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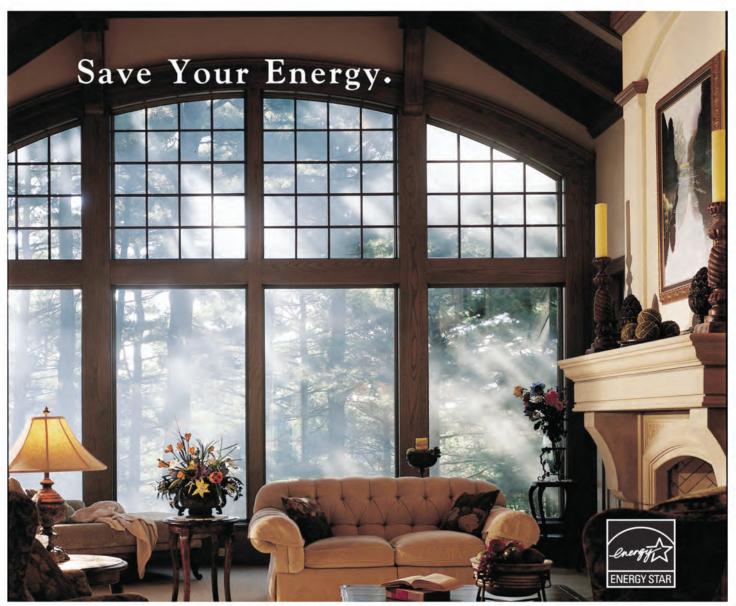
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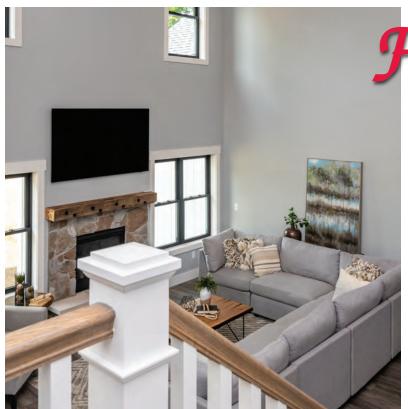
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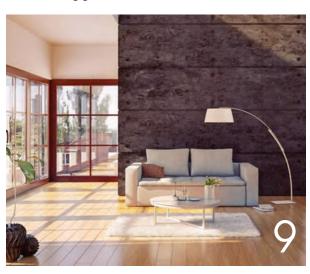


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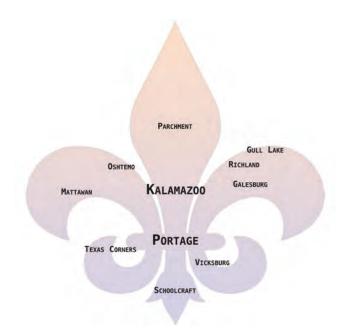
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Over twenty years ago, when looking for something a little different for a party featuring finger foods, I ran across this recipe, and oh my gosh, is it good! Normally when you think of egg salad, you think about its rich, creamy texture and simple flavor. But this recipe is fresher and more complex. Different from your typical egg salad, this one gets its bright flavor from the cilantro and parsley, its sweetness from the mango chutney and it's crunch from peanuts and water chestnuts. The little bit more work is totally worth it. Try it as a sandwich, a wrap or on a plate of greens.

Ingredients:

8 hard-boiled eggs

3 pears, cored and chopped

1/3 cup cilantro, minced

1/3 cup fresh parsley leaves, minced

1 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup sour cream

2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard

3 tablespoons mango chutney

6 green onions, minced

18 oz. can of water chestnuts, chopped

1/2 cup peanuts, chopped

1 1/2 teaspoons curry powder salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions:

Combine all ingredients, except the peanuts and water chestnuts in a food processor fitted with the metal blade. Add the remaining ingredients to the food processor and give it a couple whirls to lightly blend, taking care not to destroy the texture.

Adjust the seasonings and enjoy!

\*A tip on easily removing the egg shells: after boiling the eggs, let them sit for five minutes in a bowl of ice water.





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## Flooring Trends for 2022

By Zinta Aistars

Better looking, less upkeep—who wouldn't like to have that beneath your feet?

In 2022, you can have it. The flooring trends of the year have given rise to the ever more popular luxury vinyl plank.

"Luxury vinyl plank visuals continue to evolve and improve with high-definition design of wood grains and patterns that replicate real wood," says Lori Ruimveld, owner of Migala Carpet One Floor & Home in Kalamazoo. "We also see more design options for luxury vinyl tile patterns which provide a nice look for bathroom floors, porches, foyers and kitchens."

Because of its durability, good looks, warmth, and resilience, luxury vinyl flooring is a trend that has been steadily growing more popular with each advance in quality—and it's a trend expected to continue for many years to come.

