

No Place Like
home

A LOVE AFFAIR WITH HISTORY

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Anyone can tell that Bernie Butler of D9 Development has a fascination with historic architecture. His development - The Brownstones on Church Street in downtown Franklin - strives to showcase the elements of a building in a bygone era with exquisite "brownstone" town homes which feature a myriad of elements in classic design. No doubt a rebuild of his would also include these elements.

After nearly a year and a half of work, a slightly controversial beginning and demolition, his restoration project at 415 Boyd Mill Avenue is finally completed. And from the outside looks as if not a day has gone by since it opened its doors the very first time over 100 years ago.

"So many people have inquired about the Boyd Mill house as we have been reconstructing it over the past 15 months that we wanted to give everyone a chance to see it before it goes on the market," said Bernie G. Butler, Jr., President of D9 Development, "We are very proud of our work to re-create this home." The company recently held a public open house to show off the "new" home.

The front part of the house is a direct replica of the historic home that was torn down on the site due to the terrible condition of the original structure. In

addition to this original reconstruction, a wonderful addition has been added to create the home that now sits on the site. Thousands of pictures have been taken of every stage of the construction of this home so that the new owner can have a sense of the care that has been taken with the rebuild.

The Main House is 4,600+ square feet with a professional kitchen with Wolf and Subzero appliances, the master suite is down and second master suite upstairs. It has a wonderful sunroom, 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, historically accurate molding treatments, 8' solid wood doors and many more added features. The home also includes a completely remodeled 800 square foot guest house/studio which also has a wonderful full size front sitting porch. There is also an additional guest house, or carriage house which was also lovingly redone.

Every attention to detail has been paid in redoing this house. And no aspect of it has been left out. For those with a love affair for the old and historic - but the need for modern conveniences and shine - this could be your house!

D9 Development focuses on historic in-fill residential and commercial developments. For more information visit www.d9development.com.



