



The legendary builder Frank Bell crafted this masterpiece from a home originally built by his father F. Meade Bell. Guided by the precision and vision of the very talented owners, this magnificent home was built with the finest of materials to last through the ages. The 2004 renovation/rebuild encompassed every inch of this 4904 square foot beauty. A careful review of this fact sheet will reveal dozens and dozens of amenities and delights throughout this remarkable home. The maintenance and care of this residence is so meticulous as to warrant almost "new home" status, it's that precise. The expression "It's a Bell" has never been more true. Why not own something special?

Property Details

5 Bedrooms/5.5 Baths
Year Re-Built
Lot Size: 10,408 sq. ft.
Est. Taxes: \$16,389 per yr.
Interior square footage: Over 4904 sq. ft. of living space
Woodacres Elementary (K-5)
Pyle Middle School (6-8)
Whitman High School (9-12)

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Main Level Features

Entrance Foyer

Seven feet wide, with exquisite powder room featuring a Blue Angola granite countertop with a Kohler Maiden bowl. The powder room has hardwood flooring and crown molding. Take note as well of the custom arched cherry front door and the wide staircase with custom posts and newels to the second floor. There’s a matching arch opening to the family room at the far end of the entrance hall. A coat closet and crown molding in the hallway round out the details.

Living Room (17’8” x 14’)

9’ ceilings grace this grand room. A pleasing open room to the dining room features custom glass shelving, a wood-burning fireplace currently configured with a convenient gas log. The fireplace features stunning Pakistan Green Onyx surround and brass and glass doors, crown molding, a bay window, ceiling speakers and recessed lighting.

Kitchen (16’6” x 14’8”)

- Wide ceramic tile flooring set on a diagonal, “Egg & Dart” crown molding, three storage closets, double doors to dining room under cabinet lighting, stainless steel sink, decorative tile backsplash set on a diagonal, crown molding, recessed lighting, three “tear drop” Marano Italian glass pendants over center island.
- Sub Zero Refrigerator
- Sub Zero Freezer (separate)
- Meile Incognito dishwasher
- Thermador double ovens and Thermador warming oven
- Kitchenaid “Imperial” disposer
- Wolf ‘36 cooktop with five “elements”
- Wolf ventilation downdraft
- GE Mongram Beverage center
- Center island with sink
- Granite countertops with bullnose edging.
- Gold Start microwave oven.

Breakfast room (13’6” x 12’)

Nine windows, and full view door to the wraparound deck, ceramic tile set on a diagonal, crown molding, This is your room! The most warm and inviting space in the home.

Dining room (17’8” x 12’)

Frank Bell is known for his superior and inventive trim and detail. Nowhere in the home is this more evident than this gorgeous room. Crown molding, chair rail, paneled moldings and wainscoting. Fluted moldings. Drop dead breathtaking!

Family room (15’ x 20’)

Gas fireplace surrounded by Rosso Damasco marble, gorgeous clam shelled built-ins, crown molding, ceiling fan, recessed lighting, fluted moldings, paneled molding, **mounted LG Television conveys.**

Media closet (thousands of dollars of value). Pre-wiring for speakers, cable, internet etc are dispersed throughout the home.

We’ll call it “The Starship Enterprise!” And it all **CONVEYS:**

- Rotel power amp——Yamaha Tuner
- Sony DVD——Panamax
- Sony Stereo
- Comcast cable connections
- Sony Mega Storage unit-can store hundreds of CDs



Entrance hall



Mid level



Grand Foyer



Recreation room



Living room



Wine cellar

A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE BUILDER AND THE SPRINGFIELD AREA...

Over the decades, Springfield has been home to a wide array of interesting and special neighbors. Congressman John Rhodes, the minority House whip from Arizona lived on Pollard Rd., Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird, who served in the Nixon administration, lived on Kirkwood Dr. , Congressman John Anderson, who ran as an independent for President in 1980, lived on Ogden Rd., Sen. Edmund Muskie, the 1968 Democratic vice-presidential nominee, lived on Albia Rd. The list goes on and on, Sen. Griffin from Michigan, Congressman Edwards from Alabama, AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, a Senior U.S. District Court judge, and recently, Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner have all made Springfield/ Westwood their home over the years.

