

# Poolside living

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Pool dug to 6.5-foot depth; circulation pipes installed.

Photos Cathy Dausman



Gunite is sprayed over steel rebar forming the pool shape. Oversized first step is called a sun shelf.

Both girls have taken swim lessons; their parents say the older daughter is now water safe and her younger sister is getting there. They've already hosted one pool party and already plan another. Cargain expects to be able to use the spa year 'round and hopes that because the pool itself is solar-heated, its off-season will be limited.

The couple was so impressed with their contractor they recommended him to Anjuli's parents for a landscape project. Aaron Cargain advises patience when considering a residential pool installation.

"It's a process," he says. "Expect the unexpected and (expect) delays. Make sure you're ready to have a construction zone in your backyard for the next several months." The couple kept neighbors apprised of upcoming construction work, apologizing in advance for short-term inconveniences. And as for their new pool setting? "It creates an environment to spend a lot of fun time with the kids," Cargain said.

## Project timeline: September 2017 to July 2018

- Electrical panel upgrade
- Solar installation
- Earth excavation
- Concrete pour
- Construct pump area
- Add decorative tile work
- Install pool deck pavers
- Build low-wall seating
- Complete backyard fencing
- Install driveway pavers

### Contractors:

- Pacheco Landscape and Pool Construction
- Hardscape: Atlas Pavers
- Solar: Sunworks
- Fencing: Rudy Tejada



Decorative tile installed; Pennsylvania blue stone used as coping stone is mortared to the top of pool.

