

GREATER DAYTON CONSTRUCTION GROUP

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Miami Township Holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Public Works Facility and Fire Station

After a year of meeting tight deadlines and countless hours dedicated by the project team, Oberer Thompson Company is proud to help unveil Miami Township's new fire station and public works facility. The Township held a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on Tuesday October 16, 2012 to celebrate the project's completion.



Participants in the project's ribbon cutting ceremony include: (from left to right) Bill Hibner, OTC Director of Construction Services; George Oberer, President of Oberer Companies; Gene Tartell, OTC VP of Commercial Operations; Jeff Kaltenstein, OTC Project Manager; Zachary Zettler, CR Architecture; Mark Shoemaker, CR Architecture; David Scott Ross, CR Architecture; Chris Godfrey, OTC Assistant Project Manager and Mel Knight, Miami Township Public Works Department

Photo Courtesy of Miami Township

The project's scope included the build-out of a new fire station and public works facility, totaling approximately 69,000 sqft. The new public works facility will provide administrative offices (6,000 sqft.), condi-

tioned vehicle storage (33,000 sqft.) and a full-service maintenance facility and wash bay (12,000 sqft).

The new fire station will include an apparatus bay that houses a four-story training tower, confined space training and a three-bay vehicle storage facility. Additional living area for the fire station includes: 10 dormitories, a dayroom, fitness center, training room, offices and a kitchen (6,800 sqft).

In addition to the new interior features, a salt storage facility and fueling station (diesel and regular fuel) were included in the project's build out.



Community Members Tour the New Facilities After the Ribbon Cutting. (Pictured Above, The New Conditioned Vehicle Storage Space).

Photo Courtesy of Miami Township

The project began in May of 2011 and was completed on July 13, 2012.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE:

Name: Miami Township Fire Station Public Works Facility

Location: 10899 Wood Road in Miamisburg, OH.

Completion Date: July 13th, 2012

Project Manager(s): Gene Tartell, Jeff Kaltenstein, & Chris Godfrey

Superintendent: James Skipper

GDCG HR October Update

Group Healthcare update:

We are currently submitting our healthcare Form Fire applications. This is the process we go under each year so that we can shop our coverage with various companies at one time. Thank you for completing your application

Open enrollment for our Company Group Healthcare will commence in December. This is your opportunity to evaluate healthcare options for 2013, or if not currently enrolled, this is the time you may choose to do so. Notice will be provided to all employees explaining coverage and rates.

Group Allstate Accident Insurance Update:

A reminder for employees enrolled in the Allstate Accident Insurance; plan to submit your Doctor/Dentist visits and or accident bills to Allstate. Submit your paperwork for any eligible bills that have occurred during 2012. The process is very simple. Submit to the Allstate Hartville Ohio office; online if possible so they can send you updates on the status of your claim. Steve Maloy can help you with the submittal process if you need assistance.

Also, open enrollment for the Allstate accident coverage is in December, notice will be distributed. This has really been a fantastic policy; the trick is to make sure you submit those claims!

Dental Open Enrollment

Our current Dental coverage is with Superior. We have not heard of any changes so far. Open enrollment for our Group Dental coverage will commence in January. If you are not currently enrolled, this is the time you may choose to do so.

Address, Name and Family Changes

If you have changed your address or family status please get with HR to complete a new Employee Information Form. This is important for payroll and our benefit providers.

Thanksgiving

Greater Dayton Construction will be closed Thursday, November 22nd for Thanksgiving. We will reopen and commence normal hours on Friday, November 23rd.

If you have any questions about Healthcare / Dental enrollment, please see Steve Maloy.

GDCG Attends Contractor Connection Top Performer Symposium in Orlando, FL

Greater Dayton Construction Group recently accepted an invite to the Crawford Contractor Connection's annual Top Performers Symposium in Orlando, Fl. Representing GDCG at the symposium were Insurance Division manager, Brian Lambert, and estimator, David Wilson.



GDCG Insurance Division Members Brian Lambert and David Wilson Network with Other Contractors at "Top Performers" Symposium

Photo Courtesy of Contractor Connection

Only 200 of more than 4,000 contractors in the United States were invited to attend the exclusive symposium.

The contractor selection process for the invitation to the Top Performers Symposium is based on high in the Performance Objective Monitoring System (POMS) evaluation, which monitors service quality and customer satisfaction. Contractors must maintain specific scores to remain in the Crawford network. Reaching the top performer status is a significant achievement.

For 2010, GDCG had an average POMS score of 4.46 and in 2011 an average score of 3.72. Contractor Connection sited overall POMS scores being lower than usual during 2011 due in part to the extreme weather and high assessment volume.

POMS scores are given each month and then averaged at the end of the year. As of September 2012, GDCG has held a POMS score average of 4.63, earning 5 out of 5 in the months of February and April.

Ohio Residential Code Revisions

On May 28, 2012, the Ohio Board of Building Standards (BBS) updated the Residential Code of Ohio (RCO) to reference the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) with two state-developed alternative compliance paths.

The new code will be effective for new and renovated homes in January 2013. Ohio has not updated its residential building energy code since 2009, and the previous code was based on the 2006 IECC with substantially weaker alternative compliance paths.

