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Sweet rewards

Chris and Leigh Mackenzie find their projects to be rewarding entertainment

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Scraping away layers of wallpaper may not seem like Friday night fun for most young couples.

But for Chris and Leigh Mackenzie, the time spent refurbishing their classic home at 2049 Maine is as entertaining as it is rewarding.

The pair discovered their love of older homes while living in Chicago and renovated several Quincy residences as rental properties before moving to this house 10 months ago. The challenge of bringing fresh life to a "fixer upper" is hard to resist.

"I think I'd be bored if I moved into a new house," Chris admits.

There's certainly nothing boring about this spacious, family-friendly residence, a four-square style punctuated by a striking two-story bay that overlooks a flourishing magnolia tree.

From the vibrant colors favored by Chris and

