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Homebuilder Tom Bentley Proves That Luxury Is Not Dead

The high-end Main Line builder opens up his own Bentley Home, hoping to excite people about the housing market again.

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It's a sunny summer morning in mid-July, and Tom Bentley has invited realtors from Prudential Fox Roach Devon to tour his home and discuss the topic of "Building Out of the Recession." Bentley isn't naïve enough to believe that everyone who showed came to hear him speak. Certainly there were a few who simply wanted to see where the Main Line's best-known high-end homebuilder kicks up his heels.

And who could blame them? Bentley Homes has been at it for 30 years, building some of the most prestigious communities in the region. Made of stone and topped with a slate roof, Bentley's English Country manor home was custom built 11 years ago in his Harrison Estate development in **Newtown Square**. It sits high on a hill with gorgeous views.

"Years ago, I would've never hosted an event like this in my private home," says Bentley, who's designed plenty of models to serve just this purpose. "I don't think anyone wants to rebuild my house, but it has everything anybody could want."



At home with luxury builder Tom Bentley. See more photos below. (Photo by Andrew Kahl/Wonderful Machine)

Bentley is hoping his guests will be inspired by what they see—enough, even, to get excited about the housing market again. "Luxury is definitely not dead on the Main Line," says Bentley. "We're still selling million-dollar-and-up homes."

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