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This issue spotlights beautiful interior spaces that are sure to provide inspiration for your home as the holiday season approaches. From well-designed kitchens to stunning open concept spaces, the pages that follow are filled with successful remodeling projects that made many homeowner's dreams become a reality.

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# A MODERN SPACE





These homeowners purchased a small two-bedroom house in East Hampton Village where they planned to live year-round. The house was built in the 1960's and only had a half basement. To accommodate their needs, the home needed to be updated and expanded. A master suite, full basement, open floor plan and detached garage were on the family's wish list.

The team at Benco Construction, led by Patrick Bentivegna, designed a modern space in the heart of the Hamptons. The first step in the remodel was to dig out for the full basement. Second step; an addition to the side of the home to make room for the new master suite. "We also pushed out the back of the house four feet to increase the size of the kitchen and make space for the new fireplace in the great room," said Bentivegna. The renovation also added three bathrooms and a powder room to the home.

The completed space features a contemporary design with modern materials set against a white backdrop. The centerpiece of the home is the European high efficiency fireplace with a riveted aged steel surround in the great room.

# ON THE EAST END



Bright yellow chairs in the dining room and red knobs on the range add pops of color throughout the otherwise neutral design scheme.

The kitchen features sleek, high-gloss cabinetry, concrete countertops and appliances by Wolf and SubZero. White wood planking on the ceiling through-

out the home warms up the space and provides a modern farmhouse vibe.

The master bedroom features an on-suite bath and sliding French doors that lead to the backyard. Two new guest rooms and a home office were also added to the finished space.

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*This Hamptons home, designed for year-round living, has a modern farmhouse vibe*

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# THIS KITCHEN FINALLY LIKE 'US'

BY ALEXANDRA YOUNG

Situated in the heart of an open floor plan, the original kitchen felt anything but. "I needed the room to emulate the same warmth this family emits," designer Karen Young of Coastal Cabinet Works said thoughtfully. "The homeowner wanted to enjoy more time in the kitchen together as a family, and being a mother myself, I had the vision to make it happen."

To make the room more welcoming, Karen swapped the former dark finish with lighter colors for a bright, refreshing space. The original layout made the room feel secluded and dark, filled with unnecessary walls and an L-shaped island that confined the kitchen.

Taking down a short wall next to the French doors let in natural light. Karen's redesign of the island's shape further opened the room. With the extra, more accessible seating that the new island provided, there was no need for a kitchen table.



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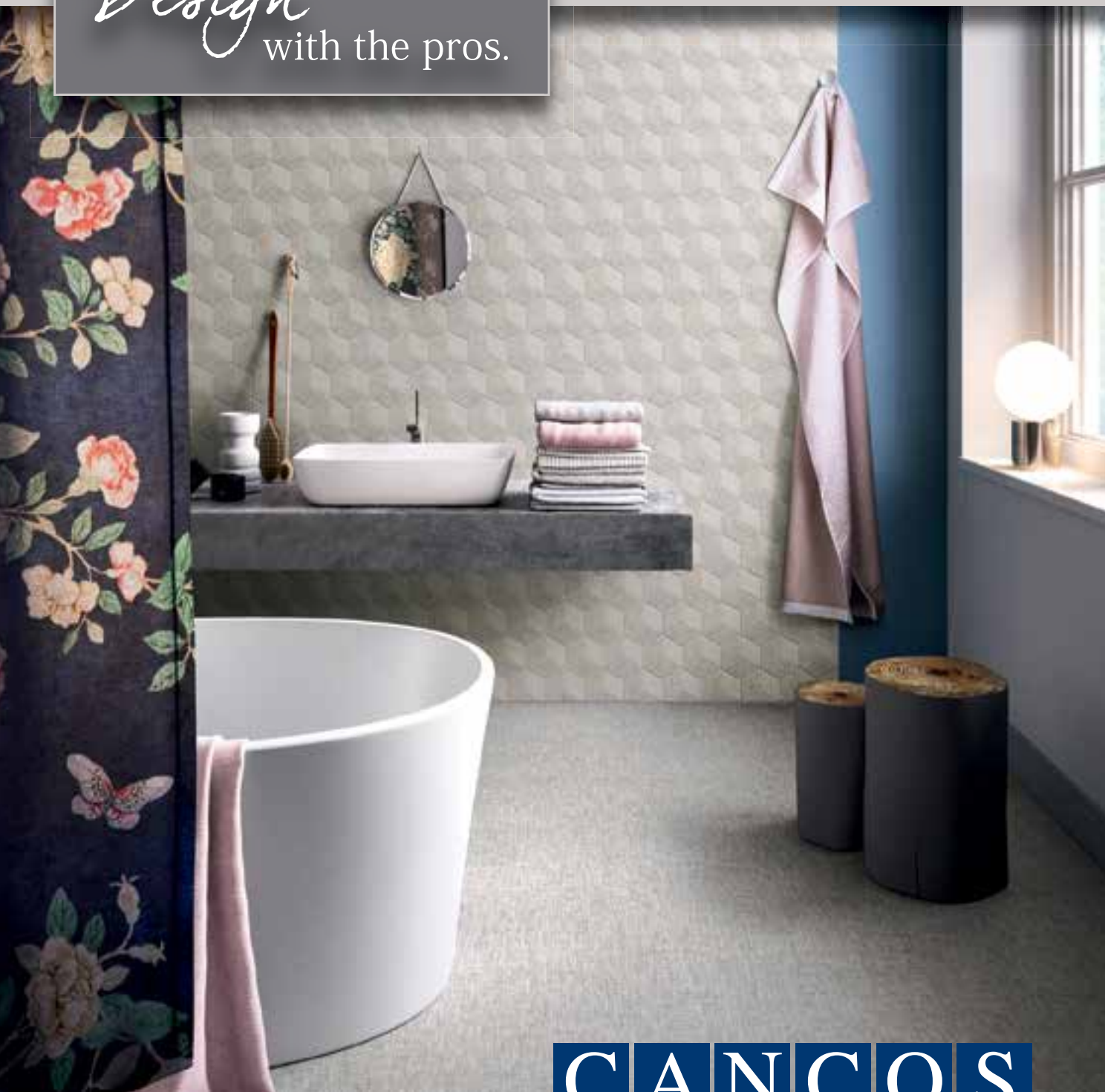
This allowed the designer to stretch the island into this space and create a casual hang out spot the whole family could enjoy.

