

News and Happenings

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Opening Up a Wall in Condo Kitchen



The original kitchen in this 1930s condo was small, outdated and separate from the dining and living rooms. Designer Tahani Share opted to close off an unused access door from the kitchen to the building hallway. That allowed her to expand storage with new cabinets along that wall. Our crew enlarged the opening between the kitchen and dining room and installed a peninsula countertop with seating. The ceiling, though high at 9-foot 3-inches, was made of concrete. In order to install recessed lights, we lowered the ceiling by 10-inches. The owner selected cherry cabinets in a natural finish, topped with contrasting Piracema White granite.

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Bethesda Addition with Accessory Apartment

The owner of this 1930s Cape Cod wanted to expand her home, but also wanted an accessory apartment to serve as a rental unit. We designed an addition with a new kitchen, family room and bathroom on the lower level for the owner, with an apartment on the 2nd floor. Recent zoning law changes in Montgomery County make it easier to incorporate these units.



New Projects Underway



Both of these kitchens are small and don't work well for the owners. We're adding on to the back of the homes, reconfiguring the layouts and then will install new cabinetry, countertops and flooring to make the spaces beautiful, more functional and create a better connection to the adjacent living spaces.



Visit These Scenic Places in MD and VA

Online magazine Thrillist recently listed the most beautiful places to visit in each state.

- In Maryland, that place is **Brookside Gardens** in Wheaton. The article calls the 50-acre site a "botanical oasis." It has gardens, a greenhouse, a gazebo, a pond, and an annual butterfly exhibit and a winter lights display. It's also a popular place for brides/grooms for wedding photos! The adjacent Wheaton Regional Park has a miniature train, carousel, picnic areas, and an amazing playground.
- The Virginia location on the list is the **Monticello Wine Trail**, a picturesque area with wineries and beautiful views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Family Fun at the Building Museum

Visit the National Building Museum on Saturday, September 19 for The Big Build, a hands-on festival of tools, trucks and construction. Look for our marketing manager Nina Patel at the NARI Metro DC booth. She and other area contractors in the booth will be helping kids learn how to screw in deck boards, install siding, staple sheathing, and tighten bolts. Other festival activities include climbing on trucks and tractors, constructing a log cabin and making a hardware wind chime.

Do you know we also do light commercial work such as shops/retail, offices, private schools? Learn more by visiting our commercial website: www.landisconstruction.com

Ask Remodeling Questions in Person



Chris and Ethan Landis at last year's Takoma Festival.

Thinking about remodeling or know someone who is? Come by a neighborhood festival or home show to chat with our team. Bring a few snapshots of your home to share.

September 7: Kensington Labor Day Festival

September 25-26: Capital Home Show, Dulles Expo Center

October 4: Takoma Park Street Festival

October 24: Potomac Day

Contact Nina Patel for links to each of these events at nina@landisconstruction.com

Podcast Star

Chris Landis advised listeners of the Pro Construction Guide podcast on the topic of **How to Build a Great Website**. He talked about creating a website that's easy to navigate, has a professional portfolio, and bios of team members. When we updated our website in 2013, we spent a lot of time researching these topics, so Chris was happy to share his expertise. Though the podcast audience is remodelers, other small business owners will find it helpful.

Featured Addition

One of our two-story addition projects was featured in the Summer 2015 issue of Create magazine, the publication of the DC Metro Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. Our aging-in-place addition has a family room/bathroom on the first floor that can be used as a master suite if needed. Visit naricreate.com to view the story titled There's No Place Like Home.



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