



A NOTE FROM TY

WE ARE CONSTANTLY LOOKING for ways to better serve our clients and ways to communicate with them more thoroughly and efficiently. It's tough managing the myriad of conversations and emails throughout a project—especially the large projects that take longer to complete.

I'm happy to note that we have adopted a new software system designed to store all project information and correspondence in an easy-to-access format for both Melton and the client. It's called Builder Trend, and it's a powerful tool. We store all project information right from the beginning of the design process in Builder Trend, so drawings and product selections can be virtually approved by the client. Once the project goes into production, in-progress photos are uploaded, project enhancements and change orders can be approved and the schedule is readily available. This can save the client time otherwise spent meeting with the project manager.

We are always trying to be more efficient in our work, which translates to a better experience for our clients going through the, sometimes stressful, remodeling process. We think we've found a way to alleviate some of that stress, so clients can sit back, relax and enjoy the transformation of their home.

Join us for our "Financing Your Remodel" seminar on April 22nd. Senior Loan Office John Lange, of Premier Mortgage Group, will be here to present financing options. See our website for more details.



A Mission for Space

An addition to this Newlands house offers ample public space for family time.

WHEN A FAMILY OF FIVE BEGAN BURSTING THE SEAMS of their home, they knew they wanted to remodel to stay in their Newlands home. "We were looking for more public space," says homeowner Kari Santos. "With three kids we needed more separate areas where the kids could play, have friends over, do homework and hang out."

One of those public spaces was a multipurpose room designed to be mudroom, office, laundry room and project room all in one. One end of the room houses front-load laundry equipment with ample countertop for folding clothes and wall cabinets for hiding laundry supplies. Another wall features a large window that floods the room with light. Under the window is a bank of cabinets with a bar sink.

An island with ample storage and an area for seating is a great space for homework and school projects. An electrical outlet in the island top is great for plugging in computers and iPads while working. However, the pièce de résistance of the laundry room is the wall of lockers. "It has a ton of easily accessible storage—each

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family member has his own locker to keep coats, backpacks, sports equipment and school supplies,” Kari says. “And shoes—I love not having shoes at the front or back door.” A custom sliding door between the laundry room and kitchen is made from steel and barn wood and can be closed to hide any in-progress projects.

Another public space was added to the house adjacent to the kitchen. By knocking down walls and opening up the kitchen, the space afforded a comfortable seating area. One of my favorite parts of the kitchen is the small sitting area,” Kari says. “It’s a great place for friends and guests to be and still be a part of what’s happening in the kitchen. It’s a great space for the kids to hang out just after waking up or right after school.”

In addition to opening up the floor plan and creating more public space, the kitchen remodel allowed for updated cabinetry, an oversized island for eating, storage and food prep. The perimeter cabinetry is white, which keeps the space light and bright. Almost no upper cabinetry makes the space feel larger. The rich gray cabinetry of the island creates contrast, while complementing the dark, stained oak flooring.

The home addition afforded this family the additional space they needed. To create a cohesive look outside, an exterior remodel was in order. “We always felt our house had an unattractive ‘added on’ look from the outside that we just lived with,” Kari says. “We are pleased with how much more appealing the house looks from the outside after the remodel.”

Kari’s favorite parts of the remodel are both the kitchen and the mudroom and the way they work in sync with one another. “Before, the kitchen often got cluttered with homework, project work, mail, etc.,” she says. “Now the mudroom has space for all that, and things stay a little more organized. And the kitchen can do its main jobs—cooking, eating and just being the main hang out space for the family.”

Mission accomplished.

Our New Site

We are so excited to announce the launch of our new website. It has a more modern look, easy-to-use navigation, lots of useful information about remodeling, videos, beautiful photos and descriptions of the projects we’ve completed. We hope you’ll surf on over and take a look. Let us know what you think—we welcome the feedback.



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6 Must-Have Home Technologies

Smart homeowners are creating Smart Homes using these techno-devices.

By Katrin Kitzman

Goji Smart Lock: With Goji Smart you can lock and unlock your door with a smart phone, give time specific access to guests with a text message, and it can show you who is at your front door with a photograph. It also logs all activity of the door use. Goji simplifies home security and keeps your home safe.

Apple TV: Apple TV is the ultimate TV watching device. It's easy to set up and use. It features content from major television providers such as Netflix, Youtube, Hulu Plus, HBO Go, Watch ESPN, and is always expanding. You can stream music and videos from any Apple device straight to your television, which makes for an effortless movie night.



Water Pebble: We all love our extra long steamy showers, but are not unaware of the concern of water availability. The Water Pebble is a tool that will remind you when you've reached your water consumption limit in the shower. When you begin the Water Pebble will shine green and as time goes on it will become yellow, then it turns red to alert you that your shower time is over.

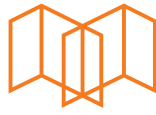


Nest: Nest's mission is to make simple household objects more efficient with internet-enabled features. They have two products: the **Nest Thermostat** and the **Nest Protect**—a smoke and carbon monoxide detector. The thermostat is controlled via smart phone or tablet and connects to Wi-Fi to analyze the outside weather to give you a better indoor environment. The thermostat also has a sensor to determine when the house is empty and sets the temperature accordingly to save energy. The Nest Protect is built with internet-control features and motion control sensors. For example, when the alarm goes off as long as you're within 8 feet of the device, you can wave your arms in front of it to disable the alarm. The Nest protect is also built with a "Heads Up" feature, which means if the alarm detects smoke or carbon monoxide levels rising, it will light up yellow and warn you in a human voice telling you where the smoke is or about the carbon monoxide levels. This way, it can give you an earlier warning if there's an emergency and allow you to disable it if you've just burnt your toast.

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Light occupancy sensors: Incorporate motion detection technologies to determine when the room is occupied or not. They can reduce energy and save you money. Everyone has the tendency to leave lights in the house every now and again. Sensors can ensure that they won't be left on for more than a matter of minutes.

WeMo baby monitor: If you have children or grandchildren, WeMo baby monitor is an easy way to keep an eye them. WeMo allows for your smart phone to act as a baby monitor from anywhere! Position WeMo in range of where the little ones are sleeping or playing, and with the WeMo app your phone can now monitor everything that goes on in that room.



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Testimonials

"The experience at Melton was amazing. They were very creative in helping us design our remodel. They did great work, were easy to work with, and used very skilled employees and subcontractors to get the job done right. Their customer support and follow-up is first class."

- **Rob, Boulder**

"I appreciated the availability and quick responses to emails and phone calls during construction, especially with my project manager. Tom, the architect, and Renee, the designer, listened to my design requests effectively."

-**Carol, Boulder**



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