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## News and Happenings

*"Design is a funny word. Some people think design means how it looks. But of course, if you dig deeper it's really how it works." -Steve Jobs*

# LANDIS

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### Bungalow Transformation



The living room is open to the dining area and the fireplace has a new gas insert, tile surround and walnut mantel.

This 1924 Bungalow needed a full exterior and interior renovation. We expanded the kitchen by incorporating a small porch and created an open plan on the first floor. On the second floor, we finished the master bedroom and converted a walk-in closet into a master bath. The unfinished attic is now a cool studio space. Visit our website Portfolio's whole-house category. [If you like the furniture selection, e-mail [nina@landisconstruction.com](mailto:nina@landisconstruction.com) for the client's Ethan Allen design consultant.]



On the exterior, we installed fiber cement siding, roofing, and aluminum clad wood Pella windows.



Before: Peeling paint on the siding and old wood windows



## Watch Us Build an Addition

We've captured the construction of an addition to a Bethesda home in a **time lapse video**. The addition will serve as a family room, pool house and garage for two cars. We also poured the concrete for the pool. You'll see our crews and subcontractors prepping the area, building the stud walls, and a crane lifting pre-built trusses onto the top to create the roof. Visit [bit.ly/28SgpTU](http://bit.ly/28SgpTU) to view the video.



## Meeting with DC Mayor About Permitting Issues



Chris and Ethan Landis, along with Joe Normandy, Executive Director of the Metro DC Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry met with DC Mayor **Muriel Bowser** regarding concerns about building permit delays. During the productive meeting, they presented letters from area contractors about their experiences and issues. We're looking forward to agency improvements that will benefit all area architects and contractors and their clients.

## The Purr-fect Cat Door



Lead carpenter Carlos Marin was working on an under stair closet for the litter box for two cats when the client asked him to make a cat-shaped opening. He created a template using a flower pot to trace the circle and wood triangles for the ears. A quick cut with a jigsaw and the cat door was ready. The closet is in a basement laundry area. We also installed a motion detector vent fan in the room.

If we remodeled your home and you're willing to talk to a reporter for a chance to be featured in a design issue of Washington Post Magazine, contact Landis marketing manager Nina Patel at [nina@landisconstruction.com](mailto:nina@landisconstruction.com)

## Arlington: House History

If you live in Arlington and want to know the history of your house or a building in the county, you can now search a newly digitized archive of index cards that served to record the history of buildings from 1930s to the 1980s. We think this is so cool because you can see the remodeling projects completed on the home during the time the cards were used. <http://arlisys.arlingtonva.us/>

## Designers at the AIA Convention

Our designers attended the **American Institute of Architects** Convention in Philadelphia for education, inspiration, and fun. They learned about design trends, new technology (including viewing designs in virtual reality), building practices, and listened to lectures by famous and cutting edge architects. We believe trips like this are a great investment.



Matt Dirksen, Tahani Share, and Paul Gaiser

## Concierge Service

Moving, organizing, paperwork--it can all be overwhelming! If you need some help, we just met with Aida Middel, the principal of Potomac Concierge to learn more about the services her company offers including personal assistance and business concierge. Partnering with a company like this helps us refer clients to a reliable firm for services they may need. Learn more at [www.potomacconcierge.com](http://www.potomacconcierge.com)

## CitiOpen Tennis Tournament Booth



If you're attending the CitiOpen tennis tournament July 14 to 24, come say hello to the Landis team! We'll have a cool virtual reality demonstration that shows how clients can move through their project before it's built. You've got to see it to believe it!

Rock Creek Park Tennis Center (near Carter Barron amphitheatre) 16th & Kennedy Streets NW, WDC

## Customer Service Award

If you've filled out a customer service survey from Landis, it was sent by a third-party company called GuildQuality. We earned the company's 2016 GuildMaster with Distinction Award for service excellence! "This award reflects our team's commitment to our clients. They entrust us with their homes and we take that to heart, guiding them from design through construction to renovate to meet their needs," says principal Ethan Landis. View our survey results on our GuildQuality profile: <http://www.guildquality.com/landis>

