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MBA Spring Tour Opens Homes Across Southeastern Wisconsin for In-Person & Virtual Showings



The 28th annual Metropolitan Builders Association (MBA) Spring Tour, presented by Grand Appliance and TV, will run three consecutive weekends: June 6 - 21, with projects open Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4 p.m. Remodel projects are open the last weekend only.

Also new in 2020, join us throughout the Tour for our Facebook Live Prime-time Virtual Showings! We'll be offering virtual showings, builder chats, and so much more through the MBA's Facebook page. Social distancing or simply too busy to tour a model? It's a great way to learn about new home construction from the comfort of your couch!

The MBA recognizes the current situation facing the local community and is making the health and safety of our visitors our utmost priority, which is why all participating builders are required to take special precautions. Builders are required to ensure six-foot social distancing in each home, set up cleaning areas, offer masks and hand sanitizer, as well as frequent cleaning and disinfecting of all surfaces. Our goal is to provide a safe and exciting environment for all Spring Tour visitors.

This FREE regional-site tour opens the doors (virtually and in-person) to over



60 projects including new homes, condominiums, lots, and remodel projects - all built by MBA members. The projects can be found in a variety of communities and are scattered throughout Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha counties.

Collectively, the MBA Spring Tour sites will showcase a wide array of home building trends, including the latest concepts in floor plans, energy-

efficient products, fixtures and appliances, structured wiring, home automation, security systems, and interior design. Visitors have the chance to talk directly with builders and developers and find the right company for their new home or remodel project

A complete list of projects and locations, as well as the Primetime Virtual Showing schedule, are available at MBASpringTour.com.

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Appliance Pro Tips for Starting Your Kitchen Project



establish a foundation upon which your contractor or designer can work their magic with cabinets, flooring, tilework and other elements to achieve your form and function goals and avoid costly surprise costs later in the project.

Once you've made the decision to start with the appliances, the key is focus on what's most important to you. Does function drive your decision? Are you an aspiring chef that wants a flexible cooking surface, multiple ovens or advanced features like sous vide, induction or air fry? Maybe you're all about entertaining and want refrigeration options that can store party trays, a variety of beverages and has an ice maker that makes perfect ice spheres for your craft cocktails.

Or, on the other hand, are you more interested in form than function? Do you want options for unique colors, finishes or trims to really make your appliances stand out? Or do you want your appliances to blend seamlessly into your kitchen behind custom wood fronts or via unique installation options that put the focus on your cabinets, countertops and other design elements instead?

Whether you're building a home or planning a kitchen remodel, we recommend you start with the appliances when planning out your new kitchen. Far too often, we see customers wait until the end to select appliances because they tend to be one of the last items to go into the kitchen and, as a result, are disappointed with their available options as they try to select items that will fit in the space and configuration afforded to them by the kitchen layout. Or worse yet, many are met with the surprise of additional cost and time because the proper electrical, plumbing and ventilation elements were not in place to accommodate the specifications of the chosen appliances.

Let's face it. Every kitchen needs appliances in one form or another and while there are some "standard" sizes and configurations, there are also a wide variety of options out there that can help you achieve your design, function and culinary goals without sacrificing one for the other. Starting with the appliances allows you to

Whether it's form, function or a combination of both, focusing your appliance choices on your most pressing wants and needs will go a long way in

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Home Buyers Reveal What They Want in Their Next Home



By the Metropolitan Builders Association

The 2020 home buying season is underway. If you're in the market for a new home, you may be considering what features are essential on your must-have list. Do other home buyers have similar preferences?

A recent survey from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) reveals what home features are among the most wanted this year. First-time buyers and existing home owners ranked features based on how essential they are to a home-purchasing decision.

Home buyers ranked a laundry room and energy-saving features such as Energy Star® appliances, windows and whole house certification among the most wanted home features. More than one third of home buyers deem a patio, garage storage and exterior lighting as must haves for homes.

