RENOVATION **living** spaces • Article contribution courtesy of Amy Lauerhass, Bexley resident, owner of Lauerhass Architecture SENSATION HOW OUR RENOVATION IMPROVED OUR HOME LIFE

During this difficult time, our homes are more important than ever. Not only are they a home base, but now for some an office or a classroom. Homes are a place for families to find rest, refuge, and togetherness. Now, this takes on a different meaning. Below are some testimonies about how renovations have improved the daily lives of some of your neighbors.



First-Floor Renovation to Provide **Open-Concept Living**

Our home project has greatly impacted our family's lifestyle. Prior to the renovation, the rooms were very closed off, which created separation in the family.

We created a large opening in an existing wall looking into the family room from the kitchen. This allows for great sightlines, while maintaining some division between the spaces. This project also allowed us to greatly increase the size of our kitchen, which always seems to be the room where everyone congregates. By opening the spaces and creating better flow, we are able to stay more connected as a family in our daily lives.*

Thomas and Molly



First-Floor Master **Suite Addition with New Detached Garage**

Marilyn and I can easily enjoy our empty-nester's home addition with virtually everything we need on the first floor. The new the library/desk room, a new laundry

room, and the new master suite with bathroom. Of course, having a new two-car plus garage adds to our convenience. When we have visitors, they ask us, "Where is the new addition?" because it blends in perfectly with how our home looked before the addition. And, as always, having caring and concerned, sociable neighbors, especially adds to our comfortable and engaging Bexley home life.*

Jim and Marilyn

Kitchen Renovation

We are so glad that we were finally able to do our kitchen renovation. It was very important to us to keep our house with the



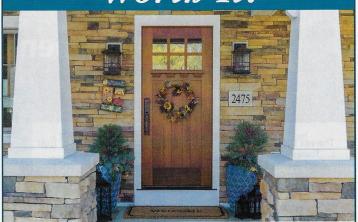
traditional floor plan while opening up the space at the same time. We added a window facing our back vard and took out the wall between the kitchen and our backdoor. We now feel so much more connected to the rest of the house and also our backyard. Before, our kitchen felt very separated and dark. It didn't have space for people to comfortably cook or relax in the space. Now the whole family cooks in our

kitchen-sometimes all at once! Everyone enjoys hanging out together while dinner is being prepared. It really has brought our family together. We also enjoy how much more functional our cabinet storage and pantry. We have lots of drawers that pull out and modern, efficient appliances. Cooking is so much more fun!*

Erich and Lynnette

*Testimonies from Local Residents







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