



## Summer Newsletter

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### FEATURE PROJECT

#### Washington Street Master Bath Addition



This Luxurious Master Bath Addition completed early this year included a large steam shower enclosure with separate water closet, spacious master closet and lots of spa inspired details. The homeowners were looking to add on an exclusive master bath and closet with ample space & storage for two working professionals. [The Bain Ultra Naos](#) air jet tub is a modern twist on a classic claw foot and is remotely operational. The 18"x18" Honed travertine floor radiates heat from below to keep bare feet toasty warm and this in combination with radiant heat in the ceiling above provide overall heating for the room.

The Beautiful stained glass window pictured here was a reclaimed find that the customer wanted incorporated into the new space. The window dictated the design of the vaulted ceiling nook in which the tub sits. We were able to create a custom casing for this window to ensure it was appropriately weather proofed and had a more pronounced presence in the room. That combined with the floor to ceiling vanity with recessed lighting details, granite counter top and large clear glass steam shower enclosure give this room a sense of height and grandeur.

The large 6'x4' shower enclosure boasts 2 large shower heads, 1 handheld shower head, 1 overhead rain shower tile and full high powered instant steam unit. These features all combine to give the homeowner all of the amenities a spa would boast. Just beyond the vanity and corner seating area, a walk in closet with custom cabinetry in a "Chocolate Pear" Finish carries the luxury around the corner and affords the homeowner some much needed storage space. All of the details of this luxurious master bath were made to blend seamlessly into the home's 18th century architecture.

The Customer had this to say about their finished project:

*"Thorson Restoration was able to accomplish our ultimate goals of creating a space that seamlessly transitioned from the existing house. Their attention to detail and workmanship was outstanding in creating a space we will enjoy for years to come"*

- Jim & Kim

[...See more photos](#)

### SEASONAL TIPS

#### Prepare, Prevent, Preserve

In addition to the inevitable mowing, tree trimming, and other yard work, summer is also a great time to step up maintenance efforts around the home.

Despite the hassle and time scheduled repairs can take, quarterly home maintenance and preventative measures can keep all areas of the home in good condition for years to come.

- Wash the exterior of your house using ordinary garden hose pressure and a mild detergent. Pressure washers are not always the best idea—they are powerful enough to force water under the siding, where it can encourage mildew and rot. If power washing is truly in order, hire a professional.

- Clean and seal decks and concrete patios. Any exposed wood or porous concrete could leave room for rot and cracking.
- Have a certified chimney sweep inspect and clean chimneys. Taking care of this task in the summer—rather than in the peak autumn season—allows plenty of time for repairs before the next heating season.
- Call Thorson to fix any major problems you feel you can't address yourself.
- Sit back & relax with a [Basil Lemonade](#)!



### THINKING AHEAD

#### Projects to consider NOW—Kitchen Remodel

Before you know it, summer will be a fleeting memory and the Fall holiday seasons will be upon us. Why the depressing outlook you ask? Well if you are thinking of renovating or expanding your kitchen in time for the Holidays—now is the time to start planning—call for your estimate today!

*Here are some ideas to inspire you...*



[See more...](#)



### COMPANY NEWS

#### Employee Spotlight - Bob Morrissey



Bob Morrissey, one of our seasoned veterans, has had a long history working in the industry and has been an integral part of the crew here at Thorson for over six years.

Being the youngest of seven children Bob began his journey in the world of carpentry when his eldest brother prodded him to join him in the field. Little did Bob know then that following his sibling's suggestion would lead him to a long career in the construction industry. [Read more...](#)

#### Company Achievements

#### Thorson excels in Customer Service

We were recently awarded The National Association of the Remodeling Industry's (NARI) 2008 Customer Service Award for excellence in the following areas:

- Quality, Craftsmanship, timeliness, Professionalism, Communication Skills, Value for the money, and Managing of the Client's Budget.



#### 2010 Calendar Project

##### Calling All Satisfied Customers!

This is your chance to show off your finished project and get some great photos in the process. We are looking to create a custom calendar for next year with You as the main feature. We want to showcase past projects and the families who enjoy them. We will arrange for a full photo shoot of your finished project and the many ways you enjoy your new space. Although customer presence in the photos is completely optional, we think you'll agree that adding a face to a project brings new meaning to the outcome. Seeing how a family



uses it's newly renovated space and how it has changed their everyday life is a story that we would like to tell. If you are interested in having your home featured in our 2010 Calendar call or [email us](#) today!

