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## Did You Know?

The Mitchell team recently took a day off from our ongoing projects and took our tools and skills to the New Life Furniture Bank of MA! We spent the day painting and fixing furniture, organizing goods, and building some new structures for this incredible organization that works to make a difference in the lives of people who are transitioning out of homelessness. Check out page 3 for more about our day of service!

# GROUP CHAT

News, ideas, and information from Mitchell Construction Group.

## Preparing Your Home for Winter

We like to think that living in New England has a lot of perks. From our gorgeous summers by the beach to the breathtaking foliage in the fall, we certainly get our fill of the seasons!

Of course, that also means we get our fill of winter. Every year we see storms and blizzards, schools close for days, and trees fall under the heavy weight of snow. Knowing that all this is coming, now's the time to prepare—and protect—your home for the harsh months ahead.

One of the most important—but often overlooked—ways keep your home warm this winter is to make sure you get your fireplace and chimney inspected and cleaned before lighting that first fire of the season. This will prevent dangerous chimney fires, as well as preventing carbon monoxide from entering your home.

Another way to save yourself from a massive headache in the future is to take steps to prevent ice dams. Although we all love to look at how pretty the icicles are, we certainly don't want them destroying shingles, roofs, and ceilings. To prevent ice dams:

- Make sure your attic and roof stay cold, so they don't warm up during the day and melt the ice on your roof that would otherwise stay solid in freezing temperatures. Keeping your attic well insulated from the rest of your home can help with this, as well as save you money on your electricity bill.
- Remove snow from your roof after a storm.
- Install special ice dam prevention products, such as cabled heat mats under your shingles.
- Clean out your gutters before the snow comes, and divert your downspouts away from the foundation of your home, and away from your driveway! Cleaning out your gutters will allow melting snow to easily run off your roof, while diverting the running water away will keep it from seeping back into your home, or turning your driveway into an ice rink. Warm afternoons turn into frigid nights, and all those puddles you stepped through on your way in from work yesterday will make for a dangerous situation in the morning.





## PAMPERING GUESTS WITH A BEAUTIFUL NEW BATHROOM



A guest bathroom that had been neglected and outdated was brought back to life through a dramatic remodel. A large, double vanity was installed and stained a gorgeous dark blue, and a beautifully tiled glass shower stall and custom cabinetry complete the feeling of a spa-like retreat.

The homeowners were thrilled to be able to transform the space and give visitors their own private oasis. Of course, they may now have to get used to guests overstaying their welcome!

# M REFERRAL REWARDS PROGRAM

## EARN POINTS TOWARDS FREE DESIGN AND HANDYMAN SERVICES!

Did you know that Mitchell Construction Group has a program that lets you earn free handyman or design hours? That's right, worry about your leaky shower no longer by getting in on our Referral Rewards Program. It's a great way to get projects done around the house without lifting a finger or spending a dime!

Here's how it works: Every time you refer someone to us—and they tell us that you sent them—you will automatically receive one point. If the referral you sent us turns into a project, you can earn anywhere from 2 to 8 points depending on the size of the job. Your points accrue over time, never expire, and can be redeemed at any time. They can also be transferred to friends, family members, or anyone else you know who wants to get something done!

We've also started sending out Quarterly Statements that will let you know your accrued RRP Points Balance, and you will automatically be entered into our annual Grand Prize Giveaway every year in which you make a referral. (The winner is announced at our yearly Customer Appreciation Party.) Feel free to check out our website or call us for more information!

For more information or to check your current point balance, please call **508-359-7904** or stop in at **511 Main Street in Medfield**.

## Thanks For The Thanks!

Thank you to all of our amazing clients for your kind words, and for the trust you put in us to make your dreams come true!

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The team at Mitchell really listened to us and our needs and delivered on what we wanted. The fact that the company works as a team meant that we had a seamless vision and project plan.

– Amelia S.

We are really enjoying our “new” home. It is efficient, easy to take care of, and beautiful. Thanks!

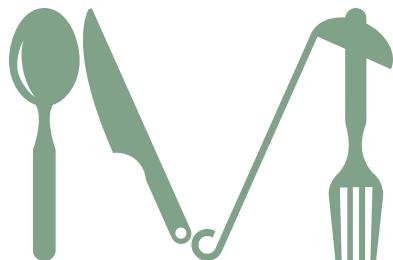
– Cynthia Z.

Communication was great. There was never a delay in the project or communication and our project finished ahead of time!

– Heidi R.

