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NEWS



ROGER GALLAGHER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF EASTERN MASS NARI

Gallagher Remodeling is very proud to announce that Roger Gallagher was elected President of the Eastern Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) on June 2, 2004, at the association's annual meeting.

NARI is the only trade association dedicated exclusively to the residential remodeling industry. Representing more than 6,300 firms nationwide, the organization's goal is to foster professional growth and learning through the association and cooperation of its members, thereby creating an exceptional experience for the remodeling consumer. Serving the needs of full-service remodeling contractors, design-build firms, architects, designers, subcontractors, product manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, and those who provide services and products to the remodeling field, NARI stands as the spokesperson for the industry and as an ally to the nation's homeowners.

The Eastern Massachusetts chapter (EM-NARI) has over 200 members representing all aspects of the region's remodeling industry. EM-NARI is committed to enhancing the professionalism of the remodeling industry and providing ethical and quality service to the region's homeowners.

NARI members have immediate access to the latest industry information through the Internet, trade publications, educational programs, meetings, conventions, and expositions that feature new products, materials and techniques. The NARI remodeling contractor is pledged to uphold the Association's Code of Ethics and is dedicated to the professionalism and integrity of the remodeling industry.

After his election, Mr. Gallagher announced: "I am pleased to be able to give back to an organization that continues to help me improve my own business. The high quality businesses that strive to adhere to the NARI code of ethics are companies I admire and respect, and I am proud to be among them."

Mr. Gallagher served most recently as the EM-NARI treasurer, and is a member of the Residential Building Code Advisory Committee for the State Board of Building Regulations and Standards. He also teaches adult education classes and industry seminars on remodeling.



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PLAN YOUR REMODEL NOW!

Fall is the optimal time to plan and schedule a remodeling project, and we would like to encourage you to start planning now if you are considering a project for the winter or summer. The planning time between the initiation of a project and the start of work must allow for such tasks as creating a design and obtaining a permit. Homeowners who have never remodeled their homes before are often surprised to learn that there is more to starting a project than having our crew show up with their tools.

So whether you are thinking of an indoor remodeling project for the winter or one that would open up your home to the elements for the spring or summer, you should consider beginning the process now to ensure the smoothest and easiest transition between the planning and work stages of your remodel next year.

In addition to giving you plenty of time for the planning stage, contacting us now about your remodel also means you'll be a step ahead of the warm-weather scheduling rush. We look forward to speaking to you about your home, now or at any time.



MY DESIGN BUILD PROJECT



Gallagher Remodeling is happy to announce a new service available as a courtesy to our clients. We now offer a website called My Design/Build Project, which creates an online folder to keep track of all the planning materials relevant to a remodeling project. This online "e-folder" creates a centralized resource from which our wired clients can access their contract, specifications, project photos, e-mail communications with Gallagher Remodeling, and much more. To take a look at the added benefits the site makes available to our clients, go to Mydesignbuildproject.com and click on the Homeowners link. We are very excited about this service and have gotten a very positive response from our current clients who have e-folders set up on the site.

TRENDS

OPEN AIR HOUSES



Remodeling one's first floor to create an open-air floor plan is a very popular, modern way of addressing the architecture and space in one's home. The core rooms for daily living in modern families — the living room/great room, dining room, and kitchen — are often separated by walls which separate the people in them.

The aesthetic goal of an open floor plan is to create a sense of lots of space and light, but this strategy is also a design tool that makes it easier for families to communicate while engaged in different activities around the house. The cook can chat with guests or help with homework while preparing dinner. GRI has the resources to deal with almost any residential structural issue. Structurally, a properly sized supporting beam can often allow virtually all interior walls on a ground floor to be removed to achieve an open floor plan.

If you are considering remodeling a room such as your kitchen to make it more user-friendly, you may want to consider undoing some of the barriers to the rest of your house to create a unified living space that really opens things up.
