

# History Hits the Lower Merion Housing Market

*Leading, local real estate agent is marketing a Main Line fairy tale home.*

**(April 2019)** 1851 Mallard Lane is the location of Brett Furman's newest and most magical listing to date, in the renowned Lower Merion neighborhood of Villanova. This property delivers a love-at-first-sight impact with a brick and timbered façade, gabled slate roof, and manicured landscaping situated on a quiet cul-de-sac.

"This is the perfect opportunity for someone searching for tranquil privacy in a convenient location," Furman stated, before adding, "with an open and spacious floor plan that includes a coffered ceiling in the living room, operational original leaded casement windows, 4 bedrooms, 3 wood burning fireplaces, central air, and 3 full, plus 1 half updated bathrooms. A walled patio off the kitchen with flower beds and blossoming shrubs surrounds the back of the property providing a peaceful outdoor oasis."

On the market this month for \$1.25 million, Furman apprises that this two-and-a-half story Tudor converted Carriage house was most likely built by Villa Nova Company, Limited circa 1929 and designed by the well-known firm Baily and Bassett. "It's a real privilege to represent a true piece of early twentieth century history," said Mr. Furman, broker-owner of RE/MAX Classic in St. Davids. "It's a stunning example of the architecture and lifestyle on the Main Line."

The Historic Resource Inventory of Lower Merion Township indicates that by 1890, Polish chemical manufacturer, Moro Phillips, the Duc de Moro acquired 800 acres of land under the name "Philips Co. Limited" and established this neighborhood. It was the largest tract ever held under one ownership in the history of Lower Merion. Frederick Phillips, the second son of Moro Phillips, named the property "Stoke Poges" (also known as "Stoke Pogis") after a small town west of London near Slough and William Penn's manor there. In keeping with many of the surrounding homes of that era, 1851 Mallard Lane was originally built as a garage or possible carriage house associated with one of the larger properties previously constructed.

After visiting the home, Furman highlighted an additional carriage house apartment attached with private entry which hosts 2 bedrooms and 1.5 baths with separate electric, heat, and a private courtyard. "Charming homes like this don't come to market often. It simply has a lot to offer" stressed Furman. "I invite anyone interested to visit the new listing and discover this rare majestic opportunity."

## **About Brett Furman**

Brett Furman is an award winning Real Estate Broker serving the entire Main Line area. He is the author of a book titled *What You Really Need to Know About Selling Your House*. He hosts home seller workshops as well as other educational presentations several times a year. Brett

has been in the real estate business since 1986 helping over 1,000 clients sell their homes for top dollar. Known as one of Pennsylvania's premier agents, Brett believes that there is power in marketing programs, the use of advanced technology, and social media. An expert negotiator who truly works on behalf of your best interests throughout the entire process. For more information about Brett Furman, please contact him at 610-687-6060 or visit [www.BrettFurman.com](http://www.BrettFurman.com).

An electronic photo of Brett Furman and 1851 Mallard Lane, Villanova, PA are attached.