LCTI puts student-built home up for sale
School hires realtor, lists North Whitehall ranch house for $349,900

SCHNECKSVILLE, Pa. | In the market for a home that you'll love living in today … and three decades from now? Consider 2822 Rising Sun Road in the Schnecksville section of North Whitehall Township.

Built entirely by Lehigh Career & Technical Institute students, the home known as House Project 32 features an “age-in-place” design and it’s on sale. The school this month listed the property at $349,900 with Coldwell Banker Hearthside realtor Dorothy Bealer.

Listing the property is a new tactic for LCTI, which auctioned past student-built homes.

In today’s real estate market, most people begin their search on the Web, LCTI Business Administrator Patricia Bader said. Bealer has the experience and online marketing know-how necessary to reach potential homebuyers, generate excitement about the property and, ultimately, produce offers reflective of the top-notch features and finishes that set House Project 32 apart, she said.

Dubbed House Project 32 because it’s the 32nd home that students from LCTI’s nine sending school districts have teamed up to build, the structure’s layout and fixtures boost its functionality for older adults. The home’s age-in-place features include:

- Flush driveway, garage and front entry access; no curbs or steps
- 3-foot wide interior and exterior doors
- Extra-wide hallways
- Flush access to master bath shower; built in shower seat
- Lever handles on all doors
- Light switches 48 inches from floor
- Electric outlets 18-22 inches from floor for seated or no-stoop access

The three-bedroom, two-bathroom ranch house includes more than 2,300 square feet of living space and sits on a roughly 1.1-acre lot with a completely seeded and graded lawn in the Parkland School District. It has an attached, two-car garage, an elevated, composite deck and a walkout basement that can be finished with minimal fuss.
The home’s ceramic-tiled foyer opens up to the great room, which on top of a tray ceiling, hardwood floors and beautiful views of the backyard, has a gas fireplace and a data port that’s ideally situated for a flat-screen TV above the stone mantle.

Custom-built maple cabinets, quartz countertops and a combination of recessed and pendant lighting are just some of the eat-in kitchen’s highlights. A built-in shelving and desk unit with a data port, KitchenAid appliances and sliding-glass-door access to the deck are among the room’s other features.

Like the kitchen, the adjacent laundry room has ceramic tile floors. It also includes a granite-topped sink and a Frigidaire washer and dryer.

The master bedroom features a walk-in closet, a two-tier tray ceiling and, like all three bedrooms, wall-to-wall carpeting. The master bath, meanwhile, includes a two-sink vanity, a linen closet and a separate tub and shower.

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