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Did you Know?

The leave colors red, yellow & brown are in the leaves all year long and only become exposed when the green chlorophyll disappears in the fall.

Fall Maintenance reminders:

- * Un-screw your outside hose and turn off the water supply to your spigots
- * Clean out your gutters before the cold weather sets in
- * Have your HVAC system serviced to ensure efficient operation

Don't forget to "like" Musser Home Builders on Facebook for company updates and project photos!



"I cannot endure to waste anything as precious as autumn sunshine by staying in the house. So I spend almost all the daylight hours in the open air."

~Nathaniel Hawthorne

EXTREME MAKEOVER

Musser Home Builders Edition

The Central PA episode finally aired on October 21st, 2011. If you missed it, you can view it for a period of time on ABC.com. Thank you again to all who participated or donated to the project.

We are continuing to fundraise for the Keefer family. Our exclusive build t-shirts (the back is shown below) are still for sale...they are \$20 each and as of this printing we have all sizes (adult S, M, L, XL, 2X). We also have hardhats from the build that have been autographed by each member of the Keefer family...they are \$10 each.

Please contact Melissa in our office at (717) 432-3496 for more information. Monetary donations made payable to "EMHE Build/Family Fund" can be mailed directly to our office address.



As of September 23, 2011, the annual rainfall for the Harrisburg area reached 59.90 inches which surpassed the previous record dating back to 1972. This caused a lot of headaches for families around the area. Here are some simple steps to help reduce the possibility of a wet basement:

- * Properly maintain all downspout drains (drain away from the foundation)
- * Check proper operation of sump pump if you have one
- * Make sure that the footer drain discharge lines are not blocked
- * Check/maintain the seals around any basement wall penetrations
- * Maintain all grades/swales to make sure that surface water flows away from the foundation
- * Make sure that any window wells have proper drainage



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From Jeff's Desk



Well...we survived the Extreme Makeover and life is slowly getting back to normal. We are still wrapping up our financial commitment to the Keefers. If you are interested, but have not had the opportunity to contribute, please check out our web site (www.musserbuilder.com) to see how you can still be an important part of this project. One thing that I was not expecting was the quantity of requests to speak at various community events. I do not consider myself to be a "public speaker", but I have really enjoyed sharing how this event has impacted so many people. It is clear that Central PA is full of generous people who are eager to give of their time, energy and resources to help a "neighbor" in need. Our community involvement was unprecedented. With this behind us...what's next? As for Beth and I - we are "knee deep" in plans for our daughter's Christmas season wedding. Two weeks later we will be ringing in 2012. Where does the time go????

- Jeff Musser

Information Spotlight: Whole House Generators

At the writing of this newsletter, we just experienced a major snow storm in the central Pennsylvania area. Many homes have been without power for several days and winter isn't even here yet! If you want to be prepared for those inevitable power outages you can purchase an emergency backup generator relatively inexpensively. An average home may use more than a hundred electrical appliances and devices to provide convenience, comfort and security. A residential generator has major advantages over a portable - automatic start, permanent fixture, more power, cleaner fuel (natural gas or propane), low running costs and all weather operation. Standby power systems start automatically with seconds after a home's electricity goes out and ensure a continuous electrical supply. For more information, please contact Mike Gaffney of Gaffney's Electrical Contractors at (717) 432-9473. They can answer your questions and help supply you with a complete emergency backup system.