

Freiker program helps us all win

The environment and our children's health - lately, these two issues have been getting more and more attention. One of the initiatives to address both of these concerns is the Colorado Safe Routes to School Program, which encourages children to walk or bike to school, instead of getting to school by car.

The Freiker (a play on the phrase 'frequent biker') Program is the brain-child of Boulder resident Rob Nagler. It encourages kids to ride their bikes to school by offering a variety of prizes, including weekly prizes to top riders, and a grand prize of an iPod for kids who have ridden the most throughout the school year.

The program uses a solar-powered scanner called a 'Freikometer', to log their trips. As children bike under the meter it reads a bar code on their helmet to identify them. Kids can access the interactive website, www.freiker.org, and see how many rides to school they've logged.

The three year old program has been a great success. In 2006-2007 some 500 students in three Boulder area schools took part. This fall will see at least six schools participating in the program.

The program relies greatly on volunteer participation and on financial contributions from the community. Rob is very grateful for the support that Melton Construction has given the program. "Rick Johnson has been an avid supporter of his kids riding, and also of the program in general. Melton was one of the top cash sponsors last year."

At Melton Construction we think it's important to support community initiatives that encourage a clean environment and healthy living. We salute the Freiker program and all of the volunteers and participants that make the program successful. Way to go, kids!



This happy 'Freiker' shows off his Green Gear award and the accompanying cash prize. For more information, or to register, visit www.freiker.org

In their words...

"It was a pleasure to work with your company. The house is lovely, and we are very happy with the outcome. Your company is to be commended for its goals, philosophy, and interest in improving. Bravo!"

Jean & Rick Abbott

"We especially appreciated your commitment to meeting our pre-baby deadline!"

Pamela Sousa

"We're grateful for our lovely home, your conscientious staff, and attention to details... You're a first-class outfit!"

Carole Grever



Ty Melton, President

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Making a good thing even better

The advantages of a design/build team

About two years ago, Carol Grever and Dale Meyer made the decision to downsize from two homes to one. Carol recalls, "My house was nice, but it was too much for me to manage. Dale's house was actually 100 years old, and he had wanted to remodel for a long time, but didn't have the time or energy to do it. We could have sold both houses, but we couldn't buy the view that we have from his house, and we really like the neighborhood." So Carol and Dale decided to sell her house and remodel his to take advantage of the amazing view of the Flatirons that it has.

Carol knew Ty Melton from a local service group to which they both belong, and she also knew lots of people that he had worked for. "In fact, I think most of their business comes from referrals. My attorney used Melton Construction to remodel his office, and it's beautiful. I knew I could trust Ty, and that his work was exceptional."

Long before the actual construction started, the homeowners met with the designer, lead carpenter and supervisor who formed a cohesive team throughout the whole project. Marion Mackay, the designer for the project, remembers the planning work. "There were several issues that complicated the project and were challenges that the owners definitely needed help with at the onset. The



Walls of windows flood the study with light and let the homeowners enjoy the 'million dollar view' from the office desk.

property is in a historic district and had very confining set backs. It is also in a floodplain, and we did extensive surveying to help them see what was possible in terms of scope of new construction." Carol appreciates the guidance that the Melton Team offered as they navigated the murky waters of municipal bylaws. "I would have thrown up my hands

and quit, had it not been for their guidance and their presence at the meetings."

Once the city requirements were met, the construction work began. Carol describes the work, "We redid all the walls, plumbing and carpeting.

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The redesigned fireplace area with a new mantel and built-in cabinets brings a refined look into a previously 'run-down' area of the home.



The kitchen work area is small enough to have everything within one or two steps, yet the room has lots of visual space, and an elevated counter with seating, allowing cook and company to visit.



The new master ensuite features a double-depth shower stall and a double vanity with lots of storage space.

Making a good thing even better

We knocked out the back wall of the house and added a two storey addition and a garage. We wanted lots of light, and we wanted to be able to have garden views." Marion is proud of the way she was able to integrate the old house with the new addition, and meet the owners needs and desires. "The remodeled bedroom suite has an intimate relationship to the private garden with French doors to a deck and the lower patio. The owners have beautifully landscaped this area."

