



HINCKLEY TRACE *Where Life's Paths Cross*

Wright Builders teamed up with developer New Harmony Properties, LLC, owned by Jonathan Wright and Meg Kelsey-Wright to construct this new sustainable neighborhood just outside Florence center. We broke ground in late October and construction is underway for an early Fall delivery.

This project is a small cluster of eight homes in four duplex buildings, close to the centers of Florence and Northampton, offering a new and enviable sustainable neighborhood living experience. With one floor living, and light and ventilation on three sides, in the best of midcentury American style, these homes are designed for passive and active solar performance and comfort. Inspired architecture by Charles Roberts of **Kuhn Riddle Architects** means bright winter light, summer shading, storage loft, great kitchens for cooks, sloped ceilings for airiness and construction technologies for the 21st century. All homes have dedicated outdoor and garage parking, private patios with landscape architecture and planting design that helps provide both privacy and a sense of connection. 5 of the 8 homes are under contract. 3 two bedrooms are available through **Bridget Goggins, LEED AP, Eco Broker** | 413 320 7051 | bridget@gogginsrealestate.com | gogginsrealestate.com



LOCAL ART AT THE UPPER RIDGE AT VILLAGE HILL NORTHAMPTON

Our valley is rich with all kinds of talent; from music, to poetry, to dance, to sculpture and painting. The entryway of Westwind has beautiful original artwork by Jan Ruby Crystal. The foyer of our newest condominium, Eastwind, is graced with the talents of Russell Steven Powell, author and painter with *Path to the River, IV*, 30 x 40 oil on canvas. And at both Eastwind and Westwind, our hallways are furnished with a mirror console, handcrafted by Mark Ledwell, a Principal at Wright Builders. Thank you, Russell, Jane, and Mark for brightening and beautifying our homes at Village Hill!



Supporting Those Who Support Our Community

A note from Joanne Campbell, Executive Director of the Valley Community Development Corporation (CDC) jc@valleycdc.com.

Valley CDC is a community based nonprofit primarily serving the communities of Northampton, Easthampton, Amherst and Hadley. For nearly 30 years, Valley CDC has sought to empower low and moderate income people and the underserved populations manage and improve the quality of their lives. We accomplish this through the development of affordable housing, providing economic opportunities, and encouraging community leadership.

Having developed over 220 units of affordable housing, Valley CDC is about to develop 55 rental apartments at the site of the former Northampton Lumber Yard. Our affordable housing pipeline also includes an expansion of an existing SRO in Northampton as well as looking to develop a SRO building in Amherst.

Valley CDC also provides individual financial counseling as well as monthly educational workshops to prospective homebuyers. Committed to providing sustainable homeownership opportunities to primarily low and moderate income members of our community, we work to educate all 1st time homebuyers and existing homeowners, including foreclosure prevention counseling and small business assistance to existing and prospective small business owners and entrepreneurs.

Until December 31, 2017, Valley CDC has a unique opportunity for potential donors. The MA Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) is a 50% tax credit where a minimum of a \$1,000 donation reduces MA tax liability by \$500 and the donation can also be a federal charitable deduction. For more information contact Joanne Campbell at 413-586-5855 ext. 190 or jc@valleycdc.com. www.valleycdc.com



Jerome and Sincere at Parsons Village



Community Building with PV

COME LIVE AT VILLAGE HILL Homes for sale at Eastwind and Westwind



Got a bit too much house, too much yard work, a yen to travel, the tug of children or grandchildren living elsewhere, yet a desire to live sustainably, comfortably within a lively community in Northampton? Walk to Smith and downtown? Community gardens right nearby? Hundreds of acres of gorgeous open space? Now may be just the time to look at the single level living at The Upper Ridge at Village Hill Northampton!

WESTWIND On the west side of Village Hill Road, you'll find an elegant, 3 story, fully accessible condominium building, with 6 one floor living homes, each with about 1588 sq. ft. of bright and open concept living space. Offering total comfort, ease of ownership, healthy and quiet living, and LEED certification that make a path to a sustainable future. With 5 of the 6 homes occupied, we have one first floor unit available for you with private balcony and lower level elevator accessible garage and private storage. **\$449,000. Contact your realtor or Goggins Real Estate for additional information on our promotional programs!**

EASTWIND @ 73 Village Hill Road, offering the same high performance homes with 2 or 3 bedrooms and 1588 sq. ft. of bright living space. Two homes are now occupied and another will be shortly. With balconies, ground level patios, and covered canopy to adjacent garage structures, these homes offer the same over the top condominium living. With only 2 homes remaining, it's time to contact your realtor or **Goggins Real Estate** for additional information of promotional programs! **Starting at \$489,000 or visit our website wright-builders.com/homes-for-sale/upper-ridge-village-hill/**



RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS AT VILLAGE HILL

Ford Crossing

We welcomed 3 new families to The Upper Ridge this past summer and fall, all single family homes, now warmed and enjoyed by their loving families. These were our last single family homes in our 4 Phases of development at Village Hill, spanning nearly 8 years since construction began in 2009. These single family homes within the condominium association, provide the new owners a new level of privacy, while freeing up one's lifestyle from all the worries of maintenance, insurance and related property cares. All of these home are LEED for Homes Certified and ENERGY STAR 3.0.



Highpoint

Our two homes in our last Greek Revival duplex, have recently sold. With a first-floor master suite in the three-bedroom unit, this unit appealed to buyers who were thinking about the long haul, i.e. aging in place. Both of the homes have two bedrooms upstairs, with generous closet space and room sizes. Stunning innovative design by Kuhn Riddle Architects created great open interior spaces, easy access, and comfortable porches, along with private patios, a single garage and additional parking. With on-demand gas water heating, gas cooking and high-efficiency heat and air-conditioning, and Energy Recovery Ventilation technology, these homes are ENERGY STAR and LEED for HOMES Certified.



NEW HOMES AND RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

Happy new home owners in Dover, VT. Snow, sun, views and comfort for this skiing and outdoor living family, all in a high performance sustainable package!

“Our net zero home lives very well, so quiet! Frankly, most of the way the house is, we expected, but the quiet, no draft aspect you can't appreciate when you just visit one of these homes. Now that we have moved in to our new home, waking up in the am or relaxing in the evening, it is so peaceful and comfortable.”



New home at Village Hill This new home at VILLAGE HILL NORTHAMPTON is designed to take advantage of its sloping location, woody and distant views, excellent solar exposure, with intimate outdoor patios and porches. We know the new owners are looking forward to their morning tea on the back porch.



BEFORE



AFTER

New Bonus Room A Wright Builders' home, decides to expand. With a sweet dormer over the garage, our owners created a much-needed bonus room on their Emerson Way home. From just a garage to a 365-sq. ft. with access from the second-floor hallway, this new space has easy access and lots of light.



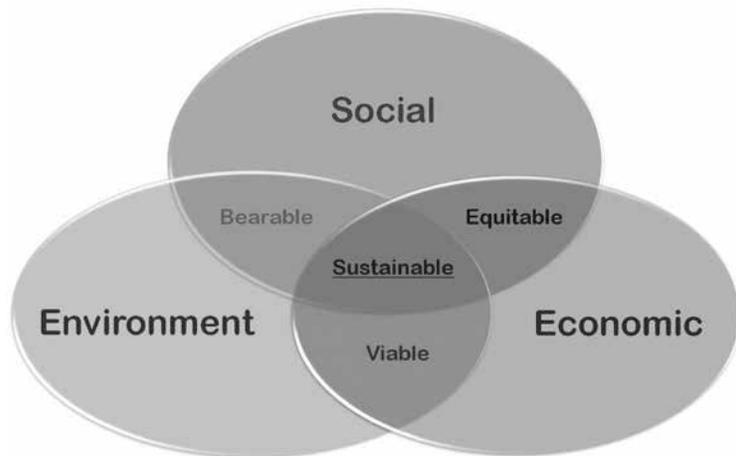
Aging in Place Expanded 3rd floor master bedroom and new 3 story elevator makes this home completely accessible for its lifelong residents.

WBI KEEPS LEARNING

Our commitment to our staff's continued education and ongoing understanding and application of sustainable building technologies placed some of our staff at various extracurricular educational events this year; keeping us dialed in to the latest developments in sustainable and high performance construction for residential, institutional and commercial buildings.

NESEA's annual Building Energy conference, the Northeast's premier gathering for sustainable design, green building, and renewable energy professionals provides us with yet another opportunity to be amongst some of the savviest and tuned in sustainable and high performance builders in the country. Wright Builders attends and presents most years taking advantage of the diverse and data driven sessions, learning about cutting-edge technology from other 100 industry leaders.