There is also the gorgeous Wood Acres Park just a block away, renovated and enhanced, where many in the neighborhood come to play. Wood Acres Elementary is adjacent to the Park and was completely rebuilt brand new, re-opening in 2002. The school district of Walt Whitman High School and Thomas Pyle Middle School is one of the most sought after in the nation. The home is minutes from Glen Echo Park, C&O Canal and the Crescent Trail. And what’s more – public transportation to the Friendship Heights Metro stop and downtown D.C. is also just two blocks away on River Rd.

You can also walk to The Westbard Shopping Center, less than a 1/2 mile away. This center is scheduled for a dramatic and complete transformation over the coming years.

What do Bethesda publications have to say about this fine home?

“Although they were downsizing, the Hardisty’s wanted casual living and dining spaces common in newer homes and the solid value of this close-in neighborhood that boasts an excellent elementary school within walking distance. As Hardisty said “we wanted the house to be as low-maintenance as possible. The siding on our home is a product that does not rot or deteriorate and almost never needs to be painted or refinished. Dirt can simply be washed away!”

Washington Home and Garden –Fall 2006

“Working closely with Merrily and her collection of magazine clippings, builder/designer Frank Bell created a stylish 4900 sq. ft. home in a year’s time with high ceilings, gleaming hardwood floors, custom crown moldings and solid panel doors. For John, Bell designed a wraparound porch; for Merrily, a magnificent kitchen. And because “ I love arches, Frank used them wherever he could”, Merrily says, “starting with the new front door!”

Bethesda Magazine- January 2010

Exterior features

Let’s start with the gorgeous flagstone walkways that can be round both in the front, sides and back of the home. The flagstone patio in the back is perfect for a quiet early summer’s evening.

The landscaping is beyond “professional.” The most legendary landscape company in the DC area is Garden Gate. Experts designed, planted and honed these grounds to perfection. Gorgeous flowering trees, foundation bushes, a row of exquisite hollies, magnificent flowering rose bushes, expert ground cover, all surrounded by a lush lawn that is kept perfect by an underground sprinkler system.

The “Charleston” gas coach lamp is a gorgeous feature.

All gutter downspouts are buried and extend to the street. There are several “catch basins” placed on the grounds to manage surface water, all of which connect to the underground water management system which carries the water to the street.

Note that there are no phone or internet wires coming above ground to the home. They were all buried as part of the renovation, at great extra expense so as to create a clean, unobstructed view of the home from the front.

There’s an “Invisible fence” for pet safety.

The stunning wraparound front porch is made with long lasting, low maintenance IPE material, the flooring is Brazilian mahogany as are the handrails. There’s an appealing ceiling fan. Take note as well of the just barely “blue” ceiling on the wraparound porch, a nod to the bright blue sky!

Take note of the stylish and substantial “garden shed” which sits just of the wide driveway on the left side of the home. This shed (\$5262) ably houses tools and a lawn mower etc, leaving you more room for those automobiles in the garage if you wish!

The roofing on the home is high quality Tamko asphalt shingle. The siding is high quality Cenplank.

Interior features

- Six panel doors
- Brass and glass door knobs
- Inset wooden heat/cool floor grates
- Kolbe & Kolbe very high quality double pane insulated windows.
- Wide plank hardwood flooring.
- Emtek glass and brass hardware.
- ADT security system (conveys)

Two heating and cooling systems service four zones in the home. Those zones are 1st floor, 2nd floor, upper level and lower level. There’s a “circulator” hot water pump set on a timer. It’s programmed to come on a 6:00am and go off at midnight (or set for whatever you wish). This allows for almost instantaneous hot water from the faucet. No more waiting for the hot water to come through the line, this feature saves energy. Copper water supply piping. 75-gallon Bradford-White hot water heater was installed new in 2014.



Master bedroom



Dining room



Master bath 1



Kitchen



Master bath 2



Breakfast room

Upper level 1 Features

Original master bedroom (13’ x 12’9”)
Now set up as an office, this room features crown molding, a ceiling fan, double closet, built-in shelving.

Private original full master bath off original master BR
With tub, subway ceramic tile, vanity with Venaro white Corian top and bowl.

Bedroom (front left) (10’ x 12’6”)
With double closet, ceiling fan and crown molding

Bedroom (front mid) (9’10”x 12’)
With double closet and crown molding

Hall full bath
With tub, ceramic tile, banjo Venaro white Corian countertop & bowl, crown molding. Hall linen closet.

Upper level 2 Features

A Wide staircase leads to the top floor of the home. A gracious upstairs landing, appointed with crown molding leads to a walk-in cedar closet and a door to the attic.

