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NEW OFFICE MANAGER JOINS GALLAGHER REMODELING

We at Gallagher Remodeling are excited to let you know about our new office manager. Natasha Nese joined us on the first of March. Among Natasha's responsibilities are serving as the central hub of communication for Gallagher Remodeling, bookkeeping, and

general office administration. Before joining us, Natasha served as the office manager for a law



firm in Newton Centre. She studied art and graphic design at the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston and brings her creativity and computer savvy with her to Gallagher Remodeling, as well as an avid interest in home design. We look forward to a bright future with Ms. Nese at the office helm!

GALLAGHER REMODELING VISITS PENNSYLVANIA REMODELING COMPANY

As part of our participation with a nationwide group of remodeling companies who are interested in improving their businesses, Gallagher Remodeling recently visited a company in the Philadelphia area. Two of our employees traveled with Roger, Gallagher Remodeling owner and president, along with owners and employees from 10 other companies from as far away as Texas and California, to analyze the Pennsylvania firm and recommend changes and enhancements to improve their remodeling business. Part of the process included interviews with clients and employees giving a very detailed look at the company and providing a great way for Gallagher Remodeling employees to learn about how another remodeling company works, up close and personal.

The benefit for us in participating in this in-depth look at another company is the opportunity to learn from the target company, as well as other participants, about best practices that improve workmanship, project management, and other areas that directly affect customer service. Improving in all areas of business is always our goal, and these meetings help make Gallagher Remodeling a better company for our customers.

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TRENDS

OUTSIDE IN:

Now that spring has arrived, many homeowners begin to think about the spaces in their homes that connect the indoors with the outdoors. In our area of the country especially, you find older homes with porches or sunrooms that are not being used to their best advantage. Lifestyles have changed since these homes were built, and building technologies and materials have kept pace with these changes. Remodeling an underused porch or sunroom can create dynamic new living space for your home.

Some sunrooms and porches in their current configuration are outdated in terms of convenience and comfort. Too many windows in an existing sunroom can limit furniture placement options and therefore the usability of that space. Or an open porch or screened in porch that's only usable during warm weather may provide the perfect opportunity to gain usable year-round living space without changing the footprint of the house.

Another great benefit of using an existing sunroom as a remodeling base is that it provides a cost-effective way to create a second-story addition. Here is the perfect opportunity to bring to life the master bedroom with large

bath and walk-in closet you've dreamed of. The existing foundation and first floor structure make this strategy considerably more affordable than building a two-story addition from scratch.

So take a good look at your home and see if the added living area you seek is already hiding in plain sight. Gallagher Remodeling can help you consider these areas and come up with a solution that fits your taste and preferences. Repurposing that old porch or sunroom can provide you with more active living space on your first floor, more room and comfort on your second floor, and add value to your home, all at once!



This addition by Gallagher Remodeling gave our clients a bright sunny new living space.

KITCHEN STORAGE:

Anyone who likes to read the home design and lifestyles pages, and all of us who watch the home design TV shows have heard plenty by now about the new status of the kitchen as the most popular and lived-in spot in the home. Anyone who has ever tried to maintain one also knows that keeping your kitchen organized can be extraordinarily difficult. Keeping up with the constant flow of traffic, ever-present dishes, incoming mail, schoolbooks, and sports equipment that lands in our kitchens can be overwhelming, and that doesn't even cover the food, cookware, and appliances! Luckily, designers and manufacturers have begun to take the kitchen seriously as a living space deserving of detailed functional design, and products. Just focusing on dishwasher innovations, here are a few gems that really stand out in taking your kitchen from dysfunctional to sublime.



Dishwasher innovations:

- ◇ The 30" Epicure dishwasher by Dacor, features 60% more capacity than the average 24" dishwasher. It is the first 30" dishwasher on the market.
- ◇ Fisher & Paykel dishwasher drawers allow a double drawer installation so that you can load dirty dishes into one before emptying clean from the other. The single drawer option offers lower capacity dishwashing for single homeowners or for bar or kitchenette installations.
- ◇ Quiet dishwasher options such as Bosch, Kitchenaid, and Miele brands make a significant difference in your ability to use the surrounding space comfortably while the dishwasher is running. This can be a very important feature if the kitchen is multi-use or open to another room.

Gallagher Remodeling has a lending library of books and magazines that contain lots of great kitchen design ideas. Also, the "Resources" link on our web site will direct you to several sites that are good for browsing and gathering ideas.