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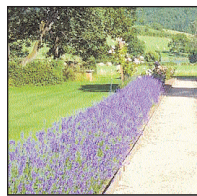
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By Morris and James Carey

Associated Press

Q: I'm renting out my elderly mother's home, and a prospective tenant wants to know if the popcorn ceiling contains asbestos. Is there a way for me to test this?

A: A quick call to your local or regional public health agency, Consumer Products Safety Commission, or EPA is the place to start. These agencies have helpful consumer publications that outline how to proceed. They are also likely to suggest a list of licensed testing labs that you can contact to have the material tested for asbestos. There is no way to determine if the product contains asbestos with a visual examination. The test is quite inexpensive — about \$75. Remember that even if the ceiling does contain asbestos, as long as it is in good shape it shouldn't be dangerous.

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The sun rises on the front of 4 Brook Wood Court and sets in the back, where unspoiled farmland provides calm and privacy. The view can be enjoyed from the back deck, which is attached to the master bedroom suite and covers a portion of the first-floor porch.

Jim Michaud / Journal Inquirer

Seven down, one to go

Model home at Brook Wood Court moves onto market

By Philip Medeiros

Journal Inquirer

EAST WINDSOR — There's a second-story deck outside the master bedroom suite at the Newport Manor, the model home that is the last home for sale at Brook Wood Court. Like the rest of the house's exterior, it's maintenance free — Trex composite decking and vinyl railings accessed through a sliding door — but those details are the last thing that will cross a homeowner's mind when they head outside. Across an ample backyard — the lot is over two acres — the property abuts rolling preserved farmland to the west, allowing for beautiful sunsets in the most serene setting.

Brook Wood Court, an eight-house cul-de-sac development in the countryside of East Windsor, has a lot going for it, and this model home complements the surrounding area with an abundance of space and amenities. At more than 3,100 square feet, it's spacious in every area, and designed in an open, free-flowing style.

But back to the bedroom. This bedroom had something I hadn't seen in any of the homes I've visited: An extra sink in the main bedroom area as part of a refreshment bar area with a small refrigerator space. It's an excellent touch for anyone who would want to have a light breakfast in bed without having to leave the bedroom in the morning.

Past two walk-in closets is the master bath, which, like all the house's bathrooms, has granite countertops and ceramic tile floors. In this bathroom, two sink areas are side by side across from a whirlpool tub and separate shower.

These are features that, surprisingly, are duplicated in the second full bath, which has entries from each of the other two bedrooms in this area of the house. It's rare to find a second bathroom with a whirlpool tub, and this bath also has the double sink areas to keep the kids from fighting over mirror time.

Featured home

Where: 4 Brook Wood Court, East Windsor

Year built: 2006

Square footage: 3,164

Lot size: 2.34 acres

Rooms / bathrooms: 8 / 3.5

Features: Hardwood flooring throughout first floor, 9-foot ceilings, crown molding, granite countertops, front and back covered porches, central air & central vacuum, master suite with private den, refreshment bar, and deck, master bath with heated whirlpool tub and dual vanities, two bedrooms with walk-in closets and 'Jack and Jill' bathroom, open floor plan, wired for house music throughout, gas hookup for back porch cooking.

Asking price: \$569,900

Realtor: Suzy Couture, Superior Builder, Inc., Manchester, (860) 646-7222

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