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B&B BUILDING NEWS

AROUND THE ISLAND

Happy New Year!!! We are all working hard during these challenging economic times... which call for communities and businesses to come together for the greater good. We are currently working with other like minded Island business owners to further promote the sense of community enjoyment; like Karl Moehr's (Moehr Landscaping) idea of a community outdoor ice rink. We have teamed up with him to bring this concept to fruition. What better way to enjoy our family and friends while getting out and meeting new 'friends' in our community. So get out there and enjoy the ice rink; we hope to see you there! The rink is located off Bellevue (North side) behind the Basketball Courts @ GIRD.

We are also happy to introduce our new Island Office located at 9002 Potowatomi, in our Wyandot Woods Subdivision off of Meridian. This beautiful home serves as our office and Model Show Home; showcasing the B&B building traditions of sophisticated Form, Space and Function. Interior Finishes are almost complete... so stop by, say 'hi', and take the quick tour of this elegant home.

HOME TIPS FOR THE SEASON

What a beautiful Winter Wonderland our Island has become! Some of the not so obvious tips that will help your house weather this season of extremes:

- NO SALT on your Driveways! Especially those of you with Signature B&B exposed aggregate Drives and Walks! Salt is corrosive and will 'pit' and erode your exterior surfaces... this cannot be stressed enough. Try Calcium Chloride instead.
- Verify your Fresh Air Intakes and Exhausts are free and clear of any debris or obstructions that could prevent air flow... Critters love the Exhaust side in these frigid temperatures.
- If your Fireplace(s) are NOT in use, make sure you close the Dampers to prevent heat (and money) from floating up the Flue!
- Check and clean your Dryer Vent; lint build up is not only a Fire Hazard but noxious pollutants could migrate back into your home causing potential Health Hazards.

FROM THE BUILDER

A big part of 'Going Green' is achieving energy efficiency within your Home. A B&B Custom Home is not only beautiful; it's a well constructed, efficient, functioning entity. Over the years, regular, targeted maintenance is paramount to sustain your homes' efficiency. Inspecting your home seasonally and following a scheduled maintenance 'program' is one of the best ways to protect your beautiful investment. Once you've established a routine, you'll be amazed by how little time this routine takes up... and by how much fun it can be! Give us a call, we'll be more than happy to help preserve your homes' integrity and maintain its efficiency.



GOING GREEN

Building "Green" is becoming more affordable; especially when you consider certain "Green" products provide superior performance. We are currently utilizing recycled wood products for our Structural and Rough Framing Packages; Weyerhaeuser "Timberstrand" LSL (Laminated Strand Board) for the Framing, "AdvanTech" OSB (Oriented Strand Board) for the Sub-Flooring and "Zip Stormex System" for the Exterior Wall Sheathing; which has a built-in water-resistive barrier that eliminates the need for "Housewrap" completely. All these referenced Products are made from recycled Lumber and Scrap Wood. These Products are available in all the Standard and Custom sizes. One reason Laminated and Oriented Strand Board Products maintain their integrity throughout the Construction Process is the glue and resin used to bond the recycled wood together. They (bonding agents) resist the elements and are significantly more stable and efficient than their solid-sawn counter-part. Another reason is their "breath-ability"; simply put, they are engineered to allow moisture vapor to pass through, effectively allowing the Product to "Breathe" or dry out. Standard SPF (Spruce, Pine, Fir) Lumber tends to twist and destabilize with exposure (to the Elements) more than the recycled products; while being more susceptible to mold growth. The use of Recycled Building Products promote our Local Economy, create American Jobs and conserves America's Natural Resources.