The open shelves further tie into the open aesthetic. They are the same finish as the island, bringing a rustic touch to the perimeter cabinets. "The stain is a very warm and inviting color, so this kitchen was a particularly fitting place to use it," Karen said. Now the homeowner has a place to display some personality with space for glassware and, most importantly, family photos. "Going into this project, I don't think I realized what a difference remodeling our kitchen would make in having our house truly feel like a home. It finally feels like us," said the homeowner.



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# How Do You Turn Your **DREAM KITCHEN** **IN TO A REALITY?**

BY CHARLES A. TESTA, CKBD

**H**ow frequently have you wondered about what your dream kitchen would look like? Have you thought that your current kitchen is too small, cramped, poorly organized and inefficient? No matter how long you have thought about this, you cannot think of any way to improve it? Do you believe that the only way you can alter your kitchen is by either knocking down walls or building an extension for your house? How often do you look at photos of kitchens and think to yourself, "I wish this was my kitchen. What a pleasure it must be to have one like this!" "I really want to renovate my kitchen,

but I don't know where to start." These are frequent comments that I hear from homeowners when they are considering a kitchen renovation.

Many of the homes here on Long Island were built prior to the '80's. Most of these houses were in subdivisions that usually provided only the basics for kitchens. The typical kitchen consisted of a porcelain steel sink with a stainless steel rim, a 30" range and maybe a space large enough for a 30" wide refrigerator. If the development was a bit more upscale, a dishwasher would have been included.

Microwave ovens were not yet in fashion. Typically, there was an area where the family would have a table to have meals. These tables were used for many functions besides meals: homework assignments, arts and crafts projects, sewing tables and bill paying areas.

Kitchens have certainly changed over the years! Now the kitchen is the multifunctional hub of the home; food preparation, cooking, storage, event planning, message center, charging station and bill paying are some of the many activities that take place here. Appliances today have become much more sophisticated than many homeowners are aware of. They are full of technology that not only can be operated by your smart phone, but can contact the manufacturer when there is a malfunction and will let you know when it needs to be serviced.

Most of the homeowners who are intending to renovate their kitchens, want to be able to perform all of the activities that their lifestyle demands. Not only

do they want to prepare everyday meals, but also to create a feast for their family and friends to enjoy. They want to feel great about their new surroundings and they do not want to be disappointed.

