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# NEWS

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## GALLAGHER REMODELING INC. WINS COTY AWARD

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The Eastern Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (EM-NARI) recently announced the winners of its annual Contractor of the Year Awards.

Gallagher Remodeling Inc. took home the award for the Best Residential Interior Project in its class. The prestigious CotY Awards are designed to recognize the most exceptional remodeling projects and the companies that built them.

There were a large number of top-notch entries. Many noted that the 2004 EM-NARI CotY Awards were among the most competitive in recent years. Winners were selected by a panel of nonpartisan judges, four well-respected industry professionals. The judges selected winners based on each entrant's "Before and After" photography and a project description. Judging also took into consideration problem solving, functionality, aesthetics, craftsmanship, innovation, degree of difficulty, and entry presentation. A total of 15 awards were given by EM-NARI.

Check out our website for a full description and close-up photos of the project, which transformed an unfinished basement into a luxurious casual bar and game room-entertainment area for our Lexington clients.

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*The winning project:*



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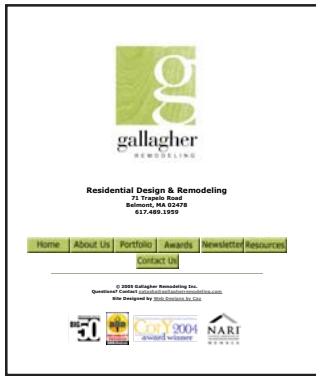
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## GALLAGHER REMODELING WEBSITE

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Our website has recently been updated. Please take a look at the new features we have added. Some changes include new photos of recent projects and the full details of our 2004 CotY award. Also, we have added a feature which allows you to track the progress of a current project with step-by-step, in-process images while we build a second-level Lexington addition.



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# TRENDS

## OUTDOOR LIVING

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More and more homeowners who decide to add outdoor living space to their homes are taking full advantage of the latest advances in technology and design to create spaces that truly allow them to experience their deck or patio as an extension of living space in the warmer months. Functions that were once limited to the interior spaces are now moving outside. Built-in seating, outdoor kitchens, fireplaces, heaters and spas help create a new level of comfort and convenience in modern decks and patios.

Designs that include multiple levels help to create a sensation of “rooms” with different purposes, and these levels can be separated by as little as a few steps or as much as a full story to provide access from different points in your home. The deck at right was added onto the back of this new-construction home. The upper level connects directly to the kitchen, making it easy to use the outdoor and indoor spaces together when entertaining. The upper-level deck also gives access through a separate door to the living room. The stairs descend a few steps to the outdoor dining area, which has room for patio furniture and is equipped with a built-in commercial grade grill. The stairs continue down to the spa area, which is conveniently adjacent to the basement level home gym, so the homeowner can go right from work out to hot tub. This area is also adjacent to the basement bar/game room (pictured on page 1), creating a circular flow between the first-floor interior spaces, exterior deck dining and spa area, and the basement bar area. This design is ideal for summer parties, fitness, and relaxation.



The three-level deck



The outdoor kitchen and dining area

The availability of products that allow for full-service outdoor kitchens has blossomed recently. The outdoor kitchen you see to the left is completely outfitted with Viking appliances



and accessories; it boasts a premium stainless steel gas grill, refrigerator, icemaker, sink, beverage center, warming drawers, cabinets and much more. This kitchen illustrates how outdoor entertaining can now involve anything from a simple charcoal grill to a complete working kitchen that rivals many indoor kitchens in quality and function.



View from above of the spa area