Including an in-house designer in the remodeling process has many advantages; the biggest being that they are part of the team that works with the client through the whole project. "Looking back, it was totally a collaborative effort", Carol remembers. "The designer, lead carpenter and supervisor talked to each other and to me and Dale at every step of the work. Things changed as we went along. We started with a good design and made it better as we went along."

Marion is pleased to have been able to work so many things into the remodel. "The owners wanted to keep the kitchen small; however I was able to give it an open feeling by removing a wall that separated it from the hall and stair area. We were able to move the laundry from the basement up to the main level and make it a light and inviting place to work. The house was also lacking storage space - I was able to develop storage in unusable areas around the stairs."

Carol's favorite part of the house is the new second floor study and office. "During construction, they suggested that we enlarge the window on the west wall to take advantage of the wonderful view of the Flatirons. Now the whole west wall is French doors or windows; it's definitely my favorite room."

Carol gives this advice to anyone thinking of a remodel, "In our city the restrictions are enormous - don't underestimate the amount of time it will take. I really appreciate all the help that Ty and the Melton Team gave us during that frustrating time. They guided us right through. Dale and I are really pleased with the result, and I would definitely recommend Melton Construction."

If you're thinking of 'right-sizing' your home, call Ty today, and let the Melton Construction Team design and build the home of your dreams.

Paradise Found Creating a unique bathing experience

A growing trend in bath remodeling is the master 'retreat,' a place to seek refuge from all the noise and confusion of a busy day. The objective here is serenity, privacy, relaxation and stress relief. After tending to all the requirements placed on you by your job and family, downtime spent in the master bath gives you a chance to be pampered and let the tension melt away. Our kitchen and bath designer can help you create your own sanctuary with many new products that have been expressly designed to help you achieve this goal of a soothing environment.



The therapeutic bathing experience

The soothing effects of a hot bath are well known, but new technologies can turn bathing into a multi-sensory experience.

The use of light and color for therapeutic purposes is centuries-old. Many tubs, such as this model from Kohler, offer the possibility of including the therapeutic effects of chromotherapy in your bathing experience. Surrounding yourself with the appropriate color can invigorate, relax, or even increase your creativity!

Imagine bathing while being surrounded by the sounds of the ocean, or your favorite music. Built-in acoustic transducers turn a tub into a giant 'speaker' which not only generates full spectrum sound but actually lets you feel the music through your body as it travels through the bath water.



Comfort, convenience and versatility

The Alsons IN2ITION hand-shower/shower head system delivers a new level of comfort, convenience and versatility.

The ergonomically designed IN2ITION combines a traditional hand-held shower with five spray settings, and a fixed shower head with an extra wide spray. The 2-in-1 system gives the options of using the hand-held shower or shower head separately or together for a full-body shower experience.



A well-balanced sunbath

Enjoy effects of summer year round by tanning during your daily shower. Using a balanced UV light spectrum which very closely resembles natural sunlight, the ProSun Sunshower carefully tans your skin with a system that can be installed in your new or existing shower.

A new option in 2007 is the skin rejuvenation feature, known as SR Plus which uses LED near-infrared light to accelerate the replenishment of damaged skin cells and stimulate the production of collagen for smoother, healthier skin.

Clear Thinking about replacement windows

Inefficient windows can add 10-25% to heating bills and up to a whopping 75% to summer air conditioning bills.

Are your windows in good shape? Do they all close and seal properly? If not, money might be flying out your windows! Old, inefficient windows may also make your house uncomfortable. Imagine being able to sit on the couch in front of a window in January and not feel cold. And, they provide increased sound control.

Modern aluminum clad or vinyl windows require little to no maintenance. No more painting the exteriors.

Energy efficient replacement windows are an investment that also pays dividends when you sell your home. Windows are the only energy measure that every home buyer is sure to look at when comparing homes. According to a 2004 Cost vs. Value Report from Remodeling Magazine and REALTOR® Magazine, the national

average cost recouped at sale of the home was 84.5%.

Melton Construction is one of twenty contractors statewide to have been invited to become the first E-star Certified contractors in Colorado. Training for the program sponsored by Energy Star, the City of Boulder and Xcel Energy will be completed January 1 and will qualify Melton to test for energy efficiency, pinpointing where the "energy vampires" are in your home.