

Dear Future Homeowners of 25 Division,

We bought this home in 2014, drawn by its ideal location for commuting to the City. But very quickly, we discovered that convenience was only the beginning of what this home would mean to us. It became a place of growth, connection, laughter, and peace.

Our daughter, who joined the New Providence school system in high school, was one of the few who hadn't grown up here. Yet she found herself immediately welcomed. The children were kind, the parents warm, and the teachers deeply caring. The school's academic rigor nurtured her dreams, and as a working mother with a husband overseas, I felt at ease knowing she was supported—both socially and academically. Today, she's in her mid-twenties, pursuing a Ph.D. in engineering. She credits much of her success to the solid foundation she received here.

This house, over time, became our sanctuary. In 2022, we gave it the love it deserved—an extensive renovation with all the thoughtful touches modern living could ask for. We opened up the space, and it came alive during holidays when several families would gather. We'd circle around the big kitchen island, cooking together, swapping stories, and tasting flavors from around the world. In the winter, the radiant heat kept the bathroom floors toasty warm. The kids would run off to the finished basement or the third floor, and even our sweet dog, Ada, had her joy—chasing puppy friends around the fenced-in yard during her regular playdates.

The creek in the backyard is one of my favorite parts of this home. Its gentle sound brings a sense of calm that's hard to describe. I often thought of building an outdoor kitchen and deck by the water—plans we shelved only because of a job relocation. Despite being in a designated flood zone, we've never had water damage—except for once during Hurricane Ida, when the basement door was left unattached during construction. Even this past major storm only cost us a little mulch in a small corner of the yard. In 40 years, this house has never flooded—a testament to its strength and setting.

When you visit, I hope you'll spend a quiet moment in the backyard or under the grapevine arbor. Watch the butterflies dance. Listen to the birds. Neighbors often stop by to chat, telling us how much they love the garden—some even joke that it could host a wedding. Others say one of their favorite little joys is guessing which flower will bloom next.

As you walk through this home, I hope you'll feel what we have felt all these years: peace, warmth, comfort, and a true sense of belonging. Most of all, I hope you'll feel welcomed—by the home, and by the loving community that surrounds it.

With all my heart,

The Zhang Family