



## BURR RIDGE RESIDENCE

### *A Team Approach*

Night Light, Inc. was privileged to be part of the landscape illumination team for this Burr Ridge home and property. Our involvement included discovery meetings with the owners to determine their specific landscape illumination needs. Dean MacMorris, co-owner of Night Light, Inc., was the designer and project manager and met directly with the homeowners, builder Dennis DeLaura and Landscape Architect Mike Trippiedi to establish the direction for the extensive landscape illumination plans.

Coordination with the interior electricians was necessary to ensure that the required circuits were available for site lighting, landscape lighting and controlled holiday lighting outlets throughout the property. It's much easier and cost effective to do this work upfront before the interior walls of the home are closed up. Once all of the specific needs were determined, we were able to develop landscape illumination plans to match those needs. Due to the many different issues and areas to be considered, the illumination plan and the initial budgets were presented in phases.

As you approach the property (in a secluded area of Burr Ridge), you enter through beautiful stone piers and ornamental gates. We accentuated this stone work and entry landscape to create a subtle and inviting experience. The long driveway winds through a transitional space, well planted with ornamental trees and shade trees. Our design focused on accenting only the most prominent trees visible in the evening. This approach allows for illumination to complement the landscape (as opposed to distracting the owner or guests).

At the motor court's circle drive, we subtly highlighted the clump birch trees in such a way as to create a welcoming feel. The careful selection of trees to illuminate also provides guests with the necessary light to exit their cars and make their way to the front entry bluestone walk. Several accent lights were added to the darker areas of the facade to provide balance and bring everything together. The home itself is nestled into the site with well-placed clump ornamental trees. Subtle accents on these trees help to maintain the landscape architect's original intent into the evening hours.

The rear yard has fabulous illumination design opportunities because of the varied grade changes, extensive natural stone work, a large vanishing-edge swimming pool with rock waterfalls and several multilevel patios. Each of these features was accentuated with carefully placed accent lights that present these beautiful elements without a glaring view of the light source. The patios were softly lit for nighttime enjoyment. Large stone steps lead from the upper patios through raised planters down into a lower patio surrounded by lush plantings. As the steps meander through the planters, strategically placed path lights and accent lights illuminate the key shade and ornamental trees. The view from above and as you gaze from inside the house is spectacular. The placement of each of the fixtures was chosen to offer safety and security, but also a breathtaking experience each and every night.

Night light, Inc. is lucky to have such a wonderful client and a team of professionals who were all dedicated to creating the best solution possible.

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