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## feature story

### Step into History. See the Progress. Stay for a Weekend.

THE LEONARD AT LOGAN HOUSE IS ON THE HERITAGE HILL TOUR OF HOMES – THIS TIME IT’S FINISHED.



It has been one of the best-kept remodeling secrets in Grand Rapids. It is also the only home since the famous Meyer-May House to be featured twice in a row on the Heritage Hill Tour of Homes—as a before and after rehabilitation project.

It took Team two years to turn this 1914 mansion from a neglected and aging building into a bed and breakfast beloved by local and international guests.

The home was originally built during a very interesting time in history and has a wonderful Grand Rapids

story. Harry C. Leonard was the first owner of this home and was the son of the inventor & manufacturer, Charles H. Leonard. One of Charles’ inventions was a dry air, self-circulating interior ventilation refrigerator. In 1880, he took out a patent on this invention and by 1937 became

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## WHAT’S NEWS

### Listen for our Service Announcements on Wood Radio

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the largest employer in Grand Rapids. In fact, one in four refrigerators sold in the world at that time was a “Leonard Cleanable”. Harry was an executive in the manufacturing business (in his father’s company, his grandfather’s company and in others) and was also very active in Grand Rapids politics, serving as City Commissioner from 1934 to 1942. Harry’s love for politics seems to have come from his father and was then passed on to his daughter, Dorothy, a major force in the League of Women’s Voters. The home, like the family, has had several stories since the Leonards built it in 1914, once called the Covenant House. Team chose the Leonard story when remodeling and brought the home back to its origins.

The Heritage Hill Tour Guides will tell the story best on Oct. 3 & 4, as they guide you on a tour of the home, complete with highlights of its history and rehabilitation. You will tread the refurbished mahogany and oak staircase (pictured on COVER) where Harry’s daughter, Dorothy, descended to marry Siegel Judd, founder of the law firm Warner, Norcross, and Judd. You will experience the solid construction of the house, and see how the Leonards were on the forefront of all of the new “technology” of the day, including the first central vacuuming system (pictured BELOW). It was patented in 1913, one year before the home was built.



You will also learn how any home (regardless of its age) can be updated with modern conveniences – still respecting the original construction and design. Team’s master carpenter built custom cabinetry throughout the Leonard at Logan House to perfectly match the original, built-in cabinetry. This is particularly evident in the gourmet kitchen, which was re-designed for cooking classes and event caterers. Original materials, like marble, stone and doorknobs were found and used to repair and replace missing and broken pieces throughout the home.

In the spirit of the Leonard family, the guest rooms are gracious, creative, and use local artisans and retailers. All of the beds are king-sized and custom made by Jonathan Stevens. Antiques that reflect the original era of the home are mixed with their modern counterparts and procured from local experts like Eastown Antiques and Lighthouse Furnishings. Each bathroom is also unique to each room. One has an air tub; another, a walk-in shower with heated flooring; while the master has the original rib cage shower – one of the few in existence today. Team repaired this antique shower and the guests love it.

Before you leave the tour, visit the library and the dining room, and soak in the sun on the breakfast and sun porches. See if you can find the fountain on the sun porch. It is original, and Team’s magicians got that working, too.

The Leonard at Logan House is across the street from the Steelcase Meyer-May House which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

To book an event or make a reservation at The Leonard at Logan House, call: 616-308-6585 or visit [www.leonardatlogan.com](http://www.leonardatlogan.com).



To purchase tickets to the Heritage Hill Tour of Homes:  
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[www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead)

## VENTILATE TO PREVENT WATER DAMAGE

If you don't want to upgrade your roof for a tax credit (see below), proper ventilation is a great way to keep ice dams from creating water damage, and to keep

the heat where it belongs – inside. Many homes don't have proper ventilation, and this is a cause for major water damage in winter. Talk to Team for more information.

## DISCONNECT YOUR HOSE FROM YOUR BUILDING BEFORE THE FREEZE

Team responds to many burst during pipes the first freeze/thaw cycle. The reason? People forget to disconnect the hoses from their homes and buildings.

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Sources:  
[www.remodelingmag.com](http://www.remodelingmag.com); MAREC at Grand Valley State University



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