SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

REMODEL & ADDITION BARRINGTON HILLS, ILLINOIS

This home was originally a small one-story shingle-style design built in the 1930s. It had never been updated and was in poor condition. To lighten and create more interest, the exterior was changed to an Arts and Crafts Tudor-style design. Only the brick entry and chimney remained the same on the exterior.

A master suite, 2 second floor bedrooms, a second floor library, new kitchen with adjacent family room, a laundry room and a large dining room with butler pantry were added and the basement was finished.

The vaulted living room with exposed wood trusses and fireplace was the only room to remain in tact on the interior. Built-in bookcases and wood paneling were added. The second floor library overlooks the living room with a wood balustrade incorporated into the millwork (see two construction photos).





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NEW "GREEN" CONSTRUCTION BUCKTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

This contemporary, functional and energy efficient home has 3 large living areas and 5 bedrooms. Though contained within 3,800 square feet, it has the feel of a much larger home. It also fits nicely with the scale and setback of neighboring homes.

Environmentally friendly features include geothermal heating and cooling with energy recovery unit, heated floors, cool metal roof, agri-based spray-in-place foam insulation, fiber-cement siding, triple-glazed windows, task oriented energy saving lighting, tankless water heaters, low and zero VOC paints, window sun shading, ceiling fans, 3 direct vent gas fireplaces, Energy Star appliances, agri-fiber core doors, bamboo flooring and cabinets and millwork made from recycled material and bamboo. The landscaping consists of native plants that do not need watering. Also, construction techniques minimized material waste and metal and plastic waste was recycled.

The home's luxury features include a custom metal and wood staircase, built-in bookshelves and a wet bar. The spacious master bath has a body spa, digital shower system, overflow soaking tub, custom vanity lighting and a fireplace. The roof top deck has built-in planters.

Paul Christianson Architect designed and built the home completed in 2008.











NEW CONSTRUCTION CHATHAM NEIGHBORHOOD CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

This 4 bedroom Prairie-style home was designed for a developer who obtained the lot from the city.

It was the first new home built on the block in decades and a very positive addition to the area. The home has an open floor plan on the first floor with large living room and dining areas in the front with a large kitchen/great room at the back. All 4 bedrooms are on the second floor.





REMODEL & ADDITION BURNSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A full interior remodel with 2 story family room addition with large windows that take advantage of the view and natural light from the open side lot. The developer sold this home to someone who was driving by, stopped in to take a look and purchased it before it was even on the market.



REMODEL & ADDITION BEVERLY SHORES, INDIANA

A new kitchen-family room and deck was added to this small beach cottage. Floor to ceiling windows provide great views of the dunes landscape and make the interior space feel much larger than it is.



REMODEL & ADDITION CALUMET HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

This small English style home was completely remodeled. The interior of the project included a second floor and rear addition and the basement was finished, more than tripling the finished square footage while keeping in scale with neighboring homes.