When asked specifically about kitchen features, a walk-in pantry, double sink, table space for eating, a central island and granite/natural stone countertops were ranked the most desired by 75 percent or more of all buyers. Two-thirds of buyers checked stainless steel as their preferred color for appliances.

Are home buyers interested in unique home layouts or more space than what they currently have? By a significant margin, home buyers prefer open layouts. The amount of space varied across generations. Millennials wanted more space than what they currently have whereas seniors are looking to downsize. Recent trends show the size of new homes has been decreasing since 2016; fewer have four or more bedrooms, or three or more bathrooms.

Single-family detached homes have always been the first choice for an

overwhelming majority of buyers, while home location preferences varied across generations. Nearly a quarter of Millennials would like to buy a home in the central city, more than twice the rate of any other generation. However, almost twice as many Millennials would prefer to live in the suburbs, a preference shared by a majority of Gen Xers and Boomers. More than 80 percent of seniors prefer the suburbs.

A commitment to energy efficiency continued in 2019 among home buyers. Buyers are willing to pay extra for a home if it means more energy savings on utility bills. In addition to Energy Star® items, most wanted energy-conserving features include efficient lighting, triple-pane insulating glass windows and insulation higher than required by code.

Unlike other home preferences, interest in home technologies was strong across all generations. Home buyers indicated their interest in technology features designed to enhance the security of their homes. The top three most wanted technology features are security cameras, a video doorbell and a wireless home system. Home buyers were divided about the need for technology features to be responsive to voice commands.

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Take the Guesswork Out of Financing Your First Home

By the Metropolitan Builders Association

Homeownership rates among young adults continue to grow as Millennials enter the housing market. In recent years, the numbers of Millennials buying homes grew the most of any age group, according to the Census Bureau. And since Millennials are mostly first-time home buyers, they are facing the stricter regulations put into place after the housing crash and the abundant amount of paperwork involved in the home financing process.

With advanced preparation and a personalized to-do list, new home buyers can easily stay on top of the financing process. It is important for first time home buyers to decide how much to spend on a home and which type of mortgage will work best for them, as well as understand the settlement process.

Be Realistic About What You Can Afford

Figure out what you can comfortably pay on a monthly basis. Write down all your monthly expenses including loan payments, utilities, insurance, credit cards and don't forget food, clothing and entertainment expenditures.

When determining the monthly payment that's within your reach, remember that in addition to the monthly principal and interest, you will also be paying into escrows for property taxes, hazard insurance and possibly mortgage insurance or a home owners or condominium association assessment. Many real estate-focused websites have mortgage calculators that are a great way to figure out what your monthly payments would be based on current interest rates and down payment amounts.

Pay Down Your Debts

Debt that you carry on your credit cards will limit the amount of a loan a lender will be willing to give you. Lenders typically want to see a total debt service ratio that is less than 40 percent of your monthly income.

Get Objective Advice

Attend a first-time home buying seminar or talk to a housing counselor who does not work for a lender. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD) offers free housing counseling and seminars. Housing counselors can help you determine if a loan you are looking at is right for you. You can find more information by visiting hud.gov or calling HUD's interactive voice system at (800) 569-4287.

Pre-Qualify for Your Home Mortgage

To ensure the financing process goes smoothly, buyers should consider pre-qualifying for a mortgage and having a financing commitment in place before shopping for a new home. Buyers also may find that some home builders have arranged favorable financing for their customers or offer financial incentives. Pre-approval also enables you to quickly make an offer when you find a home, and is attractive to sellers who are considering multiple offers.

A lender's pre-approval would still be subject to a final verification of your credit and a satisfactory appraisal. It's important not to rush this process and it's smart to interview several lenders before deciding the right mortgage for your situation.

Qualifying for a mortgage and saving for a downpayment remain primary obstacles to homeownership. To address these issues, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac offer low-downpayment mortgage programs geared primarily toward the first-time home buyer market. These lenders currently offer mortgages with 3% downpayments, allowing more creditworthy borrowers who lack the funds for a large downpayment to obtain a home mortgage.

