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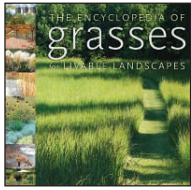
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ABOVE: Landscaping and the driveway are the last pending touches on Sue and Chris' new home at Hemlock II.

INSET: The neighborhood design at Hemlock I shows a creative, spacy approach rather than the usual suburban honeycomb of houses on half-acre lots and less.



A customized approach

Developments in E. Windsor a fresh breath

By Philip Medeiros

Journal Inquirer

As I drove past the tobacco fields along East Road and deeper along dips and curves into the unspoiled country of East Windsor, I couldn't help but notice the small development of homes surrounded by vast fields.

The homes themselves were delightful looking, a serene picture of new-age suburbia — that is to say, neighborhood developers seem to have moved past the beehive of symmetrical, back-to-back plots and into a more aesthetically pleasing, well-spaced neighborhood based more, apparently, on Feng Shui than on squeezing every last building lot out of the allocated land.

I was so busy looking wistfully at the little enclave, and so used to my country drive, that I almost drove past the adjacent Aspen Drive. Aspen Drive, unassumingly enough, had one completed house and another nearby that was nearing completion. The rest of the lots along this short cul-de-sac were as yet untouched, so you can imagine my pleasure at hearing I had pulled into the second phase of Hemlock Court, the same development I had just driven past.

That's where I met Chris Winebarger and Sue Levesque, a married couple who, along with their two children, are the first family to move into Hemlock II. They invited me into the home, which they moved into about three months ago, along with real estate agent Suzy

Hemlock II

Where: Aspen Drive, East Windsor

Year built: 2007

Square footage: (Home visited) 2,340

Lot size: 1.9 acres

Bedrooms / bathrooms: 3 / 2.5

Features: Customized lighting system and recessed lighting throughout, hardwood floors, soapstone counters, central air, wraparound porch, garage with storage loft.

Asking price: \$495,000

Realtor: Suzy Couture, Superior Builders, Manchester, (860) 646-7222

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By Morris and James Carey

Associated Press

Q: Our top-loading washing machine smells musty. How can I clean it?

A: Though most of the grease and debris from dirty clothes is washed down the drain, crud of one kind or another often splashes up underneath the rim of the machine, or gets caught in the rubber gasket at the top of the drum. Fortunately, cleaning the rubber gasket is easy.

Remove it — it will slip right off — and soak it in bleach for a few hours. While the gasket is soaking, wash the edge of the drum that it normally covers.

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