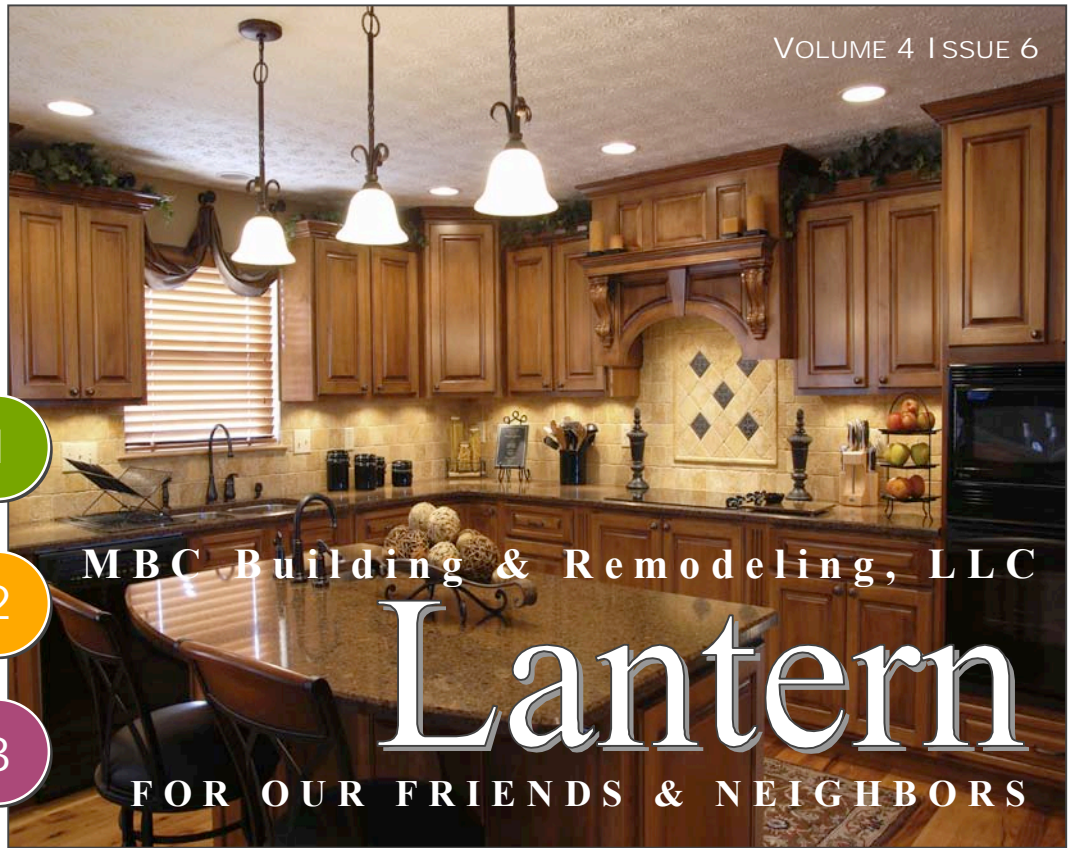


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Planning on installing a new deck or sprucing-up an existing one this season? If so, you're not alone. Decks are still among the most popular home improvements. So, what's hot in decks this summer? Here are some of the top deck trends for summer 2011:

Railings

Once merely a functional safety element, railings are now doing double duty as design statements. Railings are often the first thing one notices about a deck, so manufacturers are offering more aesthetically pleasing, architecturally interesting options. Hot railing trends include decorative balusters of aluminum, iron or even cable, glass panels and railing systems that combine materials for durability, as well as visual effect.

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Multiple Levels

Designers are using multiple levels to create virtual rooms for outdoor use. A main deck might function as living and dining space, while a smaller, lower level addition serves as a kitchen area, and another level might host a hot tub. Multi-level decks facilitate multiple uses and add visual interest to the overall deck structure.

Indoor Luxuries, Outdoor

Homeowners want to bring the same luxuries they enjoy indoors outside onto their decks. In response, builders are adding touches like built-in fire pits and fireplaces, full kitchens with professional grade gas grills, spas, built-in benches and cabinets, shade structures and lighting to deck designs.

New Shapes

Piano-shaped, arrowhead and even oval shapes are appearing in back yards across the country.

