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We expanded this Belmont Tudor, carrying through the stucco and half-timber motif of the existing exterior, to create a family room nook, mudroom and a fabulous kitchen for cooking and entertaining. This project has been entered into a remodeling awards competition and the award winners will be announced in November.

Greetings!

Gallagher Remodeling would like to thank our clients for their business over the past 23 years and we look forward to helping you maintain or enhance the value of your home for many years in the future. Fall is a great time to plan both interior and exterior projects!

We would also like to thank our associates and suppliers for their support, and for building lasting relationships which allow us to better serve our clients. Together we can continue to improve the quality of life for families at home.

Thank you for reading our newsletter and we would love to hear news from you. Call us at 617-489-1959 and see our website at www.gallagherremodeling.com

Design-Build Remodeling is Green

Increasing consciousness of resource conservation and its impact on the planet has led homeowners to re-evaluate many of the choices they make when considering a remodeling project. They are also bombarded with information about products and services, most of which now claim to be "green." Sorting out the right green solution for each homeowner's remodeling situation can be a challenge.

Much of the early focus on green in the construction industry has been on larger commercial spaces, where decisions about energy use and materials can have a large impact. Choices made in residential remodeling and construction can also make



Thomas Lingner of The Able Lens, a local photographer, recently shot these pictures of the project and we want to share his photos of our client's great kitchen with you. The project has completely transformed how the family lives in, and enjoys their home.



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a difference. Homeowners are driving the focus on green as it applies to dwellings, by choosing how they remodel and with what materials and equipment.

Remodeling an existing home is arguably greener than building new (either on a pristine lot or by tearing down and existing structure) because the owner is working with a structure that is already in place, to which they are making relatively small improvements. Design-Build remodeling is typically a very efficient process, because the planning and implementation are coordinated using one source. This approach minimizes waste and eliminates many of the inefficiencies that result from miscommunication between parties, when compared to design and construction methods that are not consolidated into one source.

If you want to go green with your next remodeling project, then be sure to use the Design-Build method. Our next newsletter will address the areas of focus for a green remodeling project.

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Continuing Education for Contractors

The Department of Public Safety announced in June that legislation was passed to require continuing education for construction supervisor license holders. As part of the legislation, a *Continuing Education Advisory Council* has been established to develop policies and procedures relative to the new law. The Board of Building Regulations and Standards has appointed six council members, including Roger Gallagher, president of Gallagher Remodeling, Inc., who represents the National Association of the Remodeling Industry.

Other council members are building inspectors representing the Department of Public Safety, contractors representing the Home Builders Association of Massachusetts and a college level instructor in residential construction technology. The legislation is intended to keep contractors abreast of current standards, practices and products to better serve homeowners in the Commonwealth.