Financing Options for Veterans

If you are a military veteran, make sure you explore the special financing options available to you through the VA Home Loan program. While you would still apply for the mortgage through a private lender, the VA guarantees a portion of the loan, which can mean more favorable terms and lower monthly payments. For more information, visit benefits.va.gov/homeloans.

After taking these steps to get your financing in order, finding your first home will be a much more enjoyable experience. For more information to help ease the first-time home-buying stress, visit MBAonline.org.

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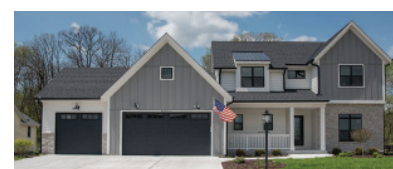


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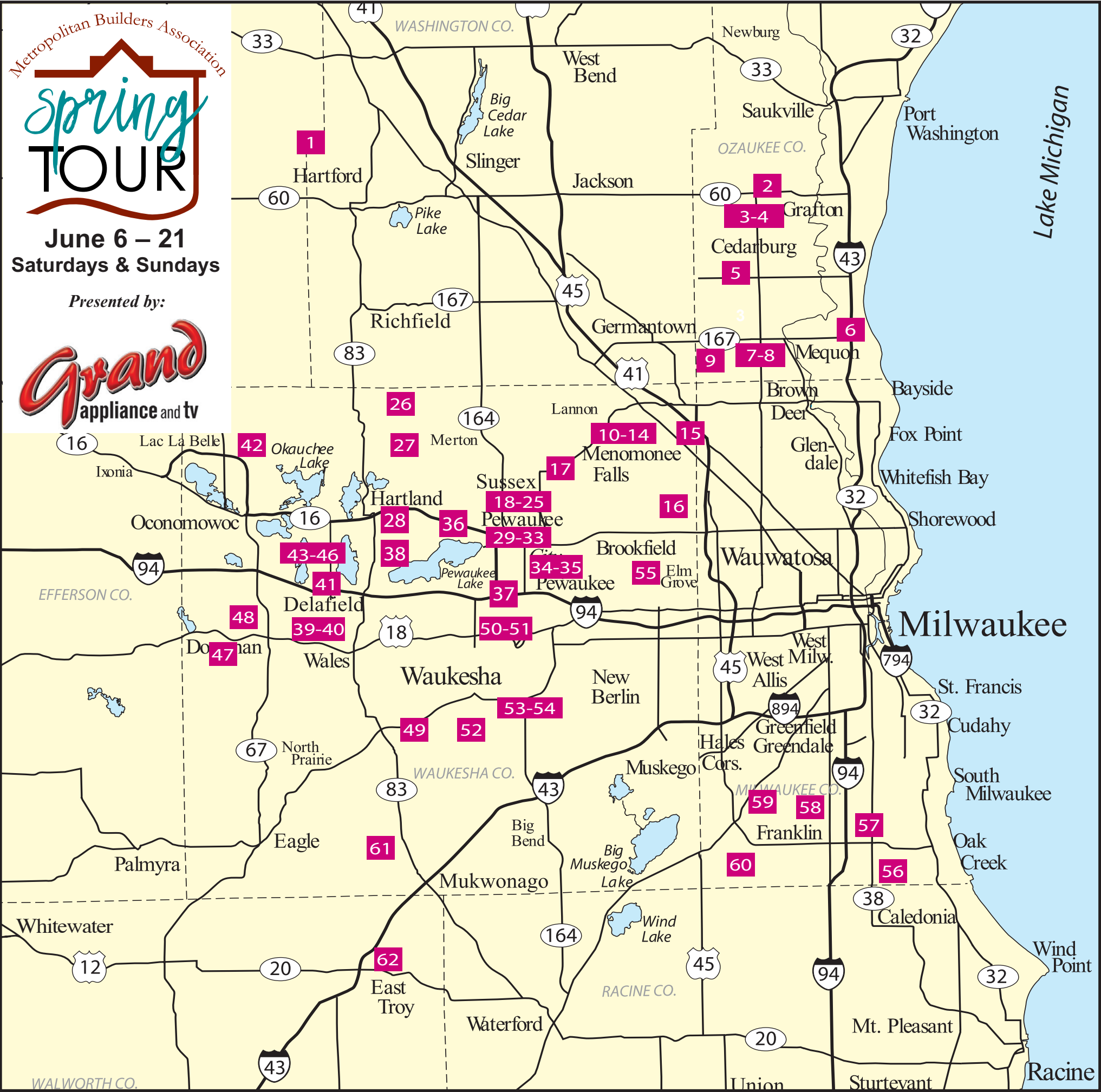
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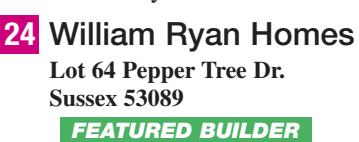


