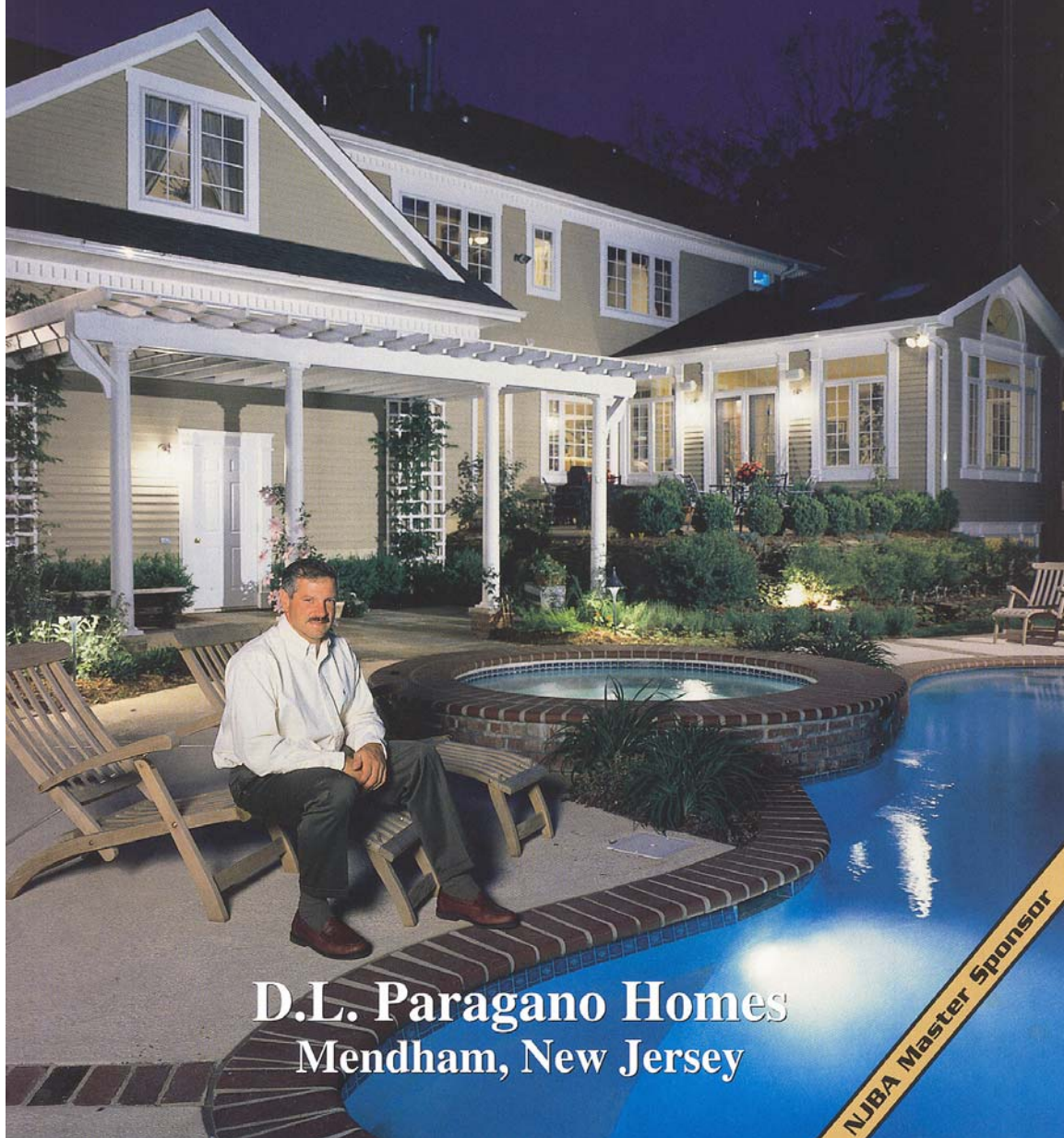


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**“Building on a family tradition”** is more than a slogan for D.L. Paragano Homes; it is a way of life.

