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## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT A FABULOUS FINISHED BASEMENT



Erick and Erica are second owners of a home built by Metzler Home Builders. They loved their home but desired additional living space and decided to pursue the idea of finishing their basement. Their uniquely shaped lot and home layout allowed them to accomplish four things on their wish list for their basement: a library/game room, a

playroom, a media room and storage space. They also wanted to incorporate into the space a bathroom, a wet bar and a Murphy bed.

Tim Zehr drew up a plan for the basement, which included all the desired items. Erick and Erica were impressed with the plan

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and the proposal and felt like they were getting the best “bang for the buck” in having Metzler’s undertake the project. They were willing to pay for the quality they expected to have in the finished product.

Work began on the basement at the beginning of March 2020. Unfortunately, the project was halted shortly after due to the construction shutdown during the pandemic. During this pause, the media room shifted to a whole different space in Erick’s mind, and the idea of a theater room was born. By hiring an audio/visual specialist, the room was transformed. The wall-hung TV was scrapped for a 106” diagonal screen, and a ceiling-mounted 4K HDR home theater projector. Speakers and a subwoofer were installed, and sound-deadening features were utilized in the walls and ceilings to minimize sound transference to the remainder of the home. The addition of smart lighting controls greatly enhanced the theater experience.

Erick and Erica appreciated the flexibility demonstrated by the entire Metzler team to adjust on the fly and how they dealt with the initial Covid shut-down phase with professionalism. They were impressed with how the framing layout

led to an excellent utilization of the space and appreciated the attention to detail that Mike Trout and his crew demonstrated throughout the entire process. Erick described Mike as a “stickler for details,” and noted “every email and conversation I had was dealt with professionally and timely by all involved.”

In addition, he said, “Less than two months after completion, we had an unrelated water leak in our theater room from the HVAC humidifier unit, and Tim was great to work with on the insurance claim and restoration. Everyone [at Metzler] went above and beyond to help us deal with that unforeseen event.”

Erick and Erica use their newly finished basement every day with their three small children. They love the built-in cabinets and bookshelves and the unique spaces designed by Tim. The Murphy bed and full bath allow for a wonderful retreat for out-of-town guests.

Whether they want a quiet place to read, want to watch the kids play, or enjoy a movie together in the theater room, this young family has a fantastic space that will serve them well for years to come!



## Welcome Megan Rudy

We recently welcomed Megan Rudy, Design & Selections Coordinator, to our staff. She is working with Janet Metzler to assist customers with the many decisions needed in making interior and exterior selections for their home. Welcome, Megan!

# CUSTOMER REVIEWS

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responsive, detail-oriented, and up to any challenge. As with any construction project, there are always bumps in the road, but this was never due to personnel or quality issues, but rather timing/supply issues mostly due to the state of the construction industry at the moment. Any item that needed to be addressed after we moved in was handled promptly and as if it was important to Metzler, as well as to us. Our finished home is beautiful, different, and totally customized to what we requested, and we didn't have to break the bank to accomplish this. Metzler builds truly custom homes for clients instead of offering a cookie-cutter approach and expecting the client to fit that mold. We thoroughly enjoyed the process of working with this team and are proud of what we created together with them at the helm. I would highly recommend Metzler for any custom remodeling or new construction project in which a true partner focused on quality is important. We had interviewed several builders over several years as we attempted this project, and Metzler was the only one we connected with who made us feel as if our project was wanted, valuable and totally doable."

"We recently completed a custom home build with Metzler Home Builders as our general contractor. This was a unique project in that our home is a modern one in an area where traditional homes are the norm. Throughout the process, Metzler's team worked with us during each step to "be a yes" to our requests, even if they were new/different/not the norm in their scope of work. We used some new and different materials and methods, and it was never met with

frustration or resistance; instead, these tasks were viewed as fun challenges that we could accomplish together. We were treated with kindness, respect, and as part of their team instead of just sitting on the sidelines. Our views were always accounted for and thoroughly considered. This was important to me as a female who was the main contact/manager for our family in this project. Each member of their team, down to their subcontractors, is professional,



## Jordan Metzler Installed As 2022 BIA President

The entire Metzler Home Builders' team recently attended the Building Industry Association of Lancaster County's installation luncheon, where we witnessed Jordan Metzler becoming installed as the association's incoming president. Jordan has served on the board as a Builder Director, Secretary, Vice President and now President. He was also awarded Young Professional of the Year in 2018. Founded in 1956, the BIA supports and promotes member companies while advocating for the advancement of the residential construction industry. *Congratulations, Jordan!*

# SPRING FUN FACTS

*How many are counting the days till spring? We are at the time of the year where many are ready to say so long to ice scrapers, snow shovels, gloves and heavy winter coats. The first day of Spring is March 20, so hang in there. Enjoy these spring fun facts in the meantime!*

- Spring fever is a real syndrome. When the temperature rises during the warm spell after a long winter, there is a dilation of the blood vessels so blood can be carried to the body surface, where heat can be lost quickly. People experience an energetic feeling when this happens.
- Benjamin Franklin was the first to propose daylight savings time in 1784. However, it wasn't fully implemented until the end of the Second World War.
- Baby birds learn to sing during spring. Although they are born with the ability to sing, they must learn the specific songs of their species. They often learn their songs within two months of being born.
- While some people prefer not to feed birds in spring and summer, a feeder is a useful source of food for birds traveling during spring migration.
- Every year on the first day of spring, people in Poland gather to burn an effigy and throw it in the river to bid winter farewell.
- Children actually grow faster in the spring than during other times of the year.
- Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.
- Daylight savings time begins March 13. Spring ahead!

