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Making the Great Outdoors Even Better

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A home requires a lot of TLC, both inside and out. Just like a home's interior, an outdoor living space needs routine maintenance to be at its best. In much the same way that a kitchen overhaul can reshape a home's interior, renovated outdoor living spaces that include outdoor kitchens, patios and walkways, and fireplace-centered seating areas have the potential to not only maximize a homeowner's year-long enjoyment of the property, but also increase a home's overall value.

Although some homeowners have the will to handle such projects by themselves, few have the time, resources, and expertise needed to complete them to an exacting standard. As a result, they will need to enlist an experienced and trustworthy landscape design contractor who can deliver a result that will meet, if not exceed, their expectations. The question remains: How can a homeowner know when they have identified the "right" contractor to turn their dream into a reality?

Just ask B. DeMichele Inc., a Delaware County-based landscape design-build firm that has been delivering high-quality outdoor living spaces to clients throughout the Philadelphia area for more than 30 years.

Experienced, Diversified, Reliable

B. DeMichele Inc. advises homeowners to do a little "homework" when vetting candidates to determine which one has the best blend of knowledge, craftsmanship, and work ethic to deliver on their promises. First, ask to see past examples of the contractor's quality and craftsmanship. Check reliable online reviews to gauge the contractor's reputation in the community. Finally, ask the contractor to provide access to current or former clients who would be willing to provide candid feedback about their experiences.

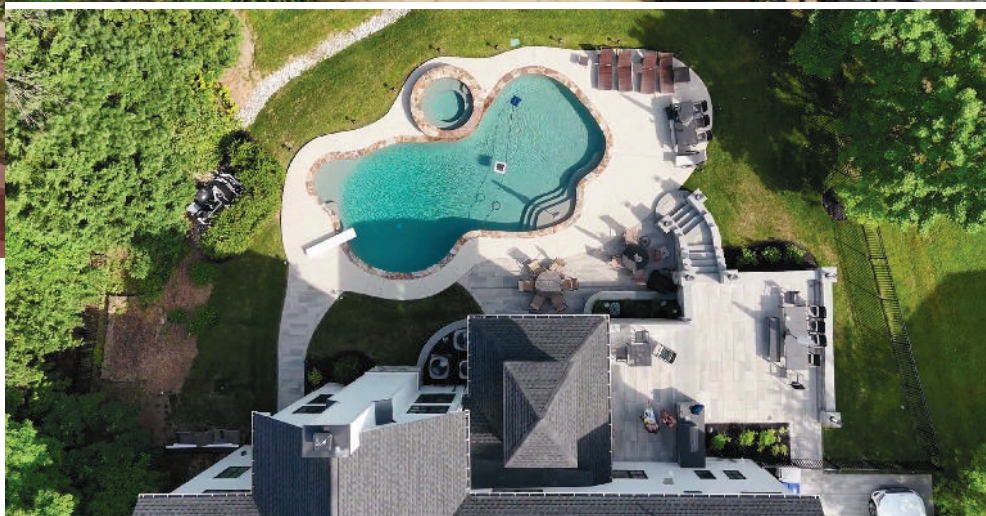
Led by owner/operator Blase DeMichele, B. DeMichele Inc. can help homeowners complete just about any outdoor project, from the small and straightforward to the large and complex:



outdoor kitchens, landscaping and hardscaping, fireplaces and firepits, pergolas and gazebos, as well as complementary features such as lighting, audio experiences, and water features. In addition, B. DeMichele Inc. is a skilled designer of inground pools, working hand in hand with pool builders to make sure each job is completed to the client's satisfaction.

Unlike many of its peers, B. DeMichele Inc.'s areas of expertise include stormwater management services. Uncontrolled stormwater can have devastating effects on a property, including erosion, flooding, and damage to the foundation. B. DeMichele Inc. uses custom solutions such as yard grading services, catch

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basins, drainage swales, rain gardens, French drains, and retaining walls to divert stormwater away from the home.

Aside from the company's expertise and diversification, B. DeMichele Inc. stands apart because of its team of long-tenured employees; nearly all employees have been with the company for at least 10 years. B. DeMichele Inc. does not have to rely on subcontractors to

finish certain aspects of the job because everything is handled in house. As a result, B. DeMichele Inc. has the capacity to maintain firm control over each project's cost and timeline.

What Homeowners Can Expect From the Process

Every project undertaken by B. DeMichele

Inc. begins with a free on-site consultation with a professional landscape designer. The designer will assess the homeowner's property, goals, and budget to create a custom design proposal. Once the proposal is approved, the team will gather site details—existing structures, plantings, and topography—to build a base plan. From there, the true creative process begins, with concept drawings featuring new planting beds, hardscapes, and custom features. Designs are then refined with the homeowner's input to align with their vision and budget. After the homeowner signs off on the design, B. DeMichele Inc. then delivers the final plans and installation proposals, with detailed construction drawings to follow. This thorough process ensures that the homeowner's space will be built exactly as imagined—beautiful, functional, and uniquely their own.

Each stage of the process is designed to reduce the stress that often accompanies significant home-improvement projects. Not only are Blase DeMichele and his team incredibly skilled in their line of work, but they also pride themselves on communication; clients will always know where they stand with their project, and they are also happy to address any questions or concerns along the way. DeMichele also wants his clients to know that when they hire his company for a project, the project will be completed to their satisfaction and ready to be enjoyed immediately, whether they want to have a quiet day in their new space or host a party to celebrate a special event.

B. DeMichele Inc. maintains offices in Glen Mills and Media, yet it serves homeowners in a broad geographic area. The company has clients throughout Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties, as well as southern New Jersey and Delaware.

As summer transitions to autumn, many homeowners have their minds on spending more time outside to enjoy the cooler, more comfortable weather. B. DeMichele Inc.'s installation crews work every day of the week, and the company is still booking projects for the rest of 2025. What that means to homeowners: It's not too late to reimagine and remake their outdoor living spaces in time to enjoy their renovated properties before the year reaches its end. ■



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