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**Best Historic Residential Renovation - Award presented to Succasunna, NJ Builder**  
*Historic Century-Old Downtown Home in Morristown Enters the 21st Century*

MORRISTOWN, NJ (October 13, 2020) – For the first time, the **Metropolitan Builders & Contractors Association of New Jersey** (MetroBCA) held their annual awards ceremony virtually on September 17, 2020. **Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling, LLC** (MSCH&R) is thrilled to be the recipient of the "**Best Historic Residential Renovation**" award.

“It was an honor to be recognized by our peers in the industry for this special project, especially in light of the fact that it was up against stiff competition from a number of fantastic renovation projects by other qualified building companies,” said Don Dyrness, owner of Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling, LLC.

The homeowners purchased this classic Morristown home built circa 1920 which had a stately wrap around front porch, great curb appeal and charming original interior details. They were attracted to the convenient downtown location and vintage qualities of the house. The home offered 4 levels of living space, including a finished basement, 5 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. However, the interior was dark, outdated and in need of fresh, modern finishes. In addition, the cramped kitchen lacked character and there was not enough storage space.

Restorative work was completed on every level of this 4-floor home to make it better suited for present-day living while retaining the charm of this historic building. The overall result is a stunning, updated home which reflects the homeowners’ aesthetics and appreciation of high-

quality craftsmanship. Adding a central air condition system to the home was a key component to transforming it into a modern, comfortable living space for the homeowners. An energy efficient, high velocity A/C system was installed which uses narrow tubing to avoid significant disturbance to the existing structure and eliminate the visibility of traditional large ductwork soffits. The entire interior of the home was painted a soft neutral gray while the original wood floors were refinished in a warm dark contrasting color, making the home bright and welcoming.

As the “heart of the home,” it was important to create an inviting, functional and spacious kitchen. To this end, a small bump out addition was built to expand the kitchen, accommodating modern appliances, a new massive island as well as a designated mudroom/entry area. French doors were installed to provide comfortable access into the new space from the existing deck, infusing the remodeled rooms with much needed natural light. Clean, white cabinetry with grey veined marble countertops together with contrasting blue island base cabinetry offer plenty of storage and workspace, perfect for entertaining and casual dining options. A walk-in kitchen pantry with a space saving pocket door together with a double closet in the mudroom provide additional storage. The first-floor powder room was re-configured and updated with traditional modern finishes, easily accessible to guests and family members alike.

To give the homeowners a private master suite, a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor spare bedroom was transformed into a spacious on-suite master bathroom complete with walk-in closet and laundry facilities. The master bathroom features polished white Carrara marble tile, elegant pedestal sinks and an oversized shower. There was no bathroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to service the two existing bedrooms on that level. To remedy this, a new hall bathroom was created by merging two existing dormers and adjacent closet areas. Lastly, the foundation was expanded to build a basement level addition creating a small home office accessible from the existing finished basement area.

Special Acknowledgement: Michael Byrne, Architect, Byrne Design Associates, Inc., Chester, NJ

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***About Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling, LLC***

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Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling, LLC designs and builds high quality, single-family residences, additions, remodeling projects and light commercial jobs. MSCH&R is led by long-time residents of Succasunna, NJ, father and son team, Daniel & Donald Dyrness, who share a long history of constructing award winning projects together. Their combined backgrounds add up to over 90 years of home building in Morris, Somerset, Warren and Sussex Counties. They pride themselves on a reputation for quality, style, and value. Member of MetroBCA, New Jersey Builders Association (NJBA) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

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***About Metropolitan Builders & Contractors Association of NJ***

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MetroBCA is a local professional trade organization affiliated with the New Jersey Builders Association (NJBA) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) to promote and protect all segments of the residential building industry and its customers in Essex, Morris, Union, Somerset, Warren and Hunterdon counties. Its mission is to enhance its members' ability to provide safe, affordable, quality housing to New Jersey citizens.

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**Photo Caption:** 2020 Award of Excellence for “Best Historic Residential Renovation” to Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling, LLC from the Metropolitan Builders & Contractors Association of NJ.

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