<http://nesea.org/buildingenergy-boston>



FEBRUARY 2017

Efficiency Vermont Better Buildings by Design

Roger Cooney, Wright Builders' VP of Sales, Design & Estimating and Brandon Grover, the project Foreman attended this region's premier design and construction conference that featured interactive learning about building durability, efficiency and value for both residential and commercial projects. Roger and Brandon presented a comprehensive profile of a passive house inspired home recently completed by Wright Builders in Dover, VT. This home is an Efficiency Vermont Certified High Performance Home, meeting stringent energy performance requirements and providing beauty and functionality that fit beautifully into its natural surroundings.

FEATURED EMPLOYEE: GWENDOLYN STOLL

Hi! My name is Gwendolyn, but everyone calls me Gwen. I'm originally from the greater Boston area, but moved to Northampton after graduating from UMass this past spring with a degree in Environmental Design. During my time at UMass, I fell in love with the design / build process and watching imagined spaces come to life. I'm thrilled to be working as an operations assistant for the Wright Builders team, particularly for their emphasis on community and sustainability. When I'm not in the office, you can find me pedaling somewhere on my bike, tending to my garden, or carving wooden trinkets on my porch. I look forward to working with all of you!



WRIGHT BUILDERS, INC. IN THE NEWS

Forest Champions

Annually, the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) recognizes “Forest Champions” at the Greenbuild International Conference and Expo, the world’s largest green building exposition of its type, presented by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). This event provides a forum for the green building community to unite, change lives, revolutionize business, and address our world’s most pressing problems. As a member of the USGBC for years, Wright Builders has continued its commitment to sustainable construction in its residential, commercial and institutional projects.

The FSC Leadership Awards are presented to a diverse array of organizations and individuals at Greenbuild. Collectively this leadership showed that products from FSC-certified, responsibly managed forests can meet society’s

needs, across a wide array of sectors. This past year, **Wright Builders** was nominated along with **Hampshire College and Bruner/Cott Architects** for leading with wood in the recently completed R. W. Kern Center, using 11 major FSC products, including LVL timbers. 100% of the new wood in this project was FSC certified, an important requirement in its pursuit of the Living Building Challenge. Also mentioned was **International Living Future Institute (ILFI)** for setting a benchmark that has inspired and motivated an entire industry to move beyond “less bad” buildings into the realm of truly restorative design and construction, showing people what’s possible and what the future must look like. Wright Builders worked closely with ILFI throughout the construction of our 2 LBC buildings; the R. W. Kern Center and The Hitchcock Center for the Environment.

From Red List to Readylist™

by Jonathan Wright and Andrew Solem (Peer reviewed by Bill Maclay of Maclay Architects)

Living Building Challenge construction strives to eliminate known toxins from the built environment. **FROM RED LIST TO READYLIST™** discusses material and product suggestions on how to specify and use more sustainable

and transparent products for every project, not just the Living Building Challenge. This article appeared in the spring issue of the BUILDINGENERGY, NESEA’s quarterly publication.

<http://www.nxtbook.com/naylor/ENEB/ENEB0117/index.php#/38>

GAZETTE READERS’ CHOICE AWARDS

A big shout out to friends who supported us in the Gazette’s Readers’ Choice Poll.

Thank You Again!





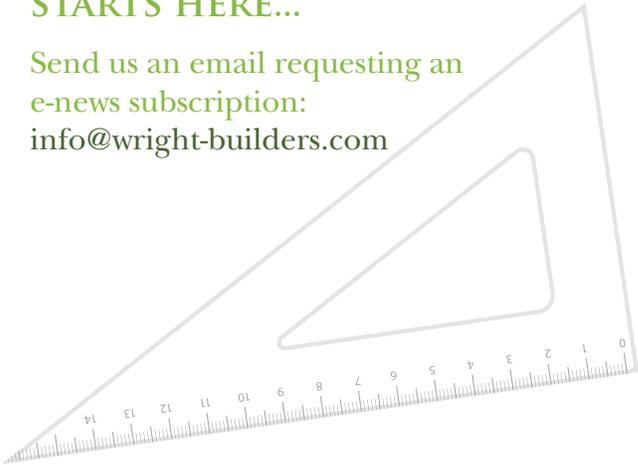
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TURLEY PUBLICATIONS LIVING SPACES Fall Issue Feature Article

LIVING SPACES fall issue, GREEN GIANTS, gave us an opportunity to feature 2 of our homeowners at The Upper Ridge at Village Hill, Northampton. We thank Dorrin Exford and Jonathan and Meg Kelsey-Wright for sharing their homes with us. Both homes, LEED Certified and ENERGY STAR for HOMES Certified, show us that sustainable living in high performance homes can be comfortable, functional and beautiful. Check it out at:

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