"Since we experience many cloudy days in our areas, we tend to want products that feel and look warm and natural," Ruimveld says. "The wood looks in laminate, luxury vinyl or hardwood bring that feel and look into our homes."

#### CARPETING, HOWEVER, STILL HAS ITS PLACE.

"Hard surface floors are nice in the high traffic areas and in the main living areas, but if you want the room to be quieter and cozier, wall-to-wall carpeting is always a nice option," Ruimveld says. "Carpeting continues to give up market share to luxury vinyl, but we still see carpeting installed in bedrooms and basements to bring warmth and comfort to those rooms."

New trends can also mean new color palettes. Ruimveld suggests taking a look at your rooms during different times of the day and evening, as light changes, before choosing colors.

"White is the predominant palette for walls for the trending minimalist and monochromatic interiors today," she says. "A white palette can make a space feel bigger, brighter and cleaner. Your wall color will have a warmer or cooler tone. Try to select your floor to lean toward that spectrum so they will coordinate well."

Ruimveld says Migala Carpet One, which has been in business for 63 years, will come to your home to help with choices and measurements. They will also guide you through questions you may want to keep in mind before making decisions about flooring.

Ask yourself, Ruimveld says: "What are the overall design goals for our home and how that will tie in with our future remodeling projects? If I decide to replace my kitchen flooring, do I want the same flooring to flow throughout? If I postpone the flooring for the other areas of my home, will my flooring still be available? Once the overall goals are discussed, we want to make sure we are selecting the right product for the home. If you decide on a hard-surface flooring, the next questions are also important. Is my substrate built to support my flooring selection? What type of subfloor and preparation will need to occur prior to the flooring installation? What about the flooring thickness? Will I need new baseboards and moldings? What about my door clearances and door frames? Once we visit your home, we can guide you through the process."

Jennifer Baker, vice president of operations at Wenke Flooring & Design, with showrooms in Kalamazoo and Schoolcraft, is in agreement about the luxury vinyl plans being the top trend of the coming year.

"Luxury vinyl plank is the most popular choice for homes today," Baker says. "We are no longer seeing the combos of before, or at least the main level of a home will be done in vinyl plank but bedrooms, if they are separate or on a different level, will be carpeted."

Today's luxury vinyl has come a long way in quality, Baker says.



Courtesy of Migala Carpet One Floor & Home

"The technology has really advanced. Better visuals, better textures. The old stuff bubbled up at the seams and the planks were shorter. Now we have long, wide planks available that lock, so there's no bubbling. They are durable with the look of real wood and easy to care for—there are great products on the market for that, just spray and wipe."

Carpeting, too, Baker says, has made great advances over the years, with fibers that resist wear and staining.

"We offer carpeting by SmartStrand," Baker says. "It's a Mohawk brand. SmartStrand has exceptional durability while still being soft. It has permanent soil resistance that won't wear or wash off with time. Most stains clean up with just water.

Courtesy of Wenke Flooring & Design and SolidTech

And it's eco-friendly. The fibers are made from renewable, plant-based ingredients."

Baker says it is the design expertise family-owned Wenke Flooring & Design offers that has set the business apart for 40 years.

"We take pride in our craft and service," she says. "We can give design advice along with information about our products for full service."

Ryan Boender, owner of Sackett's Flooring Solutions, with locations in Kalamazoo and Gobles, has been hanging out at the family store since he was a kid.

"I'm third-generation here," he says. "My grandfather bought the business from Howard Sackett in Gobles in 1956, then my father took it over, then I started working here since I was in middle school—even though my educational background is actually in IT—information technology."

Bringing long-term expertise to the business, Boender walks his customers through options that include carpet, tile, hardwood, laminate, and yes, luxury vinyl. They also sell area rugs.

"Hard-surface products are what people are putting in," Boender says. "Carpet, though, can be soft and warm. Customers still going for carpet are going for the 'feel good' carpet that is thick and plush. Plush can show more footprints, but our top-selling nylon is the most resilient yarn. The recycled yarns have added perks of being stain-resistant for kids and pets. And carpeting can also make a room quieter."

Eco-friendly nylon carpeting, Boender says, is made from recycled plastic pop bottles, along with other materials, ground into a fine powder, then reconstructed into carpeting that gives customers that plush feeling they seek.

"Another popular option is vinyl tile, which is replacing the more expensive porcelain and ceramic tiles," Boender says. "In Michigan, tile can feel cold in winter, whereas vinyl has a warmer feel."

Other flooring trends designers are talking about are vinyl planks that look like barnwood, smoky or bleached colors, or textured tiles with strong patterns—graphic designs, vintage black and white, or with hexagon shapes. Concrete tiles are also appearing in showrooms.

