



BROOKLINE HOME RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD



An historic home in Brookline, MA, has received the Platinum award as the best remodeling project in its category of Remodeling, Entire Home over \$250,001 per unit as part of the 2011 Best in American Living Awards (BALA) by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). The architect-designer for the project was O'Sullivan Architects in Reading, MA; the remodeler, interior merchandiser, and developer was Brookline Development Corp. of

Chestnut Hill, MA; and the land planner was VTP Associates Inc. of Newton, MA.

The Victorian-era residence, on 63 Harvard Ave., had been split into three living units and was in complete disrepair. The builder worked with the city preservation groups and planning departments to restore the property and preserve the elaborate characteristics of the original structure and replaced the back of the main house with two new, larger units and private garages. Two carriage houses were also restored to their original beauty and turned into detached living units. Extensive landscaping ties the three buildings together. For more about the BALA program, see www.nahb.org/BALA.

MCNEILL WINS ZONING APPEAL



NEBA member Julie McNeill won a zoning appeal at the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC). Her client had gone before the Shirley Zoning Board of Appeals for a special permit to expand his pre-existing nonconforming use and he was denied. McNeill appealed that decision to Land Court and after trial, the court found for her client. The town appealed that, and the MA Appeals Court found that the town's concerns about density justified the denial. The SJC then granted Julie's application for further appellate review and, after the hearing, overturned the ruling of the Appeals Court and affirmed the Land Court decision. You can visit the News section of Julie's website at www.lawofficeofjuliemcneill.com/News.html to view the decision and other materials from the case.

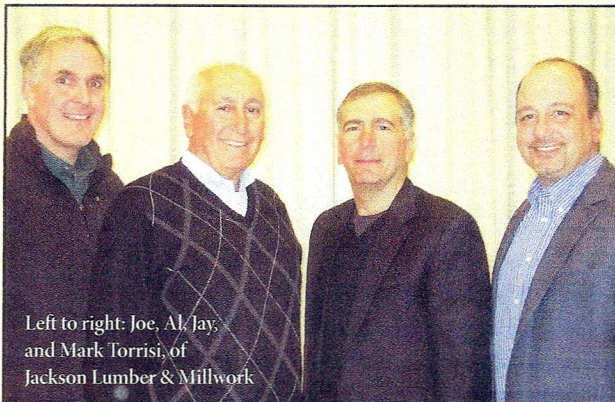
C.P. BERRY HOMES WINS NATIONAL AWARDS



Photo courtesy of C.P. Berry Homes

C.P. Berry Homes of Topsfield, MA, the builder/developer of English Commons (see photo of aerial view) in Topsfield (a new luxury-living, active adult condominium community), received the following three prestigious national awards at the recent International Builders Show in Orlando, FL:

- Professional Builder Design Awards—Best New Community—Gold Award by *Professional Builder Magazine*
- 2012 Best of 50+ Housing Awards—Best Green Community—Silver Award
- Best For-Sale Active Adult Community—Silver Award by the National Association of Home Builders.



Left to right: Joe, Al, Jay, and Mark Torrisi, of Jackson Lumber & Millwork

LONG-TIME PRESIDENT/CEO OF JACKSON LUMBER & MILLWORK STEPS DOWN

Al Torrisi has stepped down as president and CEO of Jackson Lumber & Millwork, Lawrence, MA, to make way for the next generation of Torrisi leaders: Al's son Mark will serve as president; his son Jay will serve as CEO and treasurer; and his nephew Joseph will be executive vice president. The trio will work to bring Jackson Lumber & Millwork to its next stage of success. Al Torrisi, who was at the company's helm for 29 years, will continue to serve as chairman of the board.