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A New World for Everyday Living - Your Basement



The lucky ones head south for the winter, but if you had a finished basement, your trip would be a lot shorter. Instead of taking your shoes off at the airport security line you could be taking off your shoes in your recliner and watching a movie with your family.

Basements offer a great opportunity to add finished space to your house at a comparatively low cost. They also offer a good return on investment when you consider that additional living space increases a home's value by about 30% per 1,000 square feet.

Having a professional help with the planning will provide you with a foundation for success in your basement. A well designed basement should take advantage of any available light and accesses to the exterior. Most finished basements serve multiple uses, for example; recreation, storage and office space. A good design will customize your basement to match your activities. Finishes should make the basement feel as close as possible to the other finished spaces in the house. Bright and airy has replaced the old paneled basement with a suspended ceiling.

Whether you are considering a work-out room, a home theater, family room or wine cellar there are several pitfalls to avoid. One should take care not to compromise the existing systems in the house when finishing the basement and most important of all get a building permit. A professional remodeler will make all the right recommendations and keep you from making mistakes.

So go ahead head South for the winter. The line starts just past the Kitchen at the top of the basement stairs.



News from the Neighborhood

We recently completed a Mudroom Entry way for Maggie and Michael Carney, a Master Bath for Lynn and Tom Sergi and two new Baths for past clients Eileen and Dave Morrison.

Soon to be completed projects include a Two-story Addition with a first floor Family Room and second floor Master Bedroom Suite for Kim and Matt Bunn. Congratulations to the Bunn's on the birth of their second child; Christopher, in September. New residents of Lumberton Mary Hughes and Brent Barbehenn will soon be enjoying their new Entry way and Basement areas.

Coming soon to a neighborhood near you will be a new Master Bedroom Suite for Ann Marie and Bill Emerson and a finished Basement for Barbara and Elliot Schwartz.

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Go Clutter Free With a Mudroom

Is your coat closet a nightmare? Is your foyer so crowded with boots that you forget what color the floor is? R. Craig Lord Construction Company has some great ideas for increasing storage and space in your home, and with the kids back in school, fall is the perfect time for adding storage and optimizing space in your home with a do it all mudroom.

Anyone who lives in the northeast knows that during the winter piles of jackets, scarves, mittens, hats, boots, umbrellas, etc. can explode into chaos in crowded homes.

So you've decided your mudroom really needs help. Where do you start? Clear the area of all the "stuff," then look at the empty space. What spaces do you have for storage? Can you add furniture to the room? Is there wall space for additional storage? Can the space be improved, reworked, or reconfigured in some way to better meet your storage needs?

R. Craig Lord can design and build a custom mudroom to fit your needs. Several good examples can be found on our website at www.rcraiglord.com.



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You Can Join the Tour!

Are you willing to show off your remodeling project and help a good cause at the same time? If So, Sign Up For Our Home Tour. Tentatively the home tour date is set for Spring 2008. The funds we collect from the tour will benefit a great local cause. The Moorestown Ecumenical Neighborhood Development, Inc. If you are interested in having your home featured on the tour, please contact Craig at: 856-235-4237. Thank you again for all of your support.

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