## A Day of Service

In October, we were lucky enough to get the opportunity to spend a day working with the lovely people over at New Life Furniture Bank of MA to fix and freshen up some used furniture, put together kitchen and bathroom packages, and build display structures for mattresses. New Life Furniture Bank of MA is a nonprofit organization that collects high-quality, gently used furniture and household essentials, and makes them available at no cost to people in need. Individuals and families who are transitioning from a homeless environment—including victims of fire, military veterans, and refugees—are welcome to take what they need from this Donation Center so they can begin their new lives in their new homes. If you are renovating your home, moving, or simply cleaning out your belongings, you can donate gently used furniture such as mattresses, bureaus, sofas, dining tables, and many other items! Please check out their website at [www.newlifefb.org](http://www.newlifefb.org) to learn more about what items they can accept, hours of operation and, most importantly, how you can help!



## THE MITCHELL KITCHEN

# Tortellini, Spinach & Basil Soup!

## Following A Project, Start To Finish

There's nothing more eye-catching than a completed renovation project. Months of hard work and design culminating in the perfect combination of sparkling countertops, stunning hardwood floors, and shiny new appliances. The end result is certainly enough to make you stop and stare. But have you ever thought about what the space looked like before, and how a project truly develops from start to finish?

To give you some insights, we've been following a few of our projects for a number of months. Every other week, we head out to our job sites and photograph what's been going on, posting the updates on our social media sites to show everyone how things are coming along! Although demolition pictures aren't quite as stunning as the final product, they let you see how a gutted room gets transformed through a process of layers like framing, rough plumbing, plaster, paint, tile, and décor.

Below are some photos of an on-going project in which we built a two-story addition off the back of a home and then completely gutted and remodeled the existing interior. You can see when we first started framing out the new addition, all the way to boarding it up, adding new windows and doors, and siding it to match the rest of the home.

If you want to see how great the completely remodeled interior looks, head over to our Facebook and Instagram pages for more photos of the entire home!



### ingredients

MAKES 8 1-CUP SERVINGS

- **1 tablespoon** olive oil
- **1 medium** onion, chopped
- **2 large** garlic cloves, minced
- **8-ounces** fresh mushrooms, cleaned and sliced
- **¼ teaspoon** - dried crushed red pepper
- **3 – 15-ounce** cans chicken broth
- **1 – 15-ounce** can stewed Italian-style tomatoes, undrained
- **1 – 9-ounce** package cheese tortellini (fresh or frozen)
- **1 to 2 cups** - thinly sliced fresh spinach leaves (not frozen)
- **2 – tablespoons** thinly sliced fresh basil
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- **Garnish:** Freshly shredded parmesan cheese

### instructions

- Heat oil in large heavy pan over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, and mushrooms. Sauté until vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes.
- Add crushed red pepper and sauté for a few seconds until fragrant .
- Add chicken broth and tomatoes and bring to a boil.
- Add tortellini; return to a low boil and cook 5 minutes or until ravioli is done.
- Add in spinach, and cook for 1 to 2 minutes. Then add fresh basil and simmer for another minute or two.
- Season soup to taste with salt and pepper. Ladle soup into bowls; garnish with freshly shredded parmesan cheese.
- **Enjoy!**

## Employee Update:

Back in the Spring, we introduced you all to Kevin, one of our Design Team members who was on his way to getting his Massachusetts Architecture License. The process of becoming a Registered Architect in the state is a long and difficult journey that involves a variety of lengthy tests over a span of many months or even years. We are very happy to announce that Kevin successfully passed all of his exams, and is now the newest Registered Architect in Massachusetts!

**Congratulations Kevin, we knew you could do it!**

## New Hires!

We're very excited to announce that our company has grown over the past few months, and we have brought on a lot of new talent, fresh faces, and even some old teammates. Recent additions at the office include Joe Cunningham, Jill Breed, Rick Lind, Stephen Gould, and Eric Zankowski.

Joe is our new Finance Manager who works directly with our Administration and Finance departments to keep everything at Mitchell well-oiled and running smoothly. With his many years in the financial business, he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the team.

We are also excited to welcome back Jill and Rick, two former Mitchell employees from years ago. Jill is our newest Designer and does a lot of work with our clients and design team to organize and order everything that keeps our projects running beautifully!

Rick re-joins us as our new Production Coordinator. He works with our guys in the field, as well as our in-house designers, to coordinate projects from start to finish and ensure that everything runs smoothly.

Out in the field, we have been lucky enough to add Stephen Gould and Eric Zankowski. Stephen is our newest Project Manager, helping to oversee our job sites and keep things running on time and on budget. Eric is our newest Lead Carpenter and will be working directly with our Project Managers to ensure every aspect of a job is executed to highest standards of quality and craftsmanship.

**Welcome aboard everyone—we are very excited to have you on the Mitchell Construction Team!**



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## LATEST AWARDS



### Sub Zero/Wolf Kitchen Design Contest

We received Clarke & Seven Tides first annual design award for the Best Sub-Zero, Wolf & Cove Project. We were awarded with the Best Use of Sub-Zero, Wolf and Cove Products in a residential setting.

