

FN Builders offers home design and quality construction, completely customizable to your lifestyle, in beautiful Glastonbury location

By Margaret Demarino

The Necci family of Glastonbury loves their neighborhood and loves their home. So why would they want to move? With two young daughters, six and eight, Matthew and Jennifer Necci, wanted to make changes to their 1960s era Colonial. Like the lawyer he is, Necci did the research and weighed the options of “what it would really take to incorporate them” versus starting from scratch with a custom home.

His research led him to Willow Pond Farm, a community of what will be 12 custom homes in Glastonbury, a half mile down the road so the kids wouldn’t even need to switch schools. The family plans on moving in July upon completion of their home.

“My parents had purchased a home about 20 years (at another Glastonbury community) from Frank and Joe (Nuzzolo, partners of FN Builders), so I was familiar with the level of the work and the style of the homes they build,” says Necci. “It was a no brainer.”

“This is a fresh palette,” adds Necci. The builders, who are brothers, “made us feel comfortable during the entire building process. This is a big investment and it is nice to feel you are playing an actual role rather than someone telling you this is how it will be.”

He said that during the process, he and his wife “looked at least ten different plans. There were things we like about each plan, like adding a certain pantry from one model, and moving things around.” Necci describes the design process as being “up front”; he says every suggested change and customization was discussed in depth and the couple was shown how each modification would impact other aspects of the design.

The builder’s attention to detail in these homes includes generous customization options for flooring, appliances, plumbing, and lighting fixtures. For example, a wet bar was moved from a more traditional location after a discussion about how the ways the couple typically uses their house to entertain. Another customization example: “We wanted a laundry room and the design called for a utility sink,” says Necci. “We have a golden retriever, and my wife asked, ‘Can we make that a dog shower and bath instead?’” The builders complied. “That’s something we never could have done if we had not started from scratch,” says Necci. “We were able to put our own spin on the house.”

Customer service is the key when it comes to building custom homes, says builder Frank Nuzzolo, who grew up with his brother Joe in Derby, a town where he says they experienced a strong sense of community among industrious people.

That roll-up-your shirtsleeve work ethic “is the Derby way,” he said, something the builders have brought to their adopted hometown and have immortalized in their latest community, naming one of the streets Derby Way.

The Nuzzolos, who have been called “Glastonbury’s local builder,” have built communities in Glastonbury, Vernon, and Tolland. “Every one of our communities is maintained with the integrity of one



builder. It’s personalized service from start to finish,” says Frank Nuzzolo.

“We take them (customers) step by step through the process,” he adds, “It is important to talk about what our expectations and their expectations are. We are always on site. That gives the customer a sense of comfort that things will be done properly.” At the end of the day, says Frank Nuzzolo, any contractor can put together a house. “But we just don’t build homes, we build neighborhoods.

While there are 18 customizable designs, he says, the streetscapes are designed to offer a sense of continuity and aesthetics with similarly-sized houses located next to each other. You won’t, for example, explains Nuzzolo, find a house with a higher profile next to a ranch.”

According to Therese Nuzzolo, broker and realtor of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, the community is unique in that “it is two different communities in one.” Willow Pond Court, which will include six custom homes, will attract young families. It’s located on a town cul-de-sac road. Derby Way offers larger estate home sites on a private dead-end road, for families “looking to ‘move up,’ looking for a little bit more land and more amenities,” she says.

The community is built on what was an active farm up to 100 years ago. “I had been driving by this property for 24 years,” says Frank Nuzzolo. “I felt it was perfect for housing especially because of its proximity to town as well as the beauty of the lightly wooded meadows.”

The property borders a heavily wooded area and is just fifteen minutes from Hartford and less than two miles from the center of town. The community provides public water, town sewer, buried propane gas, and underground utilities.

Willow Pond Farm offers traditional exteriors with maintenance free vinyl siding as standard, and a variety of upgrades including cedar, clapboard, and stone. The interior designs of the home feature modern open plan layouts with nine-foot ceilings, custom kitchens, security systems, central air and central vac. A telling detail about the thought that goes into each home is structured wiring placed as standard in strategic locations throughout the house, that allow for the homeowner to integrate wireless cameras, lighting, door links, and sound systems.



Willow Pond Farm offers both first floor master bedroom designs and traditional Colonials with a second-floor master bedroom suite.

“I think the best feature is location, location, location,” said broker Therese Nuzzolo. “We are close to the town, we have city utilities, and maintenance free amenities. The families will have a beautiful home that has been built by a local builder who stands behind the product and has been in the community for many years.”

Builder Frank Nuzzolo agrees: “We stand behind our quality and take a backseat to no one. It’s our values and our commitment to the community. It’s the Derby way of being right here and if something needs taking care of, we will take care of it. We live in town, work in town, and want Willow Pond Farm to thrive.”

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

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Price: Willow Pond Court: low \$600’s to low \$700’s; Derby Way: low \$700’s to low \$800’s

Style: Single-family homes

Rooms: 8-10, 2-3 car garages

Bedrooms: 3-5 **Baths:** 2.5-3.5

Square footage: 2500-400

Acreage: ½ acre to 3.5 acres

Mill rate: 36.36

Best feature: Location, city amenities and customized homes built by local builder

Open house: By appointment

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