

Sunup, sundown

It's all good in a Glastar sunroom

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ENJOYING THEIR HALF-ACRE LOT IN Birds Hill was a prime motivation for Jim and Maureen in their decision to purchase a Glastar sunroom.

Crunch time had come when it came to deciding whether to re-build their 20 year old deck that was showing its age and that would likely incur a hefty price tag to accomplish.



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To enhance the view, two angled windows at either end of the sunroom provide a panoramic effect as well as creating a shelf to set flowerpots at each end, a detail that Maureen appreciates.

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A flat ceiling instead of a gable option worked best for this project," says Steven Sarens, Glastar Sunroom owner. "Since the home is a bungalow, matching the existing eaves makes the sunroom blend well with the style and was a more economical choice."

Now ready to enjoy their second year as sunroom owners, Maureen and Jim know they made the right decision. "Having the sunroom gives another dimension to the home," says Maureen. "We get the east sun and it's wonderful! As soon as the sun is shining, we're sitting out there having breakfast, reading, doing crosswords. Just nice to sit out there, enjoy the birds, the scenery and just

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Jim and Maureen's project went through without a hitch according to Steve. "We've been doing this for so long and we have a lot of systems and double-checks in place. Once the client finalizes the design and the contract, it's really a check-list on everything."

"We manufacture the product here and there's all kinds of checks and controls during that process that once our installers show up, we know that everything's going to be there."

"Our system has been designed to compensate for any ground shift so there is no stress on the house, no pulling away, that kind of thing. Jim and Maureen can be sure

that they made the right decision; rather than replacing their deck, having limited use and having to replace it again in 10 to 15 years, their sunroom has a lifespan that's virtually unlimited."

The sunroom has led to other improvements to the couple's backyard. "Now we're trying to fix it up because we had a number of large trees that all of a sudden were very unruly, and had to be taken out. Also, we had a patio put in last fall so the entire area is much more defined."

"Anyone who has come here and seen the sunroom, they all think it looks wonderful and of course they want to know who did it and we're happy to say it was Glastar Sunrooms. They are so ready to come out and rectify anything you feel needs to be looked at. I'm not used to that."