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HEB Supports Great Falls 4th of July Celebrations and Fireworks

Home Equity Builders, a sponsor of the Great Falls 4th of July celebrations for over a decade, will again be a Gold Sponsor for this great event. We encourage all our friends to enjoy the festivities and fireworks at Turner Farm Park. This year HEB is not only a Gold Sponsor, but Jeff has been the event's fundraising chair. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jeff Rainey Mentioned in Two Industry Articles

In the June issue of Remodeling Magazine, the industry's leading trade publication, Home Equity Builders, Inc. President, Jeff Rainey was mentioned in two articles.

In an article about the need for ongoing employee and owner education, Jeff comments about his membership in a number of peer and industry organizations that help him and his staff stay ahead of the curve. In particular, he talks about the need to "help remodelers who aren't up on the benefits of [using information] technology" in their businesses. Several years ago Jeff founded the Remodelers Information Technology Group, a DC metro-based group whose purpose is just this.

In the other article, Jeff talks about some of the issues remodelers and homeowners face regarding the disposal of construction debris. With a finite amount of landfill space and greater regulations, the costs of removing construction debris are rising. In addition, passersby dump their own trash into construction dumpsters, adding further costs for remodelers and homeowners.

Surviving a Renovation - How to Live Without a Kitchen

For many people considering a kitchen remodel, the biggest fear is living without a kitchen for a period of time. This temporary inconvenience can become stressful if you are not prepared. Here are some ways to cope while your kitchen undergoes renovation.

- When packing up your kitchen before the remodel, put your most frequently used items (such as your can opener) in a separate box. Make sure it is clearly labeled and easy to reach.
- If you can, move the refrigerator to another room. Another alternative is to purchase a mini-fridge for essentials.
- Set up a temporary “kitchen station” in another room. Include a toaster, microwave, coffeepot, and crock-pot.
- Rather than trying to wash your dishes in your bathroom sink, consider purchasing paper plates, plastic cups, and plastic utensils.
- If you have access to a freezer, prepare meals in advance. Also stock up on pre-prepared microwavable foods.
- During warm weather, you can also prepare meals outside on a grill.



Above all, the best way to survive a kitchen remodel is to hire a licensed and professional remodeler experienced in doing kitchens. That way you avoid surprises that can make your renovation last longer than it should. A professional remodeler should also be able to advise and assist you in setting up your temporary “kitchen station.”

This month’s home maintenance tip:

Check Driveways and Walkways for Cracks.

Over time, wear and tear can create cracks in your walkways and driveways. Water can leak into these spaces, causing further damage. If there are cracks, the area should be resealed soon before further damage can occur.



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