

James Barton



—Design-Build Inc.—
Fine Home Remodeling

RENOVATIONS

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WINTER 2006

New Building

This spring, James Barton Design-Build will break ground on its new office building, which will be located on Johnny Cake Ridge Road, just a quarter of a mile north of County Road 42 in Apple Valley. "We are very excited about the new building. It will be convenient for our clients, and we will have more space for our continued growth and for office space for tenants," stated President James Madsen.

If you or anyone you know has a business and is looking for a great office, James Barton Design-Build is now looking for tenants. The building is in central Apple Valley and the offices are built to suit. Whether the space needed is small or large, please call James Madsen at 952-431-2640 for more information on the availability of space. *



Wishing Everyone Happy Holidays and a Great New Year from James Barton Design-Build



Pictured left to right: Josh Risberg-Fox, Chris Lange, Tamra Mueller, Anne Dahlen, Jason Larson, Craig Welch, James Madsen, Jackie Uecker, John Miller, Rick Byrne, Andy Haglof, Chris Page, Gerald Swanson

Now that the New Year has just begun, we hope you and your families had a great holiday season. Everyone from the James Barton Design-Build team would like to

thank you — our customers, subcontractors and vendors — for a great 2005. We look forward to working together with you in 2006. *

Referral Program

By now you should have received the referral program available to customers, subcontractors and vendors (if not, please see insert in this newsletter for detailed information). The on-going program is simple. For every referral that turns into a signed contract with a down payment, you will receive 1% of the signed contract amount. For example, if your referral results in a signed contract amount of \$378,000, you will receive \$3,780 in Promotional Dollars. All Promotional Dollars may be used toward a variety of

You refer. We Reward.



products, services or certificates. In addition, the person with the most Promotional Dollars by May 1, 2006, will receive a two-person Las Vegas vacation, including airfare and hotel. Thanks to all of you who have sent us referrals. You Refer. We Reward. *



**From the Desk of
James Madsen, President
James Barton Design-Build**

Looking Forward to a Great 2006

Just as quickly as 2005 passed us by, 2006 has arrived. Throughout the year, we will continue to be committed to our customers, subcontractors and vendors and to provide constant communication on “what’s new” with James Barton Design Build.

Materials Costs Up

Americans are still feeling the effect of the southern hurricanes from last year. There has been a rise in the cost of building materials such as cement, steel, lumber and raw building products, as well as other commodities such as petroleum used in the construction process. As always, any price increases during your remodeling project will be communicated with you before any work will be completed.

Industry Trends

Key residential design trends for 2006:

- **Accessibility:** 62% of homes are becoming more accessible, with features such as wider hallways, fewer steps and a single-floor design.
- **Informal space:** “Informal space” is increasing by 66%, along with a trend toward an open-space layout in the home.
- **Home layout:** Finished basements and attics are increasing in popularity, as 49% of homeowners of older homes are looking to increase their living space. ✱

New Recommendations for Fire Safety

We’re vigilant about snuffing candles, turning off the stove and not overloading electrical outlets. We put smoke detectors in hallways and have fire extinguishers in the kitchen, all in an effort to protect ourselves from fire. But when it comes to prevention and preparedness, unfortunately, it’s not enough. Here are some life-saving tips to help you prepare if your house would ever start on fire.

Six Ways to Keep Your Family Safe from Fire

1. Plan Your Escape Routes

Draw a diagram of your home and, with your family, plan two escape routes from each room. Conduct fire drills and let your kids practice crawling to an exit.

2. Understand and Use Fire-Safety Devices

From smoke alarms and automatic sprinklers to arc-fault interrupters that prevent electrical sparks, familiarize yourself with the

products available to you.

3. Use a home-inspection checklist

Go through your home with a floor-by-floor home-inspection checklist to assess potential problems — and fix them. You’ll find a helpful checklist at:

www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/html/portals/firesafety/checklist.html

4. Pick the Right Fire

Extinguisher

Fire extinguishers fight the three types of household fires, which are ordinary combustibles, flammable liquids and electrical; their main distinction is size. But is bigger always better?

5. Learn How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

It turns out they’re not as easy to operate as they seem — and most people find that out too late.

