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Nichole, HEB's Office Manager Promoted to VP of Operations

Nichole, our Office Manager of 1½ years has been promoted to Vice President of Operations. Her new duties include financial and budget supervision, as well as cost control. Nichole has always been tremendous at taking on new responsibilities and we know she will do a great job as VP of Operations.

Trends in Remodeling

Why are homeowners remodeling today? For many, it's not just adding more space—it's to improve and better support their changing lifestyles. They are also updating old, outdated rooms. If you are thinking about remodeling, here are a few trends to guide you.

Kitchens

Kitchens are no longer simply a place to make meals. They are gathering places where families eat, talk, do homework, pay bills, surf the internet, and other day-to-day activities. As a result, more homeowners are remodeling their kitchen to reflect its greater importance in the home. Kitchens are opened up for more space, computer workstations are added, islands are used to improve the busy flow of traffic, and more comfortable seating is installed.

Baths

New and remodeled bathrooms today are about luxury. Complete with spas, steam showers, rain shower heads, heated floors, and towel warmers, the trend in bathrooms is towards ultimate pleasure and relaxation. Some homeowners go so far as to install a hidden television behind a mirror or in a cabinet to enhance their relaxation experience. And with custom tiling, the bathroom looks as beautiful as it is comfortable.



Specialty

Many homeowners are spending more time at home enjoying their own hobbies and interests. A popular project right now is the four-car garage. It leaves enough space for each family member's car, as well as space for storage or a workshop. Another growing trend in homes is a media room. With wide screen televisions, surround sound speakers, and lots of comfortable seating, these rooms are becoming popular addition and remodeling projects. Other specialty rooms include wine cellars, libraries, and even dance studios.

Green

With the rise in the cost of energy, the need for renewable resources, and the destruction of our environment, it's no surprise that many homeowners are responding with an interest in renewable, energy efficient, and environmentally friendly products. Many homeowners are remodeling their homes with energy efficient windows and doors installed. Solar panels are also growing in popularity as they have become more affordable.

This month's home maintenance tip:

Check Your Chimneys and Flues.

Chimneys and flues should be checked and cleaned annually to prevent buildup. (More if used frequently.) Residue on the inner surface of the flue can catch fire. Also check that no animals have made a nest inside.



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