With six generations in the building industry, Dominick Paragano, sole owner of D.L. Paragano Homes, takes great pride in being part of the Paragano family legacy. Since he started his own business in 1984 at age 25, he has built more than 70 custom homes throughout the region, spanning the areas of Cedar Grove, Livingston, North Caldwell, Essex Fells, and Mendham. His business specializes in building custom homes

in the executive price range. Now putting the finishing touches on a nine-home community in Mendham Township called Old Brookside Estates, Paragano is currently breaking ground on a new 13-lot tract in Mountain Lakes, known as Mountain Lakes Estates.

“My company is a family-oriented business. I believe that different families have their own unique needs. I will work personally with each customer to design and build a home that will exactly fit the customer’s taste and lifestyle,” says Dominick

Paragano. A self-proclaimed “blue jeans” builder, Paragano works hands-on in all aspects of the building process. Whether it is laying out a foundation on a lot, building a covered porch or constructing a trim detail, Paragano is a professional with experience in all aspects of the building process. “My home buyers really appreciate the personal attention I devote to the construction of their home throughout the entire process. I provide a service that few builders offer.”

Well-equipped to run a successful business with an undergraduate degree

An English manor-style home. Photo sponsored by Robert McDonald, Weichert, Realtors, Chester office. Bob McDonald is the exclusive marketing agent for Mountain Lakes Estates. Mr. McDonald can be reached at (908) 879-7010 or (908) 879-5263. Photo © Jim Prince Photography.







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Stone facade adds old-world elegance to this colonial home. Inset photo shows rear view of same home. Photo sponsored by Terry Gefrides, president, Radio Control Door Company, Inc., (973) 701-0900, exclusive supplier/installer of garage doors and openers for Dominick Paragano. Congratulations, Dominick. We wish you success at Mountain Lake Estates. Photo © Jim Prince Photography.

*Paragano Homes' Next Masterpiece:  
Mountain Lakes Estates*

Dominick Paragano carries on the family tradition with his newest community, Mountain Lakes Estates in Mountain Lakes, NJ. Located in the middle of bustling Morris County, Mountain Lakes Estates will fit right into this charming, exclusive, wooded residential town that is resplendent with graceful homes, nine lakes, dedicated parklands, and many social and recreational activities.

Another important factor in its location: Mountain Lakes Estates lies only minutes away from major highways, and approximately one hour from New York City.

The homes will be loaded with superior features, including 12-course block foundations, brick and stone facades, nine-foot first-floor ceilings, Pella ProLine windows, secondary, basement and garage stairs of pine, custom mantels, chair rails in dining room, six-panel interior doors, 200-amp electrical service, six telephone and cable jacks, two-zone gas-fired heating, etc. The list goes on and on.

Dominick Paragano has not missed a single detail in these homes.

*For information about Mountain Lakes Estates, call Bob McDonald at (908)879-7010.*







N. Larry Paragano and son, Dominick, go over some plans together. Photo © Jim Prince Photography.

in finance from Villanova University and a master's degree in business administration from Seton Hall University, Dominick Paragano credits his father, N. Larry Paragano, for the breadth and depth of his building skills.

"My dad is the epitome of the master builder and a true artist," states Dominick Paragano, recalling how his father started instructing him at the early age of 12 in building his first project—a brick barbecue. "I spent hours holding a surveying stick as my father would lay out a home. I worked with my father in every aspect of the building process from mixing concrete by hand to designing a home. I had the opportunity to ask questions of the best builder in the business. That is the kind of hands-on education you don't gain from reading books in school.

"I am eternally grateful for the many lessons my father has taught me about

meeting the highest of standards in building homes, as well as working with people and running a business," adds Dominick Paragano. "Although my father retired after working 50-plus years of his life as a builder, I can still count on him to give the white glove treatment whenever I invite him to look at my work. His approval is the greatest compliment of all."

His father isn't the only one proud of the workmanship found in D.L. Paragano Homes. The people who buy these homes often become friends, inviting Dominick to family gatherings and spreading the word about his skills, talents and working style.