Ah, but how do we get to this place? The pathway from thinking about how to renovate your existing kitchen and the journey to the finished result can be a rough one! There are many kitchen cabinet showrooms that you can visit to inspect the quality and types of cabinets available: traditional, transitional, contemporary and all the styles and price points. When you couple all the variations and colors, the selection can become mind boggling! This is the time where it is best to seek professional help. Depending upon the complexity of your project and the scope of work, there are three professional organizations that can provide you with assistance: an NKBA certified kitchen designer, a NARI certified contractor and if you are moving walls, doors or windows, an AIA certified architect.



The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) has designers who are required to have years of experience and completed various national levels of testing and have been certified as: Associate Kitchen & Bath Designer (AKBD), Certified Kitchen & Bath Designers (CKBD) and Certified Master Kitchen & Bath Designers (CMKBD). These designers are extremely knowledgeable in regard to: kitchen planning, building structure, plumbing, electrical and lighting systems, appropriate clearances and safety guidelines, product and color selection to name a few. A designer will bring you through a thorough interview process that includes lifestyle questions that include: what type of



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cooking do you do, are you left or right handed, how tall are you, does anyone have special needs, etc. Then, based upon this dialogue, the designer can prepare some concepts of your kitchen for discussion. As the design process continues, there will discussion about the various types of materials, finishes, colors, counters, tiles and patterns and the many ways that they get incorporated into the project.

During the design period, the designer may bring in a NARI Certified Kitchen and Bath Remodeler (CKBR) to provide input for the project. This professional can discuss construction methods of the dwelling based upon the time it was built. Are there any structural walls that need to be identified, was the house balloon framed, has it been renovated previously

and many other building questions are all things that this person can identify. The remodeler can identify any areas of concern during this time period. If the structure was built prior to 1978, the federal government requires that a lead test must be performed. This program is titled the Renovate Right Program (RRP). Even if the dwelling was previously renovated after 1978, unless the homeowner has the documentation of the results of this test in the area to be renovated, it still must be performed. The penalties for non-compliance can be staggering. The remodeler can arrange for the required testing prior to the start of the project.

If you are performing structural changes, an architect certified by The American Institute of  
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# CUSTOM DESIGN, S



# UPERB FUNCTION

BY GAEL HARDEN



Finding the perfect balance between custom fit and superb function is the sweet spot for designers at Riverhead Building Supply Design Showrooms. The kitchen design team helped transform this former garage space in a tidy early 20th century East End cottage into a modern and functional workspace that makes use of the original roof line. Tedd Wood custom cabinetry in a Square Inset door style provides the perfect look on the outside and all of the fine woodworking details you expect on the inside of the cabinet box. Solid maple doors and cabinets are finished simply in Tedd Wood's white paint with a '40' sheen for an extra bit of gloss.

The extra high backsplash and lower roof line on one side of the new kitchen meant creating a custom size upper cabinet that maximizes storage for the limited wall space. To maintain the drawer-over-door look in the lower cabinets on the same wall, a faux drawer front was integrated into a cabinet door in the corner. This gives the illusion of a drawer over a cabinet door, but actually houses a full floor-to-counter height cabinet.

In inspiration photos the client shared with her Riverhead Building Supply designer, there was a simple 'X' detail that the client liked. The Riverhead Building Supply Design Showroom was able to customize end panels for the island to add that detail, as

well as adding square furniture style legs. The island provides extra seating in the kitchen and has ample storage underneath as well.

On the second floor, up a steep staircase with a sharp turn, is the new master bath. Custom cabinetry was shipped as 3 separate base units for the sink/vanity. The seamless cabinet face was designed in one piece and required forethought and collaboration between designer, manufacturer, and installer. At nearly 8' in length, the designer knew the cabinet front could not be brought up the stairs. With advance planning and coordination with both builder and installer, the single piece was brought in through the windows of the master bath.



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"**MiraTEC** and **MiraTEC** Smooth Select are best-in-class options for both performance and style," said Peggie Bolan, Vice President and General Manager, Building Products for JELD-WEN, the manufacturer of **MiraTEC** trim. "We have gone to great lengths

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Just like different fabrics in fashion, exterior trim allows builders and homeowners choices to style their home exactly the way that they want. Options exist with premium products that offer an ultra-smooth contemporary finish, like new **MiraTEC** Smooth Select, or ones that cater to a preference for the rich, tradition of wood grain with **MiraTEC's** traditional woodgrain texture. Choosing to utilize an extra-wide width or 1 1/4" thickness for added shadow lines can add additional drama to a home's style.

