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## Can You Believe Fall is Already Here?

You can feel it in the air - the cool nights and brisk days, the mums are blooming, and the holidays are right around the corner.

If you're like us, you are probably working on your 2010 business plan - and for us that includes partnering with people like you. Our business has grown over the last two decades primarily through professional affiliates and clients who value quality and inspire trust.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter which includes "5 Things To Do Now to Ready Your Home for Winter", our trip on the ZingTrain, information on the energy tax credits, and our Project Spotlight that was recently completed in the Quarton Lake community.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

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## Fall Check List: 5 Things To Do Now To Ready Your Home for Winter

We all have the best intentions when it comes to preparing our homes for the change in season. And often we rake the leaves and put away the planters, but forget that the house also needs attention to prepare for winter.



Dwain May, Production Manager at MainStreet Design Build, suggests these 5 tasks be done before the first snowfall to ensure a worry-free winter:

1. Ensure gutters and downspouts are free from debris throughout the Fall
2. Inspect flashing, roofing, vents and stacks for cracking or deterioration
3. Make sure all gutters are securely fastened and have a positive pitch for water to pass through downspouts

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4. Shut off exterior hose bibs from inside the house and back drain the valve to prevent freezing
5. Check for proper caulking around the window, doors and screens to prevent ice from forming and causing damage

Sound like a lot of work? It is.

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## National Remodelers Get on Board the ZingTrain



Steve with Ari Weinzweig, CEO and co-founder of Zingerman's

For the second time this year, design/build firms like MainStreet gathered in Michigan to learn about best-in-class practices.

Members of the Remodelers Advantage attended the ZingTrain Experience at Michigan's own Zingerman's in Ann Arbor. Zingerman's was identified as one of the best little companies in America based on their business processes and focus on superior quality and customer service.

Having our professional peers from around the country come to our own backyard for the second time the year was uplifting. Michigan companies have so much to offer in knowledge and expertise. It was great to once again see us as a destination state for learning, especially from a company like Zingerman's.

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And the 3-day session was so energizing and motivating! Zingerman's quality-driven values and customer-focused environment inspired us to find even more ways to provide the best service possible to our clients!

## What you Need to Know about Windows and the Energy Tax Credit



Tired of old drafty windows? Ready to save on your heating bills? Now may be the best time to replace your existing windows. The government is offering federal tax credits for windows, doors and skylights.

But what you may not know is which window is right for your home? Which brands and models qualify for the rebate? And most importantly, who is doing the installation on those windows?

Windows are a big investment and you want them installed right the first time. MainStreet Design Build has almost 20 years experience in our field. We understand the requirements to be eligible for the tax credits and will even help you with the paperwork. If you are considering new windows in your home, MainStreet Design Build offers you the quality and workmanship you've come to expect.

Interested in learning more? Feel free to contact our office at 248-644-6330 to discuss your window options and visit the website [Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency](#).

## Project Spotlight: Quarton Lake Home Now Offers Plenty of Room



This architectural gem was built merely 8 years ago. However, the original kitchen never met the homeowner's needs.

As a result they hired MainStreet to design and build a two story addition off of the rear of the home, gaining much needed space in the kitchen and master

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closet. The new custom kitchen features a copper and limestone hood, mocha glazed character cherry and hand painted cabinetry from Plato Woodwork, along with contrasting flamed granite countertops. The Brazilian walnut floor adds to the unique character of this lovely home.

For the exterior of the home, the highest level of craftsmanship was used to re-work the copper shingled roof and hand glazed true masonry stucco exterior. Finally a blue stone patio with a built-in custom fire pit is surrounded by a stone wall with a 2" thick flamed blue stone coping.

We truly enjoyed completing this masterpiece in the Quarton Lake community. The proud homeowners now have room to enjoy and entertain - both inside and out!



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