#### Thorson & Staff Family Updates

##### Congratulations to Todd and Amy!

Our project manager Todd Donnelly and his wife Amy found out that they are expecting their second child. They currently have a 2 year old son Max and look forward to welcoming their new addition in February of next year.



##### Allin ties the knot

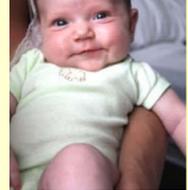
Congratulations to our Lead Carpenter Allin Frawley and his new wife Lorraine. They were married on June 6th at the Sacred heart Church in Middleboro followed by a beautiful reception. The happy couple then enjoyed a 2 week honeymoon in Iceland.



##### Jenn welcomes Senja Avery Kravitz

Our Office manager Jenn Kravitz has returned from maternity leave. She and her husband Matt welcomed their new baby girl Senja Avery Kravitz into the world on

May 11th 2009 born at 8 lbs. 6 oz. and 20 inches long.



Some of the Thorson Crew was able to attend a welcome BBQ that Matt & Jenn threw for Senja. On the right is Nathan Thorson Holding Senja when she's just about 1 month old.



She doing well and growing up fast! Here is a more recent photo of Senja at 2 months old.

### SAVE SOME GREEN

#### Did you know...

The government has programs for homeowners to aide in obtaining funding for various home improvement projects. Many homeowners are un aware of the new programs and how to find out if they are eligible...

To help inform our customers we have compiled a list of some of the programs you could be eligible for:

New FHA insured mortgage program, called the Streamline 203k — Limited Repair Program that permits homebuyers to finance up to an additional \$35,000 of repairs into their mortgage to purchase and improve or upgrade the home before move-in or to refinance an existing mortgage and add up to \$35,000 in repairs or improvements. With this new product, homebuyers can quickly and easily tap into cash to pay for property repairs or improvements, such as those identified by a home inspector or FHA appraiser.

The following repairs can be financed with this program:

- Repair/Replacement of roofs, gutters and downspouts
- Repair/Replacement/upgrade of existing HVAC systems
- Repair/Replacement of plumbing and electrical systems
- Repair/Replacement of existing flooring
- Minor remodeling, such as kitchens, which does not involve structural repairs
- Exterior and interior painting
- Weatherization including storm windows and doors, insulation, weather stripping, etc.
- Purchase and installation of appliances, including free-standing ranges, refrigerators, washers/dryers, dishwashers and microwaves.
- Improvements for accessibility for persons with disabilities.
- Repair, replacement or the addition of exterior decks, patios and porches.
- Basement remodeling
- Basement waterproofing.
- Window and door replacement and exterior siding replacement.

Find out more by visiting the following HUD website:  
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/203k/203kslrp.cfm>

#### State & local programs...

The FHA also provides money to state and local governments to use in programs of their choice. They even have specific programs in certain cities and towns. Click on the following link to see if your town has it's own programs or to learn more about some of Massachusetts' state programs.

[Find out more by clicking here.](#)

#### Federal Tax Credits

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 offers up to \$1,500 in product specific tax credits for improvements to your home's energy efficiency. Some of the products included in the tax credits are:

- Windows, Skylights & Doors
- Insulation
- Roofing
- HVAC
- Biomass Stoves
- Water Heaters
- Solar Power
- Solar Water Heaters
- Wind Energy Components
- Geothermal Heat Pumps
- Fuel Cells

[Click here for a more specific cost breakdown of each tax credit.](#)

Thorson Restoration & Construction works with [Andersen Windows](#), one of the industry's foremost suppliers of a wide array of windows and doors. Andersen boasts one of the industry's widest selection of windows & doors that are guaranteed to qualify for the tax credit.

Of course every taxpayer's situation is different, so speak with your tax preparer about claiming the credit and always inform your contractor that you are hoping to claim a tax credit for a particular project so he can ensure that the products you are selecting qualify and can provide you with the proper documentation.

[Click here for Basic steps to claim the tax credit](#)

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