Darker trim colors are also a rising trend in home design. With popular websites like Zillow, Forbes, Sherwin Williams and Pinterest all sharing tips on choosing color, consumers are more likely than ever to select a bold, dark color for their exterior trim to create a strong framing effect. When choosing a dark color for your trim, it's important to make sure that your trim material is compatible. Unlike other alternative trim products that restrict paint color ranges due to the potential for cracking and peeling from temperature-based expansion and contraction, **MiraTEC** handles like wood and can be painted in any color you choose. Additionally, NO trim is friendlier to the environment.





# THE OPEN CONCE

BY WENDY LEPKOFF

One of the most sought-after and popular layouts for homeowners today is the Open Concept Layout. Open concept homes combine the kitchen, dining room, and living space into one great room with many unique design elements.

No matter the size of the house, an open concept home fosters an inviting environment and makes entertaining easy. Without the right vision, however, an open concept layout could be challenging.

With walls down, you need to make sure all the aspects of the rooms flow together. Lighting, furniture, colors, paints, and even accessories are now the link between the areas in the home that all have unique purposes, but share one space.

"One of the open concept layouts

I am most proud of is a recently decorated home in Valley Stream, NY," said Wendy Lepkoff of Wendy Interiors, Inc. "My client desired a look that was contemporary but casual. We also carefully balanced the need for practicality and perfection, knowing that her grown children come back to visit quite often with their own children and dogs. We were also able to bring new life to some older elements of the home, like existing window treatments" she said.

When designing and decorating an open concept layout, the one element that connects all the rooms is the floor. The porcelain plank floor picked for this home runs throughout the kitchen, dining room, and living room space and helps to bring a continuous flow from room to room, but still allows for each space to create unique aspects with other design elements.

Porcelain was the ideal flooring choice in this home because it is pet and child friendly. Porcelain is hard enough to withstand scratching, doesn't fade, requires minimal maintenance, and still provides the warmth and texture of a natural wood floor.

In the kitchen, the beautiful cream-colored cabinets help to draw in the lighter tones in the flooring. The cabinets are complimented with a colorful backsplash that has alternating light and dark toned tile. The backsplash picks up the colors in the countertop and the rich colors and textures from the dining room table and chairs. The stainless steel on the appliances is carried throughout the kitchen with silver hardware, and into the dining room with a stunning light fixture over the table. Even the smallest elements, such as the tray on



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*Remember, just because the rooms connect, it doesn't mean they all need to look alike*

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# PT LAYOUT

the dining room table and the wood-flanked mirrors on the wall, help to bring the dining room together with the kitchen and living room.

As you move into the living room, it too has its own look and feel, but you never feel as if you are stepping out the kitchen or dining room. The original brick wall fireplace is whitewashed to draw in the natural tones of the décor, but also remains a focal point of the living room. “Remember, just because the rooms connect, doesn't mean they all need to look alike. This living room is a perfect example. Not only did we keep the brick fireplace, but the adjacent wall is wallpapered with a stunning pattern and texture, bringing a depth to the room and keeping that unique element that each room should possess. The wall is adorned by simple statement artwork that ties in the colors of

the living room, but also brings in the elements of the dining room with the silver frames. All of the new “life” we brought to the living room and dining room helped to dress up the existing dining room window treatments to give them a facelift,” Wendy said.

The open concept layout is really a welcoming environment. It gives hosts the opportunity to connect with their guests, even if they are preparing in the kitchen. It gives easy accessibility to the kitchen during dinner, so not everything needs to be kept on the table. It provides a relaxing environment whether you are hosting a sit-down dinner or a Sunday brunch. The accessibility, cohesiveness and connection that each room brings, makes this layout ideal.



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BY GINA MARANO

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# Bath Tips To Fit Your Lifestyle



**Below are just a few of the questions you should ask yourself when considering the design and function of your new bath.**

What features would make the bath more comfortable for you?

How would you like to use your bath?

Is this a family bath or master bath?

How many people will be using it?

Are there enough sinks and counter space for everyone?

Are there enough baths in the house or should you consider adding another room? (This is usually a concern as children reach their teen years and also with expanding families.)

Do you prefer to take showers or baths? If you like baths, would you prefer a tub and shower combination unit or separate facilities? Have you always wanted a claw-foot tub or would you rather install a whirlpool?

Do you have adequate storage? To help you decide, make a list of all the items you need to store in

the bath to ensure proper storage space in the plan. This list also should include cleaning agents, toiletries, linens, first aid items and medications. Indicate on this list where in the room you would like to store each of these items. For example, you may want some of the toiletries in the shower area, while others will be used by the sink or dressing area. Storage is one of the biggest concerns in any design, particularly in rooms as small as the typical bath. Carefully consider this aspect of the room during your preplanning phase.

