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**SOME OTHER
CONSIDERATIONS TO
DISCUSS WITH YOUR
DESIGN TEAM:**

- How many people will need to be accommodated around the pool?
- Dining space, lounging space or both?
- Do you need to add an outdoor kitchen?
- Do you need a shallow area for sunbathing? Hot tub? Waterfall?
- Do you need a storage area for furniture or cushions?
- What lighting is needed?
- Do you have little ones that need protection from the pool?
- Do you need a fence to protect yourself against an attractive nuisance liability?
- What are your neighborhood bylaws on additions?
- How do you value beauty over maintenance? 🏡

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Our resident home-design expert, Starr Miller, has garnered local and national acclaim with more than 30 industry honors. An alumnus of the prestigious Parsons School of Design in New York, Starr has built a strong following as the principal of her sought-after design firm, located in Cornelius, NC.

She feels the composition of a space must originate with the client's unique perspective. Along with that perspective she brings together her team's collaboration, design skills and refined processes in a way which results in truly captivating homes for her clients.

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Plan TO MAKE A splash!

WHO TALKS ABOUT SWIMMING POOLS IN JANUARY? I do, I do! Let me explain. First of all, winter is a good time financially to invest in a pool since prices are often lower. Additionally, industry reports indicate that pool sales have continued to rise since 2020—especially in our ideal climate here in the Lake Norman area. A well-maintained and well-landscaped swimming pool and outdoor living area can increase the value of your home as well. There are many things to consider, so I highly recommend setting your goals and intentions now. Today.

WHY?

- When putting in a pool you want a reputable company with great referrals. Those companies are booked first. Get on their calendar now. I have a friend in Florida who ended up with a company that did such an awful job they had to start over. Quality is important!
- When you plan a pool, it involves landscaping. If the landscaper and the pool company work together you save the time and expense of doing things twice. You save the best trees and foliage that you have before the cranes show up. Often current trees are moved to accommodate the pool, but your landscaper may want to use in another location. Better to move than bulldoze.
- You may also want help choosing the finishes, and furniture so that your home flows from the inside to the outside as one cohesive

space. If you bring your interior designer in earlier rather than later you will be on their busy schedule; you will have them available when choices need to be made and they can select furniture and get it on order early.

- With current shipping backlogs any material or furniture item could be on backorder. I can tell you from experience, you will have the best outcome if you plan ahead and do not procrastinate.