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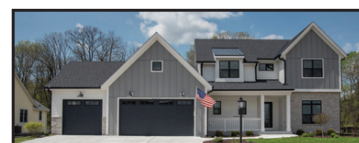
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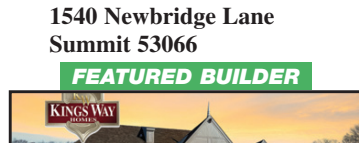
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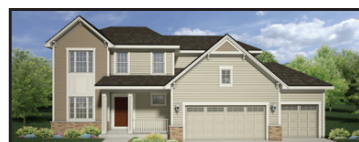


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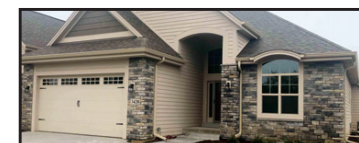
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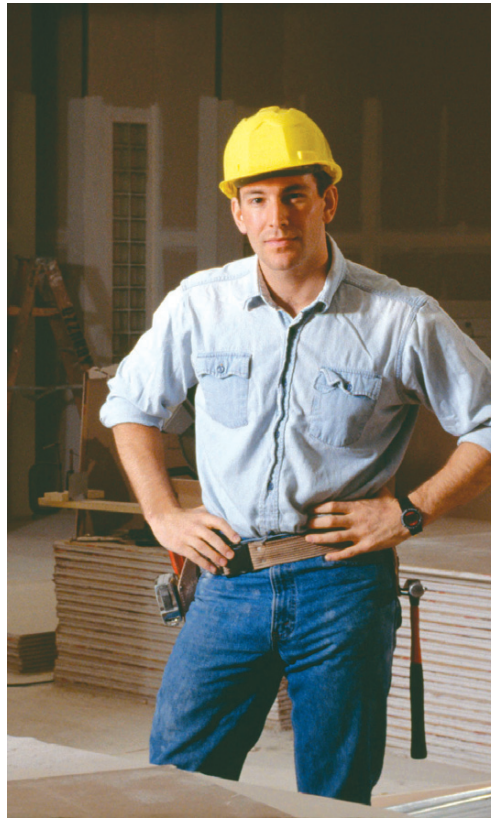
Checklist for Finding and Hiring a Builder or Remodeler

Doing your homework will help you have a more successful experience.

Use this checklist to help you select a home builder or home remodeler to work on or build your home:

- ☐ Contact the Metropolitan Builders Association for the names of member builders and remodelers: MBAonline.org. You can also ask family, friends or coworkers for recommendations.
- ☐ Make sure the builder or home remodeler has a permanent business location and a good reputation with local banks and suppliers.
- ☐ Find out how long they have been in the building business. It usually takes three to five years to establish a financially sound business. You want to make sure they will be around after the construction is complete to service any warranties.
- ☐ Check out the company's rating and if there have been any complaints filed with your local Better Business Bureau: www.bbb.org
- ☐ Make sure the builder/remodeler is licensed and has sufficient workers compensation and general liability insurance. If not, you may be liable for any construction-related accidents on your premises.
- ☐ Ask the builder/remodeler to provide you with names of previous customers. If they won't, beware. If they do, ask the customers if they would hire the builder/remodeler again.
- ☐ Ask if you can see the builder/remodelers work, both completed and in progress. Check for quality of workmanship and materials.
- ☐ Do you feel you can easily communicate with the builder/remodeler? Remember you will be in close contact with them throughout the construction process and afterward as you live in your new home.
- ☐ Make sure the builder/remodeler provides you with a complete and clearly written contract. The contract will benefit both of you. If you are having a new home built, get and review a copy of the home warranty and homeowner manual as well.
- ☐ Be cautious of unusually low-priced bids. If the builder/remodeler is unable to pay for the materials and labor as the project proceeds, this may indicate a potential problem. Keep in mind that less expensive does not necessarily mean better!