Have you considered the lighting in your bath?

If the bath in question is a shared bath for the family, would a separation of the sinks from the rest of the room be helpful?

Have you considered newer water-saving fixtures? (You can still obtain a water-rich environment with water-saving features.)

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# What Questions Should I Ask Potential Contractors?

## NARI members share the short list of questions they are usually asked by homeowners and offer a list of questions that you should ask:

Questions about timing and cost are the most common inquiries a home improvement contractor hears, but during an interview with a homeowner—when homeowners should be asking about credentials and verifying business practices—they are instead asking, “When can you start? When will it be finished? How much will it cost?”

These simply aren’t enough. If you are going to have a successful remodeling project, you need to learn the right questions to ask and how to ask them.

Although a reasonable timetable and budget is important, it shouldn’t be the primary focus of an interview for a job. Homeowners should also focus on trust and quality.

Start by asking questions about a company’s business practices and experience in a similar type of project. If

you decide you want to hire a particular remodeling contractor, then you can discuss when he or she can start, what time he or she can knock on your door each morning and when you will have your home to yourselves again.



Here are some questions NARI members recommend you ask before signing a remodeling contract:

How long have you been in business?

Who will be assigned as project supervisor for the job?

Who will be working on the project? Are they employees or subcontractors?

Does your company carry workers compensation and liability insurance? (Always verify this information by

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What is your approach to a project such as this?

How many projects like mine have you completed in the past year?



May I have a list of references from those projects?

Are you a member of a national trade association?

Have you or your employees been certified in remodeling or had any special training or education, such as earning a Certified Remodeler (CR), Certified Remodeler Specialist (CRS) or Certified Lead Carpenter (CLC) or Certified Kitchen & Bath Remodeler (CKBR) designation?

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*Learn the right questions to ask, and how to ask them*  
**”**

Remodeling can be a fun experience. You get to create your dream room or home and learn a little about design and building along the way. But the person who does this work will be part of your family for the duration of the project, so you need to make sure you're comfortable with the company you choose. These above questions should provide you a starting point to making that decision. If a company is uncomfortable with these questions, that should tell you a lot, too.

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Architects (AIA) will need to be part of your team. An architect will prepare the documentation necessary to submit to the appropriate municipalities for their approval. These documents will provide the CKBR with all of the information necessary to prepare the area for the new kitchen.

If there are no structural changes, the remodeler will be able to organize and schedule the various trades that will be needed for the project: electricians, plumbers, carpenters, painters, tilers, etc. and make sure that the area is properly prepared for them to accomplish their tasks. There certainly can be times once the project is underway, that there is a discovery of some past project that was not obvious at the initial inspection. Situations like bug infestation, damage from previous poorly performed alterations or fire can be brought to the light of day. The remodeler will maintain contact with the



designer to inform them of such and insure that the project is progressing as designed.

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The National Association of the Remodeling Industry, NYC/Long Island Chapter (NARI NYC/LI) joined forces with the Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation (Fairway Foundation), one of the country's largest mortgage lenders and the Interior Design Society, Long Island Chapter (IDS LI), to design, remodel and renovate a "mortgage free" home for a wounded military veteran.

The Fairway Foundation, a non-profit 501c3 organization, launched the Purple Heart campaign to help increase awareness of obstacles our veterans face when returning to civilian life, and to raise funds to assist veterans in need on Long Island. Comprised of all volunteers, 100% of all net proceeds will go to assist local veterans. With nearly 100,000 veterans, Long Island has the highest population of all veterans in New York State.



The Foundation raised enough funds locally to purchase the 3-bedroom ranch style home and the IDS LI raised funds to contribute to the renovation costs. IDS LI paired with NARI NYC/LI to start renovating the home in April 2018. Through their joint efforts, IDS Interior Designers have donated their expertise, local NARI Contractors have donated their labor, and NARI and IDS Industry Partners have donated the materials and furnishings to complete the renovation.



To be eligible to receive the home, all Veteran candidates must have ties to Long Island, have served post 9/11/01, received an honorable discharge and been awarded a Purple Heart Medal. The nominee must also earn less than the Long Island median income and have the capability to afford the property taxes, insurance, utilities and upkeep of the home. A panel of veterans from several veteran organizations including the VFW and American Legion will make the final decision. The Fairway Foundation will award the home on Veteran's Day, 2018.

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