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WINTER 2015



It's good to be home...

2015 Calendar of Events



Spring Showcase
March
27th – 29th

Lakeville Home Show
March 14th

Apple Valley Home Show
April 11th

Fall Showcase
September
25th – 27th

A Note from James



As we enter a new year we also enter a new era in “Codes”. Due to the economy the state held off on adopting code revisions since 2006. What does that mean for you and for our industry? It means a lot of changes all at once. The energy code, mechanical codes (electric, plumbing, and HVAC), and building codes are all changing at once. The new codes were written in 2012 but were just adopted in 2014 and will go into effect January 16, 2015. Projects that were permitted before January 16th, 2015 will fall under the existing codes. Projects permitted after the implementation date will be under the new codes. Rest assured that our team is attending necessary code classes to ensure that we are well informed on all changes.

While many of the new codes affect only new construction there are several that will also affect us in the renovation side of our business. If you are in design with us we will be communicating upcoming changes and how they may affect you and your project.

We wish you all a happy and prosperous new year. We thank you and appreciate all of your support and loyalty over the past year and beyond.

Best regards,
James Madsen
President/Owner

Award-Winning Projects from JBDB!

The Ames Family, Homeowners



Bright and Beautiful

This dark and dated home had an awkward floor plan due to the fact that the massive staircase was centered in the middle of the home. The entire main floor was opened up by removing the old staircase and relocating it to an outside wall – creating an improved traffic flow, a larger kitchen (kitchen – front page) and a back entry mudroom area. A bright new living room with refinished hardwood floors, stylish updated fireplace and custom built windows seats were just some of the updates done to bring this 1926 home into the 21st Century.



The Andersons, Homeowners



Flair To Boot

The owners of this home wanted to redo their master bathroom to accommodate their life's aging challenges. A major decision was made to eliminate the tub and implement a zero entry shower. His and her shower heads with thermostatic, posi-temp shower valves customize the experience while heated floors that extend to the surface of the shower seat adds luxury. Grab bars were placed appropriately for adequate personal support when needed. A warm ambiance was created by using custom hand-crafted Birchwood linen and vanity cabinets with slab front doors and a rich medium toned stain with modern pulls.



The Micholics, Homeowners



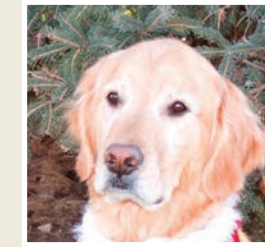
Outdoor Oasis

The backyard of this family's home boasted an in-ground swimming pool but lacked amenities to truly make their urban backyard an oasis! The generous lot provided the perfect area for a pool house with outdoor kitchen, changing room, bathroom, double garage with future loft area and a stunning stone grill with comfy bar seating. The kitchen has a full size stainless steel refrigerator, dishwasher and sink. The new outdoor living spaces offer comfortable areas for relaxing, grilling or just cozy time around the firepit. The perfect getaway without leaving home!

Welcome to the JBDB team Jason!



JBDB would like to welcome Jason Nordmeyer to the company. Jason is the new project estimator and has been with JBDB for nine months. Jason has worked in the construction industry since 1997. He was raised in Prior Lake and now resides in Farmington with his wife, 2 kids and wiener dog "Lucy". He enjoys hunting, fishing and vacationing up north with his family. Jason enjoys the challenges that each new project at JBDB brings.



Casey's Corner

Hi Everyone – it's me Casey – the one and only JBDB mascot. This year they are letting me write my own newsletter article. I guess I must have been more nice than naughty this past year! That must be the reason my family gave me new toys and a new leash for walking for Christmas. Did I hear someone say the word "WALK". Wait....what was I suppose to be writing about? Oh ya...Woofdah!

Can you believe for the 4th year in a row my friends at Woofdah and my owner Mary Jo have taken up a collection for animals less fortunate at the Animal Humane Society. With all the treats, blankets, towels and toys collected its sure to make my animal buddies a little happier until they find their forever home. I know treats and toys sure make me happy. TREATS – do I smell them? Oh ya, I taste tested a bag of treats that were donated. Probably shouldn't have done that!

Anyway, if you ever want to stop in and see me, I'm usually at JBDB on Wednesdays. Just one thing to remember, the UPS guy always remembers treats and you should too! **Happy New Year to you and your furry friends!**

Home Renovation Trends

by Emily Thull

After years of being overlooked by more showier spaces, the bathroom is set to make a big comeback in 2015. We've come up with a list of top remodeling trends we foresee for 2015:

Technology

Touchless/sensor activated plumbing fixtures, coffee stations, sound systems, fireplaces and TV's. We've seen it all in 2014 and we have a feeling this trend will continue to grow in 2015.

Freestanding Tubs

Shapely, fluid, and modern. A luxurious and spa-like addition to any bath!

Clean Lines

The move to a cleaner, more simplistic approach to design is coming on strong. That's not to say our bathrooms are going to lose that cozy charm we love, but they will have a more minimalistic vibe.

Green Design

While not a new trend, manufacturers are offering more Green products than ever. From beautiful recycled glass tile to more water conscious plumbing fixtures, the surge for sustainable design is continuing to grow.



Steam Showers

Not just an experience for the spa anymore! Homeowners are transforming their 5-minute shower (ok, maybe 10-minute) into a luxury steam shower experience.

Quartz Countertops

Granite has long been a key player in the countertop world. With new patterns and the ever changing variety of color choices, quartz is set to become the MVP of 2015. Our homeowners are loving the little to no maintenance this material offers!

Mixing materials and styles

The days of matching finishes within a space, using only one stylistic influence, and keeping everything the "same" are over. We are seeing a surge in the mix of metal finishes, blending modern and traditional styles, and pairing the "old" with the "new". Your grandmother's antique crystal light fixture paired with a clean lined vanity? Yes, please!