6. Review Your Fire Insurance: Are You Protected?

Avoid unpleasant policy surprises later by reviewing your coverage now. ✱



Stop By and Visit Us at Our Upcoming Home Shows

Burnsville Home Remodeling Fair

Saturday, February 4 • 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Northwest Athletic Club,
14600 Burnhaven Drive

Apple Valley Home & Garden Expo

Saturday, April 1 • 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Dakota County Western Service Center
14955 Galaxie Avenue (next to the library)

Minneapolis Home & Garden Show

Wednesday, March 1–Sunday, March 5
Wednesday 2pm to 10pm
Thursday 10am to 10pm
Friday 10am to 10pm
Saturday 10am to 10pm
Sunday 10am to 6pm
Minneapolis Convention Center
1301 Second Avenue South



Local Companies and Friends Give Apple Valley Chamber Offices a \$25,000 Renovation at No Cost

James Barton Design-Build, Inc., local remodeling / building companies, and friends, volunteered to put their talents of space transformation to use when they added a conference room and brochure storage area to the once very restricted office suites of the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce. James Barton Design Build (JBDB) — member of, and neighbor to, the Apple Valley Chamber — along with industry associates, offered up more than \$25,000 worth of products and services to get the job done. The JBDB team of 12 employees donated its architectural design skills to design a much-needed conference room and brochure storage area. The JBDB carpenters then followed through to create a spacious office setting that is more accessible to the community and more functional

for the Chamber staff.

To complete the renovation, James Barton Design-Build relied on its fine associates in the industry. Thousands of dollars worth of materials and services, including walls, framing, doors, paint and electrical work, were donated to this project from the following businesses:

- **Lampert Yards**, Apple Valley, which donated most of the building materials;
- **Kendrick Electric**, Apple Valley, which donated electrician's time and electrical materials;
- **Think Paint, LLC**, Lakeville, which donated painting labor and materials.

We extend a big "thanks" to everyone for his or her hard work and efforts on this project. ✨

Meet Jason Larson, Lead Carpenter

James Barton Design-Build is excited to announce this quarter's featured employee, Jason Larson.

Jason has worked for JBDB for a year and enjoys his diverse responsibilities that include ordering

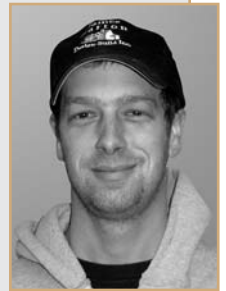
materials for a project, building the completed project and working with the customers to ensure their completed project exceeds their expectations.

"I always find each project rewarding, by taking a hands-on approach and seeing the progress of each phase of the project, from start to finish," stated Jason.

Jason has worked in the remodeling industry for seven years and has worked for other reputable Twin City remodelers as a laborer and carpenter. Most of Jason's varied experience comes from on-the-job training.

In his spare time for fun, Jason loves to watch sports and goes to car shows. He also owes a 1965 Ford Galaxie. Jason is engaged to Amanda and has two kids, Sara and Taylor, and two cats.

Thanks for all your hard work, Jason! ✨



Chamber Offices Ribbon Cutting Event; Pictured left to right: James Barton Design-Build, owner, James Madsen; President of the Chamber, Edward Kearney; Mayor, Mary Hamann-Roland; President of Lampert Yards, Bob Egan; Apple Valley Lampert Yard Manager, Dave Veit

Congratulations Apple Valley Business of the Year — Enjoy! Restaurant

And to the Following Nominees:

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Culver's Restaurant

James Barton Design-Build, Inc.

Apple Valley Redi-Mix

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FEATURED PROJECT

Magnificent Exterior Renovation

Gorgeous new cedar siding and a stone exterior created a breathtaking, elegant look for this 1993 home. Much of the beauty that comes from this exterior project is a result of the design and construction elements of combining stone, cedar, aluminum and deck trellis. The old stucco and brick were removed, and stylish new features were added that include:

- Custom wood garage doors
- Shingle pattern in gables for accent
- New aluminum rails and stone stair work at entry
- Two separate decks in back with trellis decking

Mark and Cindy, Burnsville

“Everyone at James Barton Design-Build is very professional and has a high standard of quality craftsmanship. If we had any questions during the project, they were very responsive and answered our questions on a timely manner.”

Please visit our website at www.jamesbartondesignbuild.com for colored photos of this featured project. ✨

