

News and Happenings

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Welcome Family Space in Remodeled Basement



Remodeling this basement required digging down eight inches and pouring a new slab floor. This allowed us to increase the ceiling height by six inches, and add insulation below the slab as well as a radiant floor to heat the space. Designer Armin Bondoc also designed a wider stairway from the first floor for a better connection to this new family-friendly room. We also added two window wells, one in the family area and one in the new bedroom, as required by code for egress. The basement also has a new full bathroom, laundry area, and plenty of storage. The white painted built-ins hold books, photos, decorative items and a flat screen television. The bar area has a microwave, refrigerator and ice maker. Visit our blog at www.landisconstruction.com to view additional photos, construction photos of the dig, and the home's new kitchen.



Before photo of basement.



Digging out the basement provided a more comfortable ceiling height. The egress window is on the right in the photo. (Photos: Pak Cheung)

How Much Will My Project Cost?

Of course that's the first question we hear from prospective clients as they research their remodeling options. We believe in educating consumers about the cost of remodeling, so our website has a **pricing chart** of ballpark ranges for different types of remodeling projects from two-story and multi-story additions to kitchens and basements. We recently updated the ranges to reflect the current pricing/budgets. Not many remodelers include pricing on their website and we'd like to know what you think. Take a look and let us know if you find it helpful and if you have suggestions for improvement. Visit our website and click the Why Landis tab for the pricing/financing page.

Pizza Oven in Kitchen Addition

In a first for our company, we're installing a pizza oven for pie-enthusiast clients. It's part of an addition to the rear of the house that includes reconfiguring the kitchen. Here are some photos of the oven under construction. These clients love to entertain, so the project also includes a wine cellar. We're picturing some Italian feasts in the family's future!



Concrete block framing for the base of the pizza oven.



A chimney at the top will release the heat and smoke from the oven.

Remodeling in the Watergate

The Watergate complex is one of DC's most well-known (and infamous) landmarks. Chris Landis was quoted in an article on the 50th anniversary of the iconic structures. We've completed two projects in the complex, including one where combined two condominiums into one unit. The article was in the Washington Post Real Estate Section on September 24.



What is a Heavy Up?



You may have heard the term. It refers to upgrading your electrical panel to handle modern conveniences such as air conditioning and appliances. We've got a full explanation on a blog on our website. (If you have a Federal Pacific Electric Company brand panel, we've seen safety issues with the units and highly recommend hiring an electrician to inspect it.)

Ask Remodeling Questions in Person



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

If you're thinking about remodeling or know someone who is, come by a neighborhood festival to chat with someone from our team. Bring a few snapshots of your home to share.

October 18: Takoma Park Street Festival
(rescheduled from Oct 4)

October 24: Potomac Day

25th Anniversary Gift

Our friends at TW Perry, a building material supplier that we've been working with throughout the history of our company, presented us with a plaque to commemorate our 25 years in business. We've got a long way to go to catch up to them--the company has been in business almost 105 years! One of the reasons they have been successful is their excellent customer service. They provide area contractors with great training sessions on new building materials and practices.



Ethan Landis, Chris Landis with Tony Altuner and Tim Giles from team TW Perry.

Design Award



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We won a Silver award and Bronze award from Qualified Remodeler magazine. The Silver is for this elegant attic master suite. The Bronze is for a two-story rear addition.