Master bedroom (18’4” x 17’4”)
Note the fantastic 9 ft. ceilings throughout the master suite! Crown molding, recessed lighting, two wall sconces (convey), two huge walk-in closets are both enhanced with built-ins. The “her” closet is quite spectacular, including a center island dressing unit.

Private “her” full bath
With jetted soaking tub, ceramic tile flooring, exquisite 38” raised double vanities, three mirrors, double crown molding, recessed lighting, a “double” shower with custom frameless shower door and private commode.

Private “his” full bath
With double shower, double closet, crown molding, mirrored wall, exquisite 38” raised vanities.

Mid-level features

The wide, dramatic staircase to the mid-level features a soaring window and crown molding.

Mud room-crafts room (11’4” x 13’2”)
Ceramic tile set on a diagonal, side door to side yard, crown molding, recessed lighting, two single closets, one double closet, a window and a door to the garage.

Laundry room
Whirlpool Duet washer, Whirlpool Duet dryer, double vinyl sink, white cabinetry and counters, ceramic tile set on a diagonal, under cabinet lighting.

Two-car garage
This is where the fun starts! The garage floor was re-poured (\$2785), there’s hot and cold water spigots installed so washing that car is easy in the driveway! There’s a workbench which conveys, a wall heater, and two windows. Each garage door has it’s own automatic Lift-Master opener.

Lower Level Features

Recreation room (15'8" x 17'6")

You've arrived in the "Terrapin Room." Wall to wall carpeting, recessed lighting, crown molding & a closet.

Back hall

The details just keep coming. A slate floor set on a diagonal, a built-in wet bar with green marble countertops and cherry cabinets, a sink, two closets, and an under the counter Sub-zero refrigerator make this space come alive.

Lower level bedroom (11'3" x 9'6")

Wall to wall carpeting, a double closet and a single closet.

The Wine cellar

The "piece de resistance!" Perhaps Frank Bell's most creative endeavor ever. Ardesa India slate flooring and brick walls are reminiscent of the fine detail you might see in Olde Europe. There's a beautiful beaded ceiling, three arched recessed platforms that house unique Patina wine racks (\$1205.00) which convey. They were obtained in St. Augustine Florida. There's also a custom arched "Parson's gate" wood door (\$3705.00) that completes this masterpiece.

Lower level full bath

With tub and Corian banjo countertop.

Utility room

With Armstrong green and white vinyl flooring, a workbench (which conveys), a Kenmore refrigerator (which conveys), and astounding ,extensive storage shelving.

Large full bath with bathtub and black and white ceramic tile flooring, Corian banjo countertops & mirrored wall.

Second Bedroom (mid) (9' x 11')

One closet,

Third Bedroom (corner) (11' x 13'2")

Double closet

Full Hall bathroom with tub, vanity counter and mirrored wall.

Hall attic hatch, hall linen closet, whole house fan & attic hatch.



Family room



2nd floor bedroom



Original master bedroom/office



2nd level hall bath



2nd floor bedroom



Staircase to upper level

A few words from the builder:

Creating a home begins and ends with the smallest of details. Bell Builders brings everything together from inspiring architectural design to the most elegant touch, creating a beautiful home worthy of your family's memories. Your unique lifestyle will find a home with traditional construction and styling, yet fully appointed for the 21st century..

Our clients, the Hardistys, had a vision. Over the course of a year, we collaborated on this wonderful home to create something special. The owners were involved intimately in every decision. In many cases, photographs from design magazines and architectural publications were provided to help us understand the level of detail the owner's were seeking. On several occasions we traveled out of town together to other states to procure and make decisions on materials that were unique and memorable.

The Bell team of artisans, from carpenters to tile tradesman, painters, flooring installers, kitchen craftsman, and on and on ...took special delight in working with the Hardistys as they were the kind of clients that valued our artistry and inspired us.

Bell Builders built quite a number of homes in the Springfield/Westwood community in the 1950's. My father passed down to me a tradition and ethos that emphasized quality. A drive through the community will reveal about 20 special homes that have been "transformed" since the mid-1990's. Each home took on a character of its own and is a reflection of the owner's tastes and desires. They have stood the test of time gracefully and have often resold at impressive numbers. A home such as The Hardistys could well cost over \$1,200,000 in renovation costs alone today. It could never quite be duplicated, it's one of a kind.

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