Find more helpful advice on home building and remodeling at MBAonline.org.



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Economic Impact of New Homes



By the Metropolitan Builders Association

Did you know that new homes benefit more than just buyers and builders? The positive impact of new residential construction is far-reaching, bringing benefits to families, businesses and services throughout a community immediately, as well as for years to come.

According to economists at the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the one-year estimated local impacts of building 100 single-family homes in a typical metro area include \$21.1 million in local income, \$2.2 million in taxes and other local government revenue, and 324 local jobs.

But what does that economic impact mean in the real, day-to-day lives of community residents?

When a family moves to a community and buys a new house, they will likely shop at local stores to buy furniture and accessories to decorate the home. They will fill their car's gas tank at local gas stations so they can get to the stores, have local mechanics work on the car when it breaks down or needs the oil changed, or buy a new car at a local dealer when it's time to replace the old one.

The family may need to hire local companies for regular services to maintain their home, such as landscaping, house cleaning, pet sitters or pool upkeep.

The children will enroll in local schools. This increases enrollment, meaning more teachers, janitors, cafeteria workers and other school support staff will need to be hired. Those kids will also join sports leagues and other activities, buy equipment and pay registration fees that provide stipends for referees and coaches.



All of this economic activity puts income into the pockets of local business owners and their families, who can then afford to go out and spend money themselves, which recycles even more money into the community's economy.

The new family also pays local and state taxes. These tax revenues help pay for a wide range of government services, including school teachers, police departments, refuse collection, parks maintenance and road repairs.

Over the long term, as the families who move into new homes become part of the community, their positive impact continues. NAHB estimates that those 100 new homes also

provide the community with additional, annually-recurring impacts of \$3.1 million in local income, \$743,000 in taxes and other revenue for local governments, and 53 local jobs.

Families who buy a newly built home enjoy benefits including safety, amenities, energy efficiency and floor plans to fit a modern lifestyle. But the advantages of new homes extend far beyond the buyers and the builders—residential construction has a positive, direct impact on the local community for years.

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making sure your kitchen project is a success.

Once you've decided the most important factors for you, the next step is to narrow down to a list of brands that will help you meet your needs and wants. We often recommend sticking with one brand throughout the kitchen for a number of reasons. For starters, finishes, handles and other elements

can vary from one brand to the next. Sticking with one brand ensures a cohesive look and feel in the finished kitchen. Additionally, brands will often offer promotions with savings that escalate with each additional appliance you add within a certain brand or family of brands.

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High-Impact Remodeling Projects to Transform Your Home

With warmer weather finally upon us, the beginning of home improvement season is kicking off for many homeowners. Whether the jobs are big, small, indoors or outdoors, the rejuvenation of springtime can provide great inspiration for rejuvenating your home.

Homeowners remodel their homes for many different reasons. For some, they want to enhance their own comfort and enjoyment, while others are eyeing the potential return on investment when the time comes to sell. According to NAHB Chief Economist Robert Dietz, remodeling one's home is a good investment given the "strong price appreciation, inventory shortages of homes for sale and homeowners' desire for updated amenities."

As the home building and remodeling industry heats up entering June, more homeowners are making their dream homes become a reality by hiring a remodeling professional. Some of the most impactful projects that can transform an existing home include open-floor plan concepts, aging-in-place designs and energy-efficient modifications.

