or call 202-444-4262 to learn more.

— MARILYN CAMPBELL

BULLETIN BOARD

Event announcements to attendees@connectionnews.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. **Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.**

JACKETS WANTED

Hoodies or hoodies, spring in here, but nights are still cold. If you have clean, gently used fleeces or hoodies suitable for men, especially in large sizes, Bethesda Care requests that you bring them by its office at 7728 Woodmont Avenue (adjacent to the entrance of the Woodmont parking garage). Tax receipts given for donation. Visit bethesda.care.org or call 301-907-9244.

THROUGH APRIL 18

Tax Preparation Assistance. The

Montgomery County Volunteer Center's RSVP/AAFP Tax Aide Program is providing free tax preparation assistance. This service is available to low to moderate income taxpayers who live or work in Montgomery County. Special attention is given to those 60 years or older. Taxes are prepared at more than 20 different locations across Montgomery County and an appointment is required. Schedule an appointment at www.montgomeryvolcenter.org/tax-aide/overview or call 240-777-2577.

STARTING APRIL 18

Residential Street Sweeping. Montgomery County's residential roadways will get a spring cleaning with the launch of the annual street sweeping program on about 4,000 of the County's more than 5,000 curbsides of roads. Brightly colored signs

are posted in neighborhoods a few days before street sweeping begins. Residents are urged to find alternative parking while their streets are cleaned. Information about the street sweeping program is available on MCH's website or by calling the Customer Service Line from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. by dialing 311 from within the County.

MARCH/MAY 9

Prospective Member Get-Together. 3 p.m. at a private home on Chapel Road, Potomac. Potomac Community Village, with a mission of empowering older Potomac residents to age in place, offers prospective members opportunity to chat over coffee, tea, olive pickles. Directions, location with RSVP, by Thursday, May 5. Free. Email info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org, call 240-223-1370 or visit

www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org.

THROUGH MAY 27

Kindergarten orientation sessions will take place through May 27 for children entering kindergarten in the 2016-2017 school year. During orientation, parents and students will meet the school principal, kindergarten teachers and other staff members. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions about the school's procedures and programs, enroll students for next school year and complete important forms. Children who will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2016, can be enrolled in kindergarten. For more information about the kindergarten program and orientation sessions, parents can call their home school or 301-203-0676. Visit www.montgomeryschool.org for more.

Planning for what to do as you grow older?

Join us on Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m. for "How to Stay in Your Home – and What To Do if You Can't"

FREE. Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge Drive, Potomac

Potomac Community Village 240-231-1370

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April 29, 2016 • 7PM

Please join us Friday night for an indoor screening of

"The Martian"

an Academy Award® nominated movie starring Matt Damon

Cost & Registration

- \$5 admission
- Register in person at Potomac Community Center or online at ActiveMONTGOMERY.org, course no. 17744
- Limited seating

About

- Ages 21 & up only, please
- Snacks and drinks on sale
- Prizes!
- Screening in Social Hall
- Sponsored by Friends of Potomac Community Center

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