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Project Spotlight: TWO-STORY CRAFTSMAN STYLE HOME

Tony and Pam were looking to downsize from a larger home since three of their four children had left the nest. They had built two previous homes and liked the ability to create a space that fit their lifestyle and needs. They searched the market for a home they could purchase and renovate, but their hearts were in designing and building

a custom home. Having seen some homes that Metzler Home Builders had built and having liked the craftsmanship they saw in those homes, they decided to meet to discuss building a new home. After meeting with Dan and Jordan, they knew

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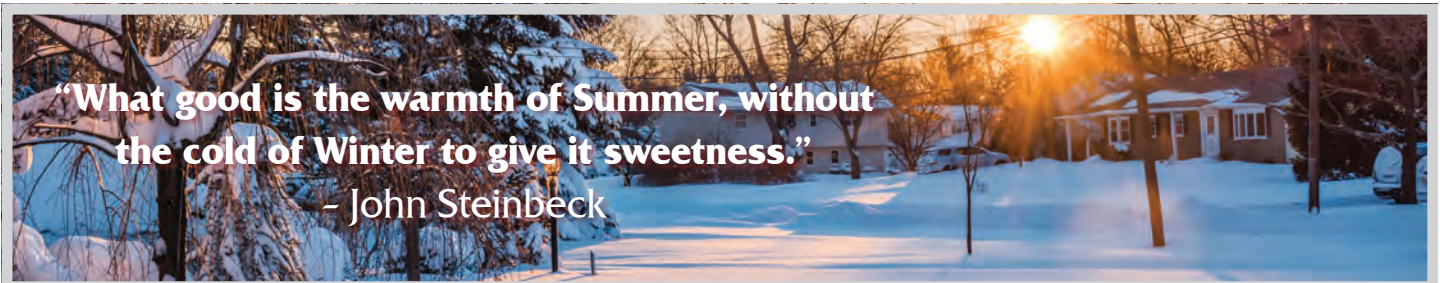
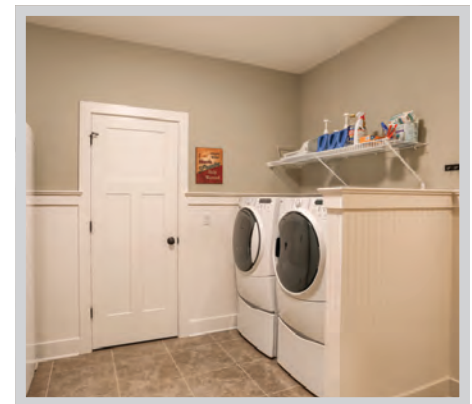
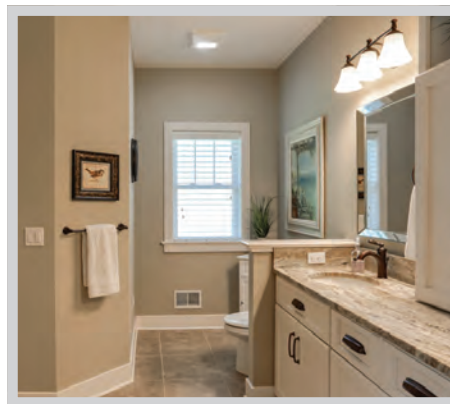


they would enjoy the building process with the “family-like” atmosphere they found at Metzler Home Builders.

Tony and Pam own a family business, so office space in their new home was important to them. Knowing this was the home they

would retire in, a first-floor master bedroom was at the top of their want list as well. They also love to entertain, so they needed space for hosting larger gatherings. Metzler’s were able to help them create the home they desired, incorporating all those things that were important to them. Pam states “We

love everything about our home including the exterior and interior finishes and design. Jordan and Dan gave us great ideas for building a craftsman style home and adding small touches that stayed within our budget to give it character. “We are so thankful we chose Metzler Home Builders!”



Little Resolutions for BIG SAVINGS

1. Latch All Your Window Sash Locks

Make sure to replace any that are broken and fix those that are misaligned, says This Old House general contractor Tom Silva. It's a basic, low-tech task that too few people do. If you have old windows, be sure to shut all your storms.

The payoff: Save **10 to 15 percent** on your monthly heating bills.

2. Keep Out Window Drafts

Close your curtains and lower your blinds at night to help stop drafts.

The payoff: You could slash your overall heating bill by as much as **10 percent**.

3. Turn Down Your Thermostat 1 Degree

You won't feel much of a difference in ambient temperature—and the same goes for turning up your air-conditioning 1 degree in summertime.

The payoff: Trim your heating fuel bill by **5 percent** each month.

4. Replace That Aging Extra Refrigerator

Switch out the old model in your garage or basement with a new, modest-size Energy Star model.

The payoff: This simple swap could knock **\$50 to \$150** off your annual electricity bills.

5. Turn Off the Lights When You Leave a Room

The payoff: You could save **nearly \$100** on your annual electricity bill.

6. Opt for the Cold Water Wash

Wash your clothes in cold water instead of warm—and definitely not hot.

The payoff: Using the cold setting could save you **\$75 or more** annually.

7. Enforce Shower Times

Put an egg timer in the bathroom and enforce a 7-minute shower rule.

The payoff: You could save **\$125 a year**.

8. Keep Gutters Clean

Clean your gutters at least twice a year, in late spring and fall. And be sure to fix even the tiniest leak in them (or your roof) immediately.

The payoff: What may not look like a big deal can quickly balloon from a simple DIY- or handyman-fixable problem to a **\$1,000-plus** contractor repair.

9. Clean Lint from Your Dryer Hose

Unplug the clothes dryer, slide it out, detach the hose from the back, and vacuum out the lint at least once a year to drastically shorten your drying times, prolong the life of the machine, and, most important, reduce the risk of fire.

The payoff: You'll shave your clothes-drying costs by **25 to 30 percent**.

10. Toaster Oven for One (or Two)

Cooking for one—or two?

The payoff: Use a toaster oven and **save one-third to one-half** the energy a conventional electric oven would use.

Source: This Old House, www.thisoldhouse.com



We look forward to participating in the BIA Spring Home Show again this year. The dates are March 9-11, 2018 and the show will be held at the Spooky Nook Sports Complex.

Check out the event website at www.biaspringhomeshow.com for more details about times, exhibitors and parking information.

We hope you make it out to the show and please stop by our booth to say hello!

BILTMORE: AMERICA'S LARGEST HOME



Nestled in the mountains of Asheville, North Carolina, Biltmore was the vision of George W. Vanderbilt. This 250-room French Renaissance chateau is America's largest home. The estate is now a National Historic landmark. A few facts about Biltmore:

- Biltmore House took 6 years to construct and was completed in 1895.
- The house spans 175,000 square feet – over 4 acres of floor space
- There are 250 rooms inside Biltmore House, including 35 bedrooms, 43 bathrooms and 65 fireplaces.
- Current acreage of the estate is approximately 8,000 acres.



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