

# MainStreet Times

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## Happy Holidays and New Year!

It's hard to believe that another holiday season and New Year is upon us. We've had a busy year and are looking forward to helping many others create their [dream homes](#) in 2011. We'll also be celebrating our 20th year in business - thank you to all who have made our dreams come true.

This newsletter highlights a few exciting events one of which has been challenging due to the recent bad weather. Our office is currently a [Toys for Tots](#) collection site, and we could use your help to fill the box with unwrapped toys for those less fortunate in our community.

We also have news on how we plan to celebrate our 20th anniversary with you, a Spotlight Project in progress, a great gift idea with our [MainStreet Design Build handyman gift certificates](#), and our recent [Golden Hammer Award](#).

As always, we appreciate your business and would like you to connect with us on Linked In and "Like" us on [Facebook](#). We welcome the opportunity to help you and your friends create a beautiful and functional home, right in our own community.

Have a joyous season with your family, friends and loved ones,

Christine and Steven Ramaekers  
248-644-6330

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## Bring your Unwrapped New Toys to MainStreet Design Build



MainStreet Design Build is proud to once again be a collection site for Toys for Tots. Managed by the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve, the Toys for Tots program welcomes new, unwrapped toys in November and December each year, and distributes those toys and Christmas gifts to needy children in the community where the campaign is conducted.

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## Is your home ready for winter?

Get the little (or not so little things)  
done with our Handyman  
Division

MainStreet Handyman Division



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"We are so appreciative of the help we are receiving from MainStreet Design Build. We are in desperate need of toys. Toys for Tots could not function without businesses like theirs - we are so grateful and truly appreciate their willingness to help our local children have a Merry Christmas," said Debra Walls, Local Area Coordinator for the Southeast Michigan Toys for Tots Program.

**Please help by bringing new unwrapped toys (or a financial donation) to the MainStreet Design Build showroom:**

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Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Through Monday December 20<sup>th</sup>

Too busy to shop? You can also donate funds by dropping off or mailing us a check to: Marine Toys for Toys Foundation. Remember your donations stay local. Thank you for your support.

For more information about Toys for Tots please visit  
[www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

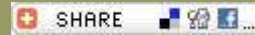


## MainStreet Design Build 20th Anniversary Benefit for



With 2011 being the year of our 20th anniversary, we've talked about a variety of events and activities to help us celebrate this milestone. In the end, we kept coming back to how fortunate we are to be able to do what we love for those 20 years - providing clients with a home they love. So in that spirit, we are planning to help those less fortunate realize the same dream by hosting a spectacular benefit for Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. The event will include drinks, appetizers and a culinary experience with a professional chef creating a wonderful meal right before our eyes. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months!

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favorite MainStreet  
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## Spotlight Project in Progress: Poppleton Park Expansion



Before: Exterior Side View of the Home

The homeowners of this charming 1928 English influenced Shaker style home in Poppleton Park, Birmingham had been thinking about a renovation since their purchase years earlier. The existing home only had a one car garage and inadequate kitchen, along with a very small master bath upstairs. With two sons growing into their teen years, it was time to add some serious living space.

The list of needs was quite long and included a new larger, custom kitchen with a nook, first floor office, mud and powder room leading to a 3 car attached garage with storage space. On the second floor, most of the addition will consist of a master suite with a luxurious bathroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor laundry and bonus room. Upon completion of this project, we will have almost doubled the size of the home, but the intent is to keep the original architectural integrity intact. By incorporating copper accents, detailed exterior moldings and carriage style garage doors, the new will blend perfectly with the old.

Stay tuned for our spring 2011 issue of the finished photos!



## Give the Gift of Quality Workmanship This Year!



Present your friends, family and associates with a truly useful gift this year! Our handyman gift certificates are available in any hourly denomination and are printed on beautiful card stock with a lovely envelope.

### Great Ideas for MainStreet Handyman Gift Certificates:

- **Parents and Grandparents:** who can't get to all the little things as easily as they used to.
- **Children:** as new homeowners they have a lot to accomplish.
- **Employees:** for a job well done this year.
- **Bosses:** for a busy and valued leader.
- **Neighbors:** for watching your home while you were on vacation.
- **Clients and Customers** - for choosing *your* business.
- **Teachers** - A great gift from the entire classroom.
- **Religious & Volunteer Leaders-** Helping those that give to all of us.

Let us make you memorable for a truly special gift. Just call us at 248-644-6330 and we can send the gift certificate right to you or your recipient. MainStreet Design Build Handyman Gift Certificates - easy, thoughtful and appreciated.

## Ramaekers Family Receives Golden Hammer Award

As many of you already know, we are passionately involved with Habitat for Humanity both from a company and a personal perspective. Our philosophy has always been to find a way to give our time and talents back to the community. Yet, on December 6, 2010 we were surprised and humbled to see that our parish, First United Methodist Church, honored us with their Golden Hammer Award. The Golden Hammer is awarded to one who exemplifies the spirit and philosophy of Habitat for Humanity and Christ's call to action. This person dedicates hours of service to help build affordable, decent housing for those in need. This

individual shows the light of Christ through their actions and words of encouragement, and expresses a contagious spirit that leads others to join the Habitat for Humanity team. He/she truly epitomizes our mission statement to change the world one family at a time. We were extremely touched and honored and look forward to giving back and being a part of Habitat for Humanity for years to come!



Receiving the Golden Hammer Award  
Christine, Ryan, Ethan and Steven Ramaekers

## **Referrals: An Important Part of Good Business**

Over the last 20 years, our business has grown primarily through referrals from clients and valued partners. We consider referrals to MainStreet Design Build the highest compliment of your trust and satisfaction with our work together. We also have a great referral reward for you when your referral becomes a client!

We continue to appreciate your support in spreading the word about the quality services we provide. With the Internet and social media, it's easier than ever to spread the word. We welcome you to connect with us and share your story!



Connect with Steve Ramaekers  
**Linked in**

Connect with Christine Ramaekers  
**Linked in**

Connect with Brian Schulz  
**Linked in**

## One Team, One Goal A Home You Will Love

Perhaps you have seen our advertisements in the Birmingham Eagle. Our new tag line really says it all with "One Team, One Goal A Home you will Love". We feel this reflects our unique blend of architectural firm and building company all under one roof, truly sets us apart from other companies.

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At MainStreet Design Build, creating the perfect living space isn't just an idea, it's our mission. We are a licensed architectural firm and building company under one roof. This blend of artistry and craftsmanship enable us to work with you to customize a design plan specifically tailored to fit your personal, functional and budget needs. Together, we efficiently guide you through the building process from beginning to end, communicating with and involving you each step of the way. We take complete responsibility for every detail, saving you time, money and stress!

If you are planning a renovation project, we would love to discuss how our unique approach to quality construction and superior design sets us apart from other companies. Call us today or visit our website at [www.mainstreetdesignbuild.com](http://www.mainstreetdesignbuild.com).

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