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Derek and Sarah have always dreamt of building a new home. After moving to Lancaster County and experiencing an unsuccessful home search, they decided it was time to pursue that dream. They had certain requirements for their “forever” home and hadn’t been able to find a home that met their needs within their price range. They thought building a new home was not

financially possible. After looking into it a bit closer, they found that building a new home was more cost-effective than buying a house that was on the market and having to make repairs and improvements to make it work for their family.

A Realtor that was working with Derek and Sarah referred them to Metzler Home

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Builders. After an initial consultation with Jordan Metzler, they visited a house that Metzler's had in the Parade of Homes and saw the attention to detail and expert craftsmanship. That helped "seal the deal," and they decided to move ahead with plans to build.

Their gorgeous home nestled in the rolling hills of southern Lancaster County features four bedrooms, three and a half baths, an office and large laundry on the first floor, and a loft used as a playroom on the second floor. With four daughters, Derek and Sarah wanted as much closet space as possible, and as many bathrooms and vanities that the house could hold! Jordan worked with them to come up with a house plan that would meet those needs.

After construction was complete and they moved in, when asked what they like about their new home, Derek and Sarah said, "Everything!" But at the top of the list is the kitchen. They told us, "It is the heart of our home, a gathering place for our family and friends. It has become the hub for socializing and connecting with loved ones over a good meal."

Also on their list is the beautiful wrap-around front porch. Most mornings you'll find them on their rocking chairs enjoying a cup of coffee.

"The team at Metzler Home Builders communicated a very clear and organized picture of the process for us," said Derek and Sarah. "They were incredibly friendly and accommodating along the way. After working through modifying other custom designs to meet our needs, Jordan recommended we start from scratch on a design for a custom build. In the end, we had the perfect design for our family. They delivered an excellent product on schedule and on budget. Metzler Home Builders changed our lives in the best way possible. Our family has the opportunity to make lasting memories in a well-crafted custom home!"



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lori Walter of New Providence! She was the winner of our Speckled Hen gift card giveaway in our summer issue. Thank you to all who participated!

DECEMBER HOME TO-DO LIST

THINGS TO CHECK OFF YOUR LIST IN AN HOUR OR LESS:

- ❑ Disconnect hoses. Now is the time to shut off the water supply to your outdoor faucets if you haven't done so yet. After shutting off the water, turn on the faucets outside to allow any water left to drain out. Then disconnect garden hoses, drain the water and roll them up to store indoors till spring.
- ❑ Keep an eye on trees. A buildup of heavy snow on limbs can make them more prone to breaking. Brush snow off tree limbs after each big snowfall, using a broom to extend your reach. If a limb does fall, have it removed as soon as the weather permits.
- ❑ Make space for winter coats, boots and scarves. With winter weather comes bulky coats, boots and all sorts of mittens and scarves that seem to multiply when you're not looking. Clear out the closet nearest your main entrance to make room for those extra winter layers, or supplement a hall with coat hooks and a boot tray.

TACKLE THESE TASKS OVER A WEEKEND:

- ❑ Put up outdoor holiday décor. Dig out those Christmas lights early in the month so that you have ample time to test strands and replace nonworking ones before the holidays. Hang exterior lights and wreaths, being sure to use only exterior rated lights, and plug them safely in an outdoor outlet.
- ❑ Get ready for winter storms. Check the condition of your snow shovels, gloves and window scrapers, and replace as needed. Store snowy-weather supplies near the door where you can access them easily in a storm, and mark the sides of your driveway and other key places with reflective poles to help the snowplow drivers see where to go. Keeping your pantry stocked with food, bottled water, candles and flashlights in case of power outages is always a good idea.
- ❑ Block drafts. If you feel a draft, don't just reach for another throw blanket. Apply weatherstripping to the drafty area to warm up your house and save on your energy bill. If the cold air is getting under a door, what you need is a door sweep. Usually made of hard plastic, a door sweep attaches to the bottom of your door, sealing off the gap that lets in cold air.

And The Votes Are In.

We are honored again to have been voted **#1 Residential Builder** in the Lancaster County Magazine and **#1 Home Builder** in the LNP Readers' Choice Awards.

A huge thank you to all who voted for us! We truly value our relationships with our clients and trade partners. Thank you for continuing to trust us as your builder for new homes, additions and renovations!



MAINTENANCE AND EXTRAS TO BUDGET FOR THIS MONTH:

- ❑ Spruce up indoor play areas. When you have kids at home, harsh winter weather can mean more playtime indoors. Stave off cries of "I'm bored!" with a spruced-up play space. A bit of reorganizing and a few simple purchases (like a giant roll of paper and fresh markers) can make your same old space feel like new.
- ❑ Update your emergency kit. Be prepared for power outages and other emergencies by making sure your house and car are outfitted with well-stocked emergency kits. The basics include bottled water, a hand-crank radio, a flashlight with extra batteries, a cell phone charger (hand-crank or battery-powered is best), food, blankets and a first-aid kit. At home, keep essential documents in one easily accessible place.
- ❑ Plan for holiday home safety. A few simple precautions – such as illuminating the area around your house, locking doors and windows, and trimming bushes – can go a long way toward keeping your home safe. And with night falling earlier this month, and many people heading out of town, it pays to be extra safety-conscious, whether or not you are going anywhere.

Source: www.houzz.com



The Lakes
AT DONEGAL SPRINGS



We will have three brand new homes available soon in The Lakes at Donegal Springs in Mount Joy. All three homes are scheduled to be completed in early 2022. These are the last lots remaining in this lovely community on the western edge of the borough. Give us a call at 717-687-6302 for more information on these homes and The Lakes at Donegal Springs.

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