



Monthly Newsletter from your Friends at Team Engineering

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## Residential

### Remodeling Design Expertise

*By Brian Ki, EIT*



Being in the construction and real estate industry, we see many homeowners who wish to take on their own remodeling projects. The satisfaction of completing a project from start-to-finish and being able to look at it and say, “I did that,” is a tremendous accomplishment and gives great satisfaction. Let’s be honest, the countless hours of HGTV has also influenced us all and sometimes, even made projects seem much easier than originally anticipated.

When starting a new project, consulting a professional designer is always a great idea. The designer can anticipate all aspects of the project and wave any red flags that might not be seen by someone not as educated with the subject. For a simplified example, the typical DIYer may wish to remove a wall to create an open concept between their kitchen and living room. To the casual DIYer, it seems as simple as knocking out the drywall, a few wooden studs, and voilà.

What may be overlooked is the permitting process (what does the town require for a building permit), structural significance of the wall (is it load bearing), any electrical or plumbing that may be inside of it (how do you rework what was once there), signs of rot or deterioration (is there a problem elsewhere that is causing a problem in this area), and many more situations. Although you may be able to research these individual topics on Youtube or Google, it is much easier to have a well thought-out comprehensive plan that covers the realistic potential situations that may arise.

Essentially, this is the job of a professional designer and can save the homeowner the most money; whereas unplanned additional costs may not be as warranted. The work can still be performed by the DIYer, but you’ll have a set of plans, or detailed instructions (similar to IKEA) and it’ll be as simple as following the steps. Let us at Team Engineering help you with your next project and get you moving with a well

thought-out plan!

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## Client of the Month

### Saint Stanislaus Catholic Church, Nashua, NH

By John Turner



Over twenty years ago, we were asked to help Monsignor Quinn, Rev. Gorski and Paul Harrington visit the faithful of Berlin, NH. Our mission was to assist in the decision process of which facilities to maintain in a town with a quickly changing population. Closing Churches is not a great path to popularity, but it's an important job – one that demands both expertise and an impartial attitude. We have subsequently helped Church communities throughout the State with similar challenges.

One of the recent success stories in this sector are our friends at Saint Stanislaus Church in Nashua. They are working hard to bring this downtown Church back to life. We are grateful for the opportunity to help them with some important facility needs. And the next time you need some of that heavenly food, why don't you visit them! Details in the photo!



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## Charity of the Month



## Catholic Charities Rocks!

*By John Turner*

When I first heard the statistics years ago that Catholic Charities helps 10% of New Hampshire residents, I was dubious. Over the years, however, my family has directly benefitted, on many occasions, from the services of Catholic Charities. As a result, my passion for this charity has grown.

The story is remarkable. They serve the financially-needy elderly through their assisted living facilities. They serve the hungry through their incredible NH Food Bank operations. They help countless individuals with counseling services, immigration assistance, etc.

It's a story worth supporting and worth listening to. Please join us at their annual fundraiser event, **Mardis Gras Gala** on February 10, 2018 at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH.

Team Engineering has proudly donated \$150 this month to the **Catholic Charities**.

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What's happening with Turbo



## Enjoying the Cyclonic Bomb

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