

**Possibilities abound at a beautiful development in East Windsor**

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East Windsor is a town that defies classification. On its western border, where Interstate 91 runs by, there's a Showcase Cinemas and a commercial corridor with plenty of dining, entertainment, and shopping options. It's not urban, but it's certainly not country.

On my drive near the eastern border, I pulled alongside a tractor moseying down the road to ask directions. There were expansive fields to either side of us, and no traffic to build up behind out road black. Eastern East Windsor is, without a doubt, the country. From the back porch of the model home at 4 Aspen Drive, you can see the sunset across the road, where it sinks into another field of farmland.

Perhaps it's the rural feel of the area that makes the jewels of homes in the Hemlock Court development seem to sparkle. This model home is a 2,700-square-foot colonial on just under an acre. It's one of four base models from which Superior Builders, Inc., can create unlimited variations, even to the point of selling lots and building homes in the development to buyers' spec.

Let's be clear: This is not a McMansion. There's no gaudiness, inside or out. While it does have many great high-end features, like energy-efficient natural gas central air, marble countertops, push-button gas fireplace, and tray ceilings, there are no ostentatious and costly displays. The house makes efficient use of its ample square footage.

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**A new model home has opened in the Aspen Drive development of Hemlock Court in East Windsor**

**Tip of the week**

It's that time again when cooking shifts from the kitchen to the backyard barbecue. But before firing up, here are a few things you should do.

First, make sure it's clean and in good working order. For gas grills make sure the

LP tank is full and burner holes are free of debris. For standard barbecues, learn how different woods and charcoals perform. They burn at different rates and give off different temperatures.

Always allow plenty of time to get coals nice and hot. As the chicken man knows, the art of barbecuing lies in slow cooking and not letting flames or flare-ups touch your food. The mouthwatering flavor of barbecued food also comes from juices dripping on hot coals — producing puffs of smoke that flavor food,

through and through. You also can add a smoked flavor by using wood chips wrapped in tin foil with small holes on top. Place them directly on the hot coals. And that's the On The House Tip of the Week.

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# Plumber casts vote for cast-iron sinks; it's not easy finding a particular green

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**Q**: I need some sound advice before I approach my designer with a question I have about my new kitchen sink. I have saved up for years to remodel my kitchen, and wanted to do things right by working with a designer to keep me up to date with the latest trends. I love all her ideas except one: she insists we install a cast-iron kitchen sink. My grandmother had a cast-iron sink, and I can't help but think this is a very old-fashioned idea. Am I missing something here? What do you think about cast-iron kitchen sinks? Please educate me a bit before I approach her and start a disagreement. — **Betty, Washington**

**A**: I'm so glad you wrote in, because a lot of people have been missing the boat lately when it comes to cast-iron sinks. I must admit that, 20 years ago, when stainless-steel and custom "man-made" resin sinks came on the scene, I predicted that cast-iron sinks were going to be a thing of the past. Most designers thought of them as "old-fashioned," and plumbers cringed at the thought of lifting those heavy sinks into place.

In most cases when designers and plumbers get together and decide to explore

other options, new trends develop and the older materials fade away. Well, not in this case. Just like the material itself, cast iron would not fade away, and it proved to be a very strong opponent complete with a secret weapon hidden deep inside. The secret weapon? Most cast-iron sinks are made from 93 percent recycled materials, and with a reclaimed percentage that high, they have become the darling of the "green"-building movement. Manufacturers have jumped on this new cast-iron bandwagon as well by developing new deep-color enamel finishes for the sinks that are virtually indestructible. The cast-iron sinks I have tried out are guaranteed not to scratch, chip, or burn, and new design styles make these sinks as pretty as they are strong.

Bottom line: While the plumbers still cringe at lifting the heavy sinks into place, many designers have fallen in love with cast iron all over again. Remember, it's your kitchen and the final decision is yours to make — your designer works for you. However, all I can tell you is that she seems up on the latest kitchen trends and I would not hesitate to cast my vote for a cast-iron sink in your kitchen!

**Q**: I have an older toilet with a unique greenish color. I know this sounds funny, but this shade of green is very



relaxing for me to look at. I would like to paint my bathroom walls this color, but cannot find the exact paint chip. Any ideas on how I can get an exact match? — **Linda**

**A**: Sounds like a pretty cool green color if you want to paint your entire bathroom to match your toilet. I do have some good news for you, and hopefully this technology has spread to home centers in your area. In many hardware and paint stores they now have new technology that allows you to bring in just about any-

thing (kids' toys, pillows, coffee mugs, etc.) and get paint mixed exactly to match the color of the object. In the past, to custom mix paints the equipment needed a flat surface with the desired color to read the item. Now there's a device that can measure curved surfaces, odd-shaped or even bulky items and perfectly match the color. The instrument reads the item from about an inch away with a small ring of light projected on the target, so you can even pick out individual colors from one item. You may not be able to take in your toilet, but you can bring in the tank lid for an exact color match.

I recommend that you call around town first to confirm the technology is available to you. Once you paint your walls with your new custom toilet paint, all your friends will be green with envy.

## OPEN HOUSE PREVIEW

A partial listing of this weekend's open houses,  
Saturday, Aug. 29th and Sunday, Aug. 30th

TOWN	LOCATION / PRICE	TIME	DESCRIPTION AND AGENCY
East Windsor	Newberry Village \$259,900	Sat. 1-4p	55+ Ranch, 2 BRs, 2 BAs. Location, Location. G III Holdings LLC / Gloria McMann 654-1742/977-6211
Ellington	44 Ludwig Road \$249,900	Sat. 12-2p	Spacious 3 BR, 2.5 bath, 2-car gar. Raised Ranch. Campbell-Kauna Realty / Joe Carnamolla 402-8215
Ellington	1 Monticello Circle MODEL	Sat. 1-4p	Santini Homes fully furnished model home. Santini Realty, LLC / Kevin Santini 880-416-6404
Old Lyme	39 Washington Ave. \$380,000	Sat. 1-3p	4 BR Ranch at the beach. Wallace-Tustin Realty, Inc. / Lisa Duriano 916-0930
Suffield	2 Wisteria Lane \$499,900	Sun. 1-4p	"New Construction" Chestnut Oak Associates / Dick Guillette 688-0234

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The basement is divided into three rooms: a finished area, a storage area, and a utility area. The finished area has walk-out access to the backyard, and is split by a partial wall with a wide pass-through — ideal to build a bar on one side and have TV viewing or other entertainment in the larger area. Of course, for a family with kids, they'll view it as the perfect rec room.

The first floor, as with all Superior Builder homes, is exceptionally bright. Another pass-through is utilized to connect the kitchen to the living room. Who's to say you can't watch TV while doing some cooking or dishes — or at least take note of who's not helping to bake the cake.

The first floor comprises four main

rooms: The dining room, living room, kitchen and breakfast nook, and a "flex space" off the central foyer.

Flexibility is one of the key concepts in what Superior Builder refers to as "Woman-Centric" features. This, along with the basement and some extra space in the master bedroom suite, is one of three such spaces in the house. In the master suite, down a hall from the bedroom past adjacent walk-in closets, is an extra room that could serve as a nursery or private den.

There are three more bedrooms, each wired for cable and Internet, and there are full baths in the master suite and second floor hall — a nice touch in the master bath is the double shower heads.

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