"Every home we build receives my complete attention, from start to finish," says Dominick, who also enjoys strong long-term relationships with his employees, subcontractors and suppliers. "Every person that works on my homes knows the other subcontractors

and suppliers involved in the building process. All of us work together to meet the homeowners' high expectations. We are all like family.

"The bottom line for us is satisfied customers. I encourage clients to tell me about anything that appeals to them, whether they see it in a magazine or in a friend's home. I've discovered that the more informed a customer is, the easier the process moves along. Unlike other builders who limit a customer's choices, our customers can truly have what they want. We do whatever it takes to make the customers' dreams come true."

Dominick Paragano believes in old-world craftsmanship. Most recently, he has created what he calls his "Paragano Signature Porch." It is a covered porch featuring mahogany floors with deep-bonded sealer, bead board ceilings, skylights, round columns and handcrafted cedar railings.



These porches are durable and beautiful. "Every customer I have built a home for in the last four years has at least one of these porches on their home. Some customers have enjoyed these porches so much, that they wind up with two or three porches." Covered porches can be enjoyed by all family members and serve as inviting settings for entertaining.

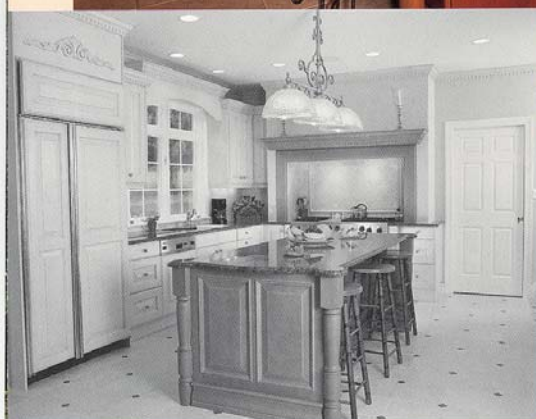
Paragano notes that today's buyer tends to want a more traditional home. People are more likely to want a two-story colonial home with a master suite and sitting area, rather than a first-floor master bedroom ranch. Columns are popular, as well as nine-foot

Right: A typical Paragano Signature Porch. Photo © Jim Prince Photography.

Below: Sunroom. Photo sponsored by Rusty Schommer of Schommer Engineering, Morristown, NJ. (973) 539-4411. "We are proud to be associated with D.L. Paragano Homes." Photo © Jim Prince Photography.







Above, eight trap windows brighten a kitchen featuring cherry cabinets. The photo at left shows different approach to kitchen design. Photo sponsored by Gabrael Spry Supply, Freehold, NJ, (732) 431-1012. We are proud to be associated with D.L. Paragano Homes. Photo © Jim Prince Photography.

ceilings on the first floor, extra-height basements which offer the possibility for additional space for growing families, wider trim, and paint colors that are more vibrant than in the past. Options such as whirlpool baths and fireplaces still offer a romantic touch. Customers also want high-tech wiring

tions through the Paragano Foundation. In addition to helping various charities with financial support, Dominick volunteers his time to coach recreational baseball in his Mendham community.

Dominick has been garnered with countless local and statewide awards for his custom homes. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of

and conveniences. "My homes find the proper balance between traditional tastes and contemporary needs."

In addition to being a family-oriented builder, Dominick Paragano makes it his business to support community activities that benefit children and local organiza-

the Builders Association of Metropolitan New Jersey (presently known as the Community Builders' Association). Reputation and experience are the cornerstone of the Paragano name.

Dominick Paragano has no plans in the future to expand the size of his business to mega-builder proportions, noting his preference to spend most of his time as a hands-on builder staying close to the work, rather than as a supervising manager. "I love my work and find great satisfaction in making home buyers and their families happy with my quality construction," said Paragano. "It is nice starting out with a family name that has a solid reputation for excellence. For me, the challenge is to strengthen our reputation even more."

For more information, call D.L. Paragano Homes at (973) 543-9573.

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