Create 'New' Space

Open floor plans continue to gain in popularity, as home owners are increasingly seeking to make areas of their home feel more spacious and connected. Choosing to remove an interior wall or two can quickly breathe new life into an entire floor as more natural light fills the area, and friends

and family can more easily interact with each other. Entertaining becomes easier and more enjoyable as larger groups can gather and move about freely in the space.

Design for Aging in Place

Enhancing your home to better accommodate your mobility needs as you get older can also be an upgrade in style and comfort for others in your household. For example, a bathroom upgrade where luxury meets universal design might include a large walk-in shower with zero-threshold, a built-in teak bench or tile corner seat and multiple showerheads. And a new kitchen island may add an eye-catching look and adaptive conveniences with multi-level countertops, a deep drawer for dishes, a built-in microwave and a sink with a hands-free faucet.

Go 'Green'

Remodeling your home doesn't just fulfill your family's dream of living in a more comfortable and stylish home. It can also lead to significant savings on utility costs while improving air quality for better health and strengthening the long-term value of your home. Some of the top upgrades that can make a home more energy-efficient include installing high-efficiency windows and low-flow water fixtures, replacing dated appliances and older HVAC systems with ENERGY STAR®-rated models, and increasing or upgrading the quality of insulation.

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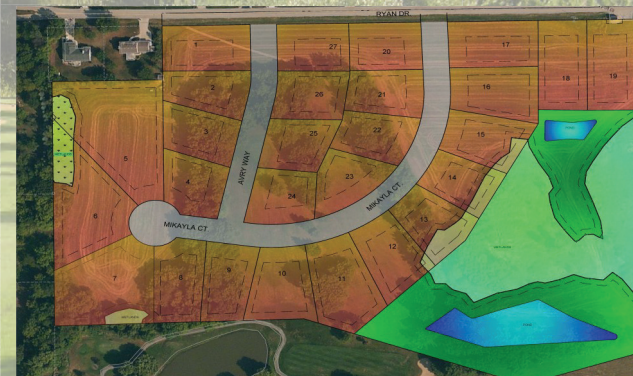
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Pro-Tip: Concrete is resilient beyond



belief, but it too will stain if not treated properly. Apply a moisture barrier every 1-2 years to keep it fresh and stain-free.

STATEMENT SINKS

Vessel sinks are traditionally reserved for upscale restaurants and fancy hotels, which makes them the perfect piece to add some intrigue to your washroom. Rather than rest below the surface, vessel sinks sit directly on top of your bathroom's vanity. They come in countless shapes, colors, sizes and styles, so whatever statement you want to make, there's a sink out there that can say it all.

CONTAINED WITH CLASS

Clutter is the kryptonite of style, especially for smaller spaces like bathrooms. Keeping it to a minimum is rule number one, but doing it in a trendy way is what will turn your bland bathroom into one worthy of envy. A floating vanity is the perfect piece for storing all your bathroom necessities in an elegant and modern manner. They hang in the balance between sensibility and style, keeping your clutter contained and your bathroom's style level at an all-time high.

GILDED GLAMOUR

Give your washroom a little glitz and glamour with help from the most precious metal of them all: gold. Gold complements lighter, brighter colors best – particularly white – making it the perfect partner for an ivory bathroom. To make yours absolutely stunning, start by swapping out those stainless-steel fixtures with gilded ones. Then, complete the look with golden accents like trash bins, cabinetry hardware, towel rails, and even toilet handles.

Pro-Tip: For the perfect finishing touch, add a gilded frame to your glass shower door. It'll make every shower feel like a million bucks.

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The event will run Saturday, August 15 through Monday, September 7, 2020.

The 2020 Parade of Homes is set to be a special event, as we celebrate 75 years. Tour three of the most sought-after subdivisions in Southeast Wisconsin. Attendees will have an opportunity to tour new, never-been-seen homes from a collection of the area's top home builders. Prepare to be inspired by the latest trends in interior and exterior design, sustainable building techniques, energy efficiency, and cutting-edge in-home technology!

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