Among the changes, the new code will:

1. Raise the minimum insulation for exterior walls from R-13 to R-20, or R-13 plus a layer of insulating sheathing
2. Raise the minimum R-value of basement walls from R-5 to R-10
3. Require that carbon-monoxide detectors be installed outside each bedroom in a home that uses gas or propane or includes an attached garage
4. Require that at least 75 percent of light bulbs in new homes be high-efficiency, such as compact fluorescent bulbs
5. Mandate that homes meet an air-tightness standard, which can be shown using a blower-door test, as required by one of the three compliance paths (not effective until January 2014)
6. Require that floor joists between the basement and first floor that are less than 10 inches deep include a gypsum or wood layer underneath for additional fire protection
7. Increase the efficiency of windows by reducing the maximum U-value from .40 to .35
8. Remove the requirement that sump pumps and garage door openers be plugged into GFCI outlets after homeowners complained that sump pumps and garage openers were kicking off

Energy savings are expected to be approx. \$230 a year for a two-story home. For more information on the revisions to the Ohio Residential Code and the potential homeowner savings, visit : <http://energycodesocean.org/code-information/2013-residential-code-ohio-rco>

Waynesville Outdoor Living Space

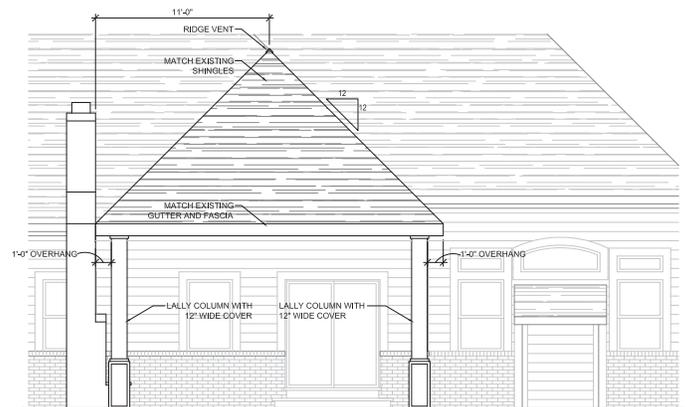
Deborah and Robert Kalp of Waynesville came to Greater Dayton Building & Remodeling after seeing one of our ads in a recent Housetrends Magazine. With hopes of adding on to their existing deck area, the couple quickly decided to move forward with their outdoor living space project.



Existing Patio Space at Kalp Residence

Photo Courtesy of Victor Rooney

The project's scope will include a covered patio area with columns (approximately 370 sqft), a stone fireplace and additional seating area.



Proposed Rear Elevation of Kalp Residence

Plan Courtesy of Edge and Tinney Architects

PROJECT AT A GLANCE:

Homeowners: Rob and Deborah Kalp

Location: Waynesville, OH

Superintendent: Matt Jones

Sales Representative: Victor Rooney

Projected Completion: January 2013

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GDCG is Welcomes New Hire Jimmy Berry!

GDCG is happy to welcome new hire, Jimmy Berry, to it's Insurance Division / production team.

Jimmy comes to Greater Dayton Construction Group as a 2004 graduate of Kettering Fairmont High School.

He currently lives in Dayton, OH and has recently celebrated the arrival of a newborn, baby girl. In his free time he enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time outdoors.

Jimmy's past work experience includes production and service support for SIMCO Refrigeration Inc.

While Jimmy will be working across all team divisions, he will primarily serve the Insurance Division as a member of their production staff.

Greater Dayton Construction Group is happy to welcome Jimmy to the GDCG / OTC team!

Birthdays & Milestones

October Birthdays

Gene Tartell 10/02
Shauna Conley 10/11
Shane Moore 10/24
Rick Reed 10/31

November Birthdays

Bill Hibner 11/18
John Popelar 11/19
Greg Thompson 11/21
Dave Hinchee 11/24
Brad Blacker 11/25
James Skipper 11/29

October Milestones

Greg Thompson - 25 years
Robin Collier - 25 years
Laura Moore - 17 years
Matt Jones - 5 years
Jerry Woodruff - 3 years
Caroline Morgan - 2 years
Cody Winning - 1 year

Winter Safety Precautions for Your Home

With harsh winter weather rapidly approaching, GDCG seeks to provide informative literature on how to better prepare your home for the changing seasons. Keep this information in mind as it is important when talking to insurance agents, adjusters and homeowners.

Gutters: Clean gutters and downspouts are essential during the winter months. Taking the time to remove leaves and twigs during your fall clean-up will reduce the possibility of ice and snow damage.

Ice damming: The build up of ice and snow on your roof and along the gutter line can cause significant water damage to the structure and interior of your home. The two major reasons ice damming occurs is a lack of proper attic ventilation and insulation. Hot air from within your home will rise up and into the attic if your insulation is less than R30. If the snow on your roof melts before your neighbors', you need additional insulation. Remember, it is never a good idea to get on a snow covered roof. Call a professional for advice and assistance.

Furnace filters: A regular furnace filter works overtime during the winter and should be changed or cleaned regularly. A free flow of air through a clean filter will allow your furnace to run more efficiently.

Dryer vents: As the snow piles up, be sure to check the exterior dryer vent. Keep the area around the vent clear to allow for proper exhaust. It is also very important to clean out the lint from the dryer hose bi-weekly, and the lint filter on the dryer with every load.

Smoke detectors: The average life span of a hard-wired smoke detector is 10 years. Replace old smoke heads with battery backup units and don't forget to replace the batteries twice a year.

Fireplaces & chimneys: Having your chimney and fireplace inspected before the winter season should be item number one on your "to-do" list. Cracked flue tile, firebrick and mortar joints can cause a hidden fire within the wall framing. The build up of creosote is the main cause of chimney fires and can be removed by a certified chimney sweep. Wildlife can also affect a chimney's air flow and draw. Have a licensed exterminator inspect your chimney for unwanted guests.

Additional information on how to protect you home can be found at: www.gdcg.com/resources-links