

## Fairway Point Grand Opening

**BBQ in the Park!**  
**Saturday, June**  
**23rd - noon-3:00**



Landed Gentry has just released all three collections of homes in our newest golf course community, Fairway Point, adjacent to Whidbey Golf & Country Club in Oak Harbor. To celebrate, we're inviting everyone to join us for a barbecue at the Fairway Point community park. This beautiful park has just been completed and is ready to be enjoyed, so we're welcoming the public to come see what we've been building. Enjoy great food, see the new community, and enter to win some fabulous door prizes. Directions: take I-5 to Highway 20 and travel to Oak Harbor; turn west on Swantown, left on Fort Nugent, then 1 mile to the entrance on the right. For more information, contact Clare Jeanneret at 360-679-2378. See you there!



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## Bring on the (Natural) Light

Walk into any new home and you'll immediately notice a big difference from many older homes: an abundance of natural light. Because of poor thermal performance, windows and glass doors in older homes were necessarily scaled down. Today's builders, however, are able to take advantage of advanced technologies, a wider range of sizes and styles, and a number of new products and creative applications to capture natural light.

While glass walls are certainly possible to maximize natural light, traditional housing design remains popular. Professional builders usually work within historic housing forms to increase interior natural light. Window and door manufacturers have helped this effort by providing a wide variety of products to match traditional house styles and to help hide or lessen any discordant or extreme aesthetic impact.

For example, a roof window (or series of these) over the center of the kitchen can bring in a tremendous amount of natural light without having an adverse impact on a traditional facade. This is especially true if that room is on the back or side of the house and thus out of view from the street. Unlike skylights, roof *windows* can open to vent stagnant or hot air and odors. They have a flat design, only slightly raised above the roof finish, which further reduces any intrusive appearance.

For smaller interior rooms, such as a bath room, walk-in shower, or storage area, traditional approaches to bring in natural light are almost impossible, or at least impractical. Tubular skylights offer a solution. From a small, unobtrusive opening in the roof, light enters a tube lined with reflective materials that direct light into the room below. These small, inconspicuous devices pour large quantities of light into tight spaces, creating a more spacious and comfortable feel.

## Building Success 101

Q: What is an "insulated" window?

A: Modern windows are often referred to as "insulated" because of technology that retards, blocks, or slows the transfer of air through the unit. Most people are familiar with fiberglass or other types of insulation material in a wall cavity. In a window, the "insulation" is a combination of several factors. Most common are windows with at least two panes of glass enclosing a 'dead' airspace between them. The airspace may also be sealed, containing a clear, odorless gas (commonly argon), which is heavier than air and thus an even more effective insulator. Better yet, one or both interior surfaces of the glass can be permanently laminated with a clear coating that further retards thermal transfer and protects the home interior against solar heat gain and damaging ultraviolet rays. Material costs are declining as these technologies become more common.

Fixed or operable transom windows may also be used to bring natural light into interior rooms. Set above doors or even in interior walls, transom windows can carry natural light from rooms on the outside perimeter into otherwise darker, inner spaces.

A kitchen backsplash can be used creatively to increase natural light. Glass block or fixed panes of glass may be installed in the space between the countertop and the wall cabinets. Light is brought onto the work surface without sacrificing kitchen cabinets for a large window expanse.

When homeowners prefer traditional architectural styles, their builders may be challenged to bring in enough natural light to please modern tastes. Experienced home builders commonly assist homeowners with design and product solutions, made easier with the wide array of technologically advanced windows and doors now available. With new products to choose from and some creative design work, home owners are simultaneously able to enjoy traditional style and the aesthetic and cost-saving benefits of natural light.

Warm regards,

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