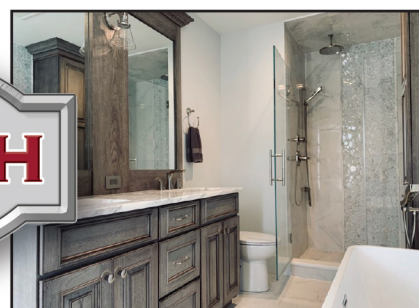




WORLD CLASS KITCHEN & BATH DESIGN CENTER



A VERY COVID RENO

By Donna Vitale, Owner World Class Kitchens

It was March 16 and I tuned in to one of many briefings that were going to be given by Governor Phil Murphy over the next few months. Given the increase of 80 new cases in New Jersey over the weekend, effective immediately, all non-essential travel in NJ is discouraged, only essential businesses would be allowed open past 8 pm, all bars, restaurants allowed open for takeout only, all large gatherings canceled, and all other non-essential businesses allowed open with very strict guidelines. Soon to be closed completely. All I could think of was that we just demolished the first floor of the home that belongs to our customers Carol Ann and Rob Lalor.

Upon hearing the news, I immediately called Aberdeen Township Building Department and my biggest concern was confirmed. Even though this project fell into the category of "essential" they were no longer going to be performing in-home inspections on occupied residences. This was effective today and would remain in effect until further notice. (As of the day this is written in early June this still remains in effect).

Now what? Well...this is construction and being the owners of World Class Kitchen and Bath Design Center, thinking outside of the box to get the job done is nothing new to my husband and I as we personally manage every single step of a project installation. We promised this full renovation would be complete in 7 weeks and "until further notice" did not seem promising, nor was it acceptable



Carol Ann and Rob Lalor

"We were very impressed with the communication from Joe and Donna as well as the dedication and caution provided by the crew during this uncertain time of crisis"

to have our customers live without a kitchen or first floor for 3-4 months. It was time to make things happen.

When all of the rough electric plumbing and frame work was complete, and with our persuasion, the township would allow the inspections if the Lalors left their dwelling for the duration of the inspection and opened all windows and doors so inspectors were safe entering the home to inspect. Building, Plumbing and Electric Inspectors all came and left together and we were given the green light to move forward.

The Lalors kept their home ventilated and remained far away from crew (most time on the second floor). Crew was diligent in wearing masks and working long days to get this project complete. By the end of week 7 this project that included a wall down for an open concept, a half wall built, new kitchen cabinets, countertops and backsplash renovated, a fireplace remodeled and 800 sq. feet of flooring was installed. We promised the job would be complete in 7 weeks and the job was complete and

even painted by the end of week 7... all with limited crew and extenuating circumstances.

During the project, I joked with Carol Ann that she would always be one of the customers I would never forget. The same as the customers we demoed the day of Hurricane Sandy. There is never a dull moment in construction. But we are tough, rise to the occasion and live up to our motto: *We'll get it done; like us there are none.*

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