Modern materials, improved building methods and the creativity of designers and homeowners have permanently changed the shape and size of the great American deck. For added

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email the expert

QUESTION: Help! I'm having trouble with the commode flushing. The bowl water level is high and I have to use a plunger ever time we flush. -Lauren DePaul

ANSWER: If you have other toilets in the house that are not experiencing the same problem, then the problem is likely with that particular toilet. If the toilet is older than 10 years old, there could be lime build-up in the passageway, restricting the flow of water, or there could be an object (such as a child's toy, bottle cap, toothbrush, etc.) lodged in the trap of the toilet. In order to remove an object from a toilet it usually has to be taken out and turned upside down in order to get access to the obstruction. If the problem came on suddenly, it's probably an object in the toilet. If the problem came on slowly, it is more likely lime build-up.

You can e-mail the Expert by sending your questions to Mike@MBCremodeling.com. Please be sure to include your contact info in case additional information is required to answer your question.

THANK YOU FRIENDS FOR YOUR REFERRALS & REPEAT BUSINESS

We cannot thank enough everyone who has referred MBC Building & Remodeling, LLC to their friends or family this past month. Your kind actions are really what make us a success. While we don't have enough room to mention everyone, here are a few:

Craig Haney referred by Brett Haney
Richard & Pauline Sadosky referred by Jerry Eshelman

Help Prevent Basement Flooding!

Gutters & Downspouts – Are they clogged? Do you have enough downspouts? Downspouts are recommended every 40ft. They should also drain at least 10ft from the house.

Grading – All land and pavement should grade away from the home at least 10 ft.

famous quote

"I talk and talk and talk, and I haven't taught people in 50 years what my father taught by example in one week."

- Mario Cuomo

The History of Father's Day

The United States is one of the few countries in the world that has an official day on which fathers are honored by their children. On the third Sunday in June, fathers all across the country are made to feel special.

The origin of Father's Day is not clear. Regardless of when the first true Father's Day occurred, the strongest promoter of the holiday was Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington. It was during a sermon in 1909 that Sonora Smart Dodd became inspired by Mother's Day. After the death of her mother, Sonora and her siblings were raised by their father, William Jackson Smart, a Civil War veteran. Sonora wanted to show how thankful she was to her father and, because William was born in June, she worked to have the first Father's Day celebrated on June 19, 1910.

States and organizations began lobbying Congress to declare an annual Father's Day. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson approved of this idea. In 1924, President Coolidge recommended that Father's Day become a national holiday. President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day in 1966, but it was not until 1972 that President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.

JUST FOR LAUGHS =)

Things Mom Would Never Say... "Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I'll be glad to feed and walk him every day!"

Stilton is a cheese which originated in which country?

- A. England
- B. France
- C. Switzerland
- D. The Netherlands

The first correct answer emailed to Mike@MBCremodeling.com will be this month's winner of 2 Movie Passes at Manor Cinemas in Lancaster!

trivia challenge

Last Month's Winner

MBC Building & Remodeling, LLC is pleased to announce the winner of the last month's Trivia Challenge... Adam McBride of Lancaster! Adam was the first person to correctly answer this question:

Many of us grew up watching Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. Did you know that his mother was a major contributor to the show? Which of these things did she do?

Answer: Knitted his sweaters

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pizzazz, you can incorporate a pattern, such as herringbone or checkerboard, into the deck surface.

Composite Materials

While some homeowners prefer wood, composite materials continue to gain popularity. Not only are they durable and often eco-friendly

(as many of them are made from recycled materials), composites can now mimic the much-loved look of wood.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW FRIENDS INTO THE MBC FAMILY

We believe in treating all of our customers like family, just ask any of our longtime customers. We are excited to welcome each of our first time **MBC Building & Remodeling, LLC** customers. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and hope to see you again very soon. Here are just a few of the new members of the family.

- Elise & Ron Gavrock
- Lombardo's Restaurant
- Jared & Jess Montgomery
- Steve & Jennifer Muller
- Dorothy & William English

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Sudoku Puzzler

The Rules of Sudoku (s_doku²)

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution.

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5	2	1	9			
6		9	3	2		
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For the solution to this issue's Sudoku
Puzzler, email us at
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Green Tip

Baking Soda Makes for Easy Clean-Up
To remove baked-on food from a pan, put baking soda and water in the pan and leave it on the stove for a few minutes. Then simply wash and dry the pan.