

# the Fisher Focus

Spring 2009 Newsletter



Construction in Progress



Original Home Exterior

## Rebuilding for New Capabilities

When the son of one of Fisher Construction's long time clients was seriously injured in a bicycle accident, they came to Fisher Construction for help. The parents wanted to remodel their son's home so that he could be independent, safe, and able to use his home in a wheelchair.

Fisher Construction has made universal design and construction a priority. A member of the National Aging in Place Council (NAIPC), the company has knowledge, experience and resources for designing and building homes

One of the first decisions Fisher Construction made concerned how to handle the existing home on the property. Remodeling the home, tearing down a portion, or adding on to the space were all considered. In the end, the best solution for using the current area, building an open floor plan, and capturing as much of the view as possible was tearing down the existing structure and building a new home from the ground up.

Architect Steve McKee was an essential part of the next step in the process, which

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to be accessible to all. Working together with architect Steve McKee of Benicia, Fisher Construction designed the new project in Point Richmond, and construction is underway.

During the design process, careful thought was given to how the home will be used. Because the client's injury is new, one of the challenges was anticipating exactly how he will use his home. The goal was to produce a state-of-the-art environment, empowering the client to maintain his home independently as much as he chooses. At the same time, Fisher Construction believes that good universal design should not be too obvious. Function and aesthetics can be balanced so that the home is comfortable, usable, beautiful and appropriate for resale should the client decide to sell the home in the future. Appealing and high quality elements, such as woods, stones, tiles, lighting, and plumbing fixtures, help to achieve that balance of form and function.

was designing the home with the many considerations important to universal design: accessibility (no steps or high thresholds), large and open areas for mobility, and subtlety in the overall design so that the home would retain its beauty, value and appeal.

Fisher Construction also worked closely with other experts, including Marc Mendelsohn, a Universal Design Specialist in Marin County, who reviewed designs and made suggestions before construction began.

Fisher Construction used a team approach for this project, finding the latest expert resources to enhance their own experience and research so they would best meet the client's needs.

The new home is now under construction and will be completed later this year. Fisher Construction is honored to have been chosen for this important project. We look forward to providing a beautiful new home for our client, where he can be safe, comfortable and independent. ■

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# Design Notebook: A Season for Change

*outdoor kitchens enhance backyard living*



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Now that our weather is changing, days are getting longer, and the sun is shining, the outdoors are definitely calling me. When I'm not working, I'm in the backyard—puttering in the garden, hanging out with my family or relaxing with my latest design or cooking magazine. But eventually, of course, it's time to think about dinner, or our weekend plans surrounding the barbecue grill. Needless to say, given my profession, I appreciate

a great kitchen. An outdoor kitchen? What a concept! Outdoor kitchens are a hot renovation trend for new and existing homes as more homeowners recognize the potential for their backyards to be a convenient respite from the stresses of everyday life.

Outdoor kitchens are a wonderful way to take advantage of the milder climates here in the Bay Area on a daily basis, and they also rise to the occasion when we want to spend time with extended family and friends—cooking, dining and celebrating. With the right attention to style and function, the backyard can become a wonderful place to gather, laugh, cook, and eat together.

Outdoor kitchens come in many shapes and sizes and are handled much like any other well-designed area of your home. How will you use it? Who will use it? What kind of materials would you like to see? An outdoor kitchen should function as an effortless asset to your home, with layouts that make sense, appliances that take the guess work out of cooking, and design that adds "spectacular" to your backyard.



There are many appealing and durable options for appliances, cabinets, countertops, and exterior finishes. Fisher Construction can incorporate stone, pavers, granite, tile, or slate to your cooking area to enhance your home and blend nicely with the surrounding natural environment. Fire pits, water elements, and comfortable conversation areas also enliven your outdoor living experience.

Now is the perfect time to refresh, enhance or renovate your outdoor surroundings for the summer. We are lucky enough to live in a part of the world where we can comfortably enjoy outdoor living several months of the year. Your backyard can be one of the hardest working spaces of your home, as well as one of the most relaxing and enjoyable. If you are thinking about enhancing your yard, Fisher Construction can help bring your dream to reality! ■

## Fisher Construction at Two Home and Garden Shows this Season

*yolo county in april and napa-solano in may*

**Yolo County Home & Landscape Show at Yolo County Fairgrounds: April 17,18,19**



The Fisher Construction team participated in the Yolo County Home & Landscape Show, April 17-19, presented by the Daily Democrat.

The Home & Landscape Show caters to homeowners looking for ideas and inspiration about remodeling and landscaping their properties. Fisher Construction showcased many of its recent projects, including kitchens, baths, and whole home remodels.

**Napa-Solano Home & Garden Show in Napa: May 1,2,3**



At the 19th Annual Napa-Solano Spring Home & Garden Show in Napa, visitors found over 600 exhibits featuring the latest ideas and technology in home improvement, remodeling, gardening, landscaping, and outdoor living. Fisher Construction was pleased to participate in this event for the second consecutive year.



## Quality Express Bathroom Remodels

*accessibility, safety, beauty*

As our lifestyles change, our needs for our homes change, too. Did you know that 45% of all household accidents resulting in serious injury take place in the bathroom? Seniors and those with special needs are most at risk. Fisher Construction, a member of the National Aging in Place Council, can help you remodel your bathroom (or that of a family member) to provide easier access, safety and peace of mind.

Our Quality Express Bathroom Remodels are affordable, can be accomplished within just a few weeks, and are performed by an experienced design/build team trusted for our high level of service and quality.

- Accelerated timeline
- Affordable options
- High quality work
- Professional workmanship
- Credit cards accepted

## Your Referrals Make a Difference

*tell a friend why you love us!*

How often do you receive the kind of service that makes you want to share news about a good company with someone else? Chances are, it's a fairly unique occurrence these days! At Fisher Construction, we want to change that equation. We work hard every day to create clients for life by delivering a level of quality, customer service, care and consistency that builds lasting trust. We're very proud of the relationships we've developed with clients since 1988. If you are one of those clients, we ask you to remember us when friends and associates are in need of design/build remodeling services. Like most businesses, we depend on referrals from satisfied customers to help us grow ... please put in a good word for us, and tell a friend why you loved working with Fisher Construction! Your support is very much appreciated.

## Locked Up for the MDA



Pete Valentino participated in the recent "Vacaville Lockup" benefitting the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Northern California. The organization raised over \$30,000 from the Vacaville community, which will be used to help families in the area with wheelchairs and leg braces, support groups, and summer camp for kids.

"The Fisher Construction staff was helpful, patient and friendly. Their weekly meetings and immediate phone and email contact were very helpful. We were very impressed by the entire process and we love our new kitchen!" — *The Economons*



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—K. Nish