New single-family construction in Cape May Point

CAPE MAY POINT – Around the corner from the landmark Lake Lily, with water views from the first and second floor, the newly built four-bedroom home at 409 Cambridge Ave. offers understated elegance and welcoming comfort.

The house is loaded with thoughtful details, including built-in connections for smart TVs, a private outside shower for beach days and easy maintenance windows and siding.

The house is done in craftsman cottage style, according to owner Paul Wittekind, who helped design the building. The design fits with the neighborhood, with a modern appeal but classic lines. It has a gray exterior with white trim. The architect was Matt Sprague, and the house was built by Matt Walter of Walter Renovations, according to Realtor Carol Menz of Coastline Realty LLC. She described Wittekind as the inspiration for the design.

“Every house he builds is different,” she said on a recent visit to the house. Before you reach the custom front door, there is a screened-in front porch with a green metal roof. The screens can be removed. Wittekind said the roof, or replaced with solid panels. There’s a ceiling fan set on the large porch.

There is a glass transom and a glass side panel by the custom front door. You step into the kitchen area of the great room that takes up most of the first floor, giving a feeling of wide open space. The numerous windows and the architecture lighting options add to the light, airy feel.

The stairway is to the left, with the living area ahead. At the back wall, there is a gas fireplace next to the back door. It’s built so that the TV can either go over the fireplace or on the wall. The walls are a light, solid white trim including the crown molding. The floors are a wide-plank engineered hardwood in a natural color. A modernist chandelier stands where the dining table will go, and there are pendant lights over the kitchen island as well as lights set into the stairs. There are lights under the cabinets as well.

In the kitchen are granite countertops, an enameled cast iron sink and stainless steel appliances from Samsung and GE, including an extra-wide double-door refrigerator. There is also an oven and range, microwave in the kitchen island and a gas range. A modernist chandelier is a focal point across the room in a wine cooler. In the cabinet on the island are black, with the other cabinets in white. Wittekind said they are solid wood and built in Wisconsin. Menz pointed to the soft-close drawers.

There is a high ceiling in the living area, at the back of the house. It is separated slightly by a metal roof. The kitchen area with two posts, with small built-in bookshelves set to either side, one of those touches that are often seen in houses built in the 1920s but are rare in contemporary construction.

There is a deep closet with a sliding door by the back door, which also has an open coat closet next to the back door.

Off to the side is a first-floor master bedroom, with its own bathroom and a large closet. There is also a laundry area, with a stacked washer and dryer and its own sink and cabinets, and a laundry area past the laundry room.

At the front of the house is an additional room, which Wittekind said would make a great office or studio. The windows face the front lawn. Upstairs are three more bedrooms. The hardwood floors continue upstairs, with built-in carpet in the living area, a Jack-and-Jill bathroom, and another bathroom next to the third bedroom. The back bedroom has the best view of the lake, with its own sink and cabinets, and a downstairs bathroom past the laundry room.

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