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MILES OF STYLE

HILE THE SPRING SELLING SEASON STARTED IN FEBRUARY, May is the month when Realtors see an increase in interest—when sandy beaches are cleared of winter's debris, gardens bloom, trees blossom and heretofore empty pools sparkle with water. What that means for buyers: If they're serious about making an offer, the time to do so is now. Here, for inspiration, are six listings, all with exceptional exteriors.

POSH POOLS & TERRACES

A NEW LISTING IN AVON IS LIKE AN OUTDOOR PARTY WAITING to happen—ideally around the saltwater pool, with its inset spa, shaded pavilion and gardened terrace. Landscape designer Regina Neal transformed the once-humble yard into a lovely setting for both



entertaining and quiet reflection, including a path that leads to a pebbled clearing with a firepit and stunning views over the valley below. The nearly 10,000-square-foot interiors are just as party-ready, with spaces that include a handsome wood-paneled billiards room, a music room, a formal dining room, a more intimate breakfast room and plenty of places to mix and mingle around the island in the kitchen. In all, there are five bedrooms and six bathrooms, including a master suite with a fireplace. It lists for \$2,950,000 with Scott Glenney of William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty.