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Bob and Robin loved their home, but it lacked one thing their previous home had – a screened-in porch. They had a deck, but it was small and needed replaced. They decided it was a good time to make the switch to a screened-in porch, which would provide them the outdoor living space they could use for more months out of the year.

The homeowners were aware of Metzler Home Builders' reputation for quality and had heard of positive experiences from several of their neighbors who had used Metzler's for renovation projects in their homes. Tim Zehr, Senior Designer and Estimator, worked with them to create a design for their new porch

and patio area. The result was a lovely 11 ½' x 12 ½' screened-in porch, with TimberTech AZEK decking and white vinyl railing and posts. The adjacent 10' x 13 ½' patio was constructed with flagstone pavers and a radius brick border.

Bob and Robin love the way the patio and porch blend into the existing design of their home. They appreciate the quality craftsmanship provided by Metzler Home Builders and the subcontractors that worked on their patio and porch. "Mike and Adam are a talented team and were easy to work with," said Robin. "They were responsive and ensured the project went smoothly!"



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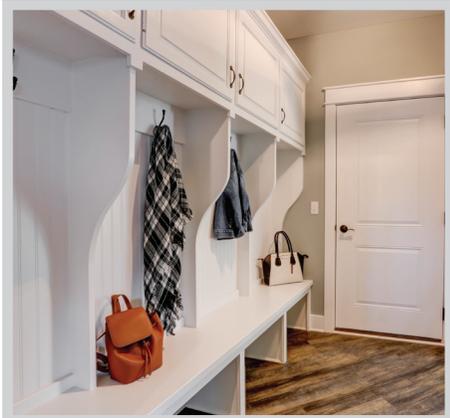
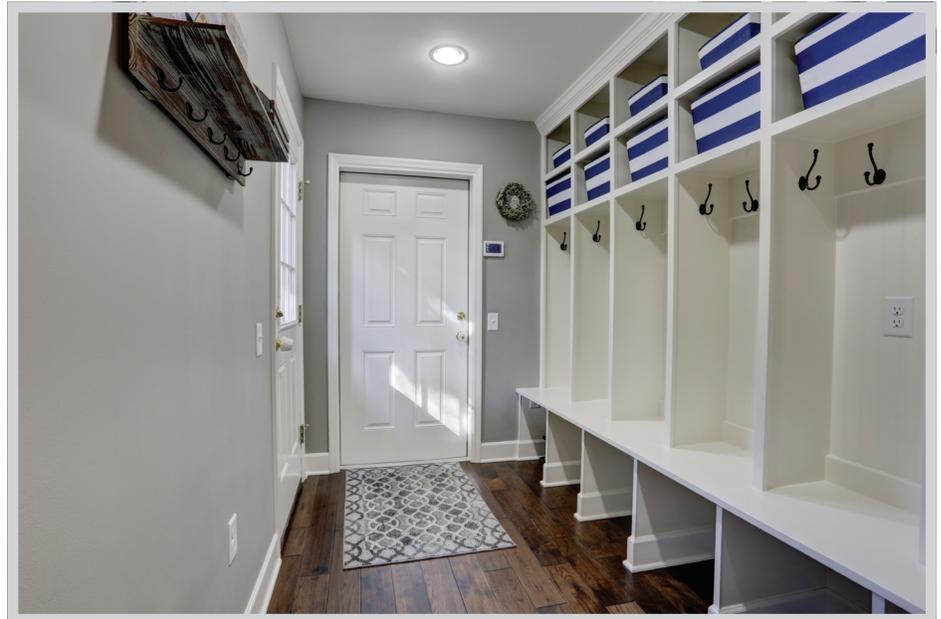
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CUBBIES & BENCHES

Cubbies and benches are being included in the majority of new homes being built today. A catch-all space to hold coats, shoes, backpacks, keys and much more, this area is usually located inside a back door or near the garage. There are endless possibilities to the type of cubbies and benches that can be built. Check out the photos below for some inspiration if you're thinking of adding a cubby or a bench to your home. We guarantee that once you have this great organizing space in your home, you'll wonder how you ever lived without it!



Maintenance Tips to Get Your Home Ready for Spring



Maintaining a healthy home goes beyond dusting and vacuuming. When is the last time you checked your smoke alarms? How about the last time you cleaned out your dryer vent? Follow the tips below to make sure your family and home are ready for a happy, clean spring season.

Clean Gutters

Grab a ladder and check your gutters for debris. Remove as much as you can with your hands. (Don't forget to wear gloves!) Remove any leftover gunk with a garden hose. Take off any nozzle and have a helper turn on the water when you're ready. Shove the hose into the downspout to power debris out of gooseneck bends. Make sure your downspouts channel water at least five feet from foundation walls.

Scrub Walls, Baseboards and Outlets

Scrub all the walls – in the bathroom, kitchen, bedrooms and living areas – with a sponge or brush and mild soap and water. This includes baseboards and outlets. Make sure to completely dry outlet covers before replacing.

Replace Filters

Replace all filters including water, range hood and air vent filters. You should replace these filters every 3-6 months depending on the type of filter you have.

Clean Faucets and Showerheads

Unscrew the faucet aerators, sink sprayers and showerheads, and soak them in equal parts vinegar and water solution. Let them soak for an hour, then rinse with warm water.

Clean out the Dryer Vent

A clogged dryer vent can be a fire hazard. To clean it, disconnect the vent from the back of the

machine and use a dryer vent brush to remove lint. Outside your house, remove the dryer vent cover and use the brush to remove lint from the other end of the vent line. Make sure the vent cover flap moves freely.

Wash Exterior Windows

Hire a window-cleaning service to clean all exterior windows.

Check Foundation Vents

A house with a crawl space has vents along the foundation walls. The vents provide air circulation that helps prevent excess moisture and mold growth, and they prevent critters from taking up residence underneath your home. The screens collect leaves and other debris from fall and winter. Spring is a great time to clean them out and check for damage. Clean the vents by hand or use a shop vacuum. Repair any damaged screens – critters can get through even the smallest holes.

Clean the Grill and Outdoor Furniture

Your grill and outdoor furniture have most likely collected dust during fall and winter. Clean them thoroughly so they're ready to use on the first warm day.

Test Smoke Alarms

Test smoke alarms and CO detectors and change out batteries as needed. It's cheap, only takes a few minutes and can save your family's lives.

Source: www.diynetwork.com

NATIONAL DAY OF UNPLUGGING

First Friday in March

The first Friday in March, National Day of Unplugging, kicks off a 24 hour period from sundown to sundown, to unplug, unwind, relax and do other things other than using today's technology, electronics and social media.

The benefits of disconnecting or unplugging from all the digital static are vast:

- An opportunity to reset
- More human connections with the people around us
- Experience sounds, smells, touch and eye contact
- Better sleep
- More exercise
- Time to do those things you keep saying you have no time to do

Ideas for observing National Day of Unplugging:

- Read the newspaper
- Meet a friend for breakfast
- Go to the library and use the Dewey Decimal System
- Have a conversation uninterrupted by a notification
- Read a book
- Clean out closets
- Hike a trail

Enjoy your "Unplugged" Day! You just might want to observe it more often than once a year!

Source: www.nationaldaycalendar.com

Two Communities Now Complete!

The Willow Bend Farm community near Willow Street, and The Villas at Featherton in Elizabethtown, are now completed! The first home in Willow Bend Farm was built in 2005 and a total of 82 homes (single-family, duplex units and townhomes) were built in that community. Construction at The Villas at Featherton began in 2014, with a total of 27 homes built.





The Lakes

AT DONEGAL SPRINGS

Construction continues in The Lakes at Donegal Springs community in Mount Joy. The two homes pictured will be completed by early summer and are still available for purchase. Just a few other lots remain to be built on before this community will be completed. Contact Allison Whitaker with Berkshire Hathaway Homesale Realty at (717) 891-7147 for more information on these homes!