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#### What to Expect When Working with an Interior Designer

By Zinta Aistars

You know your favorite colors. You love that painting you picked up at an art gallery on your last vacation, but you're not sure where to hang it. And that heirloom chair—every time you sit in it, you bask in memories of your grandmother, who left it to you.

How to incorporate all these favorites into your home? How to pull it all together?

It's a good time to seek the services of a professional interior designer.

#### START SMALL WITH A BIG FINISH

"First, give us a call," says Dian Latora, owner and president of Cork Lane Decorating Center in Kalamazoo. "Ask us questions. Pick our brains. We will go to your home and take a look—we will make a plan for your entire main floor, even if you want to do just one room at a time and work in stages. That way you will maintain a flow throughout your home."

Redecorating one room without considering the flow from one room to the next, Latora says, can lead to jarring mistakes. Even if your budget allows you to redesign only one area, with an overall plan in place, colors, finishes, style should be seamless throughout the home.

"You may not need a total transformation," says Latora. "Sometimes, a designer can simply rearrange a room or change a few colors to make a space work. That's what Cork Lane

offers—no pressure. We will listen to you and make the process fun. Whatever your budget, whatever your style, we can work with that."

Cork Lane Decorating Center has been in business for more than four decades, Latora says, but has recently sold their building and gone entirely to an online service.

"It's how business is going these days," she says. "People are shopping from home, working from home. Cork Lane is part of a buying group, so we can do it all, from floor to ceiling—walls, floors, windows, we do it all. Clients can come into our office by appointment, look at fabric books and flooring samples, but we can bring it all to your own home and see how it all fits."

#### WORKING WITH THE TIMES, PROVIDING OPTIONS

Jessica McGuire, an interior designer at Flair Interiors, agrees that working in stages is a good idea for consistent style throughout the home. She is one of four designers at the showroom on West Cork Street.

"Bring us your ideas, photos you've gathered, but if you want us to work from a blank slate, that's fine, too," McGuire says. "We'll come out to your home to do the measuring, get a sense of your style, see what obstacles we might have to work around. Then we will create several layouts for you to choose from."

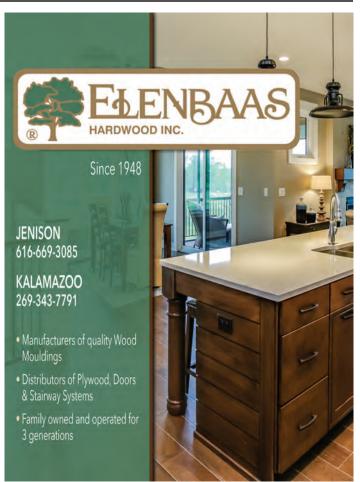


If a customer wishes to work on their own from a layout or hire the designer to do the work, either option is open.

Originally founded in 1985 as Draperies on Wheels, Flair Interiors has expanded to offer designing services, window treatments, and furnishings. From design ideas to delivery to installation, Flair Interiors prides itself on providing the whole experience.

"We're in a time that we have to ask our customers to have realistic expectations," McGuire says. Due to supply chain issues, "what used to take four to six weeks to order in window blinds can take three times as long, as much as six months for furniture unless we have it in stock. It can be a challenge, but customers are now choosing to do all of their decorating at once rather than stretching it out to avoid the long wait."





#### START WITH WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE

Jan Guigue, owner and decorator at Expressions by Jan, also works out of a vehicle.

"I come to you," Guigue says. "I want to see how you live—the lifestyle, the lighting. I look for fingerprints on the walls and nose prints on the windows. That tells me about your children and pets, so I know how you live."

Guigue advises her customers to first identify what they don't like rather than focus on what they do like.

"Have an open mind when you are going into a designing experience," she says. "But it's easier to say what you don't like than to deal with the pressure of committing to something you do like. We work through a process of elimination. Decorating should be fun—doing it this way is more relaxing."

Expressions by Jan deals with window treatments only.

"Custom draperies and window treatments are a great way to give any room in your home a fresh and special look," Guigue says.

Styles such as sheers, valances, box pleat valances, cornices, flat or hobbled roman shades in various materials from fabrics, wood, linen, silk, grass and bamboo, custom draperies and panels can add color and excitement. Blinds, too, offer many options: vertical or horizontal blinds, wooden or bamboo, luminette, silhouette, mini blinds, lining, trim, fringe, solar blinds, shutters or faux and aluminum blinds.

"Window treatments can also add insulation to a room," she says. "They can keep the sun off furniture to prevent fading. It's important to protect your furnishings."

Guigue prides herself in building solid relationships with her customers and going the extra mile to provide great service.

"What I say is what I mean," she says. "People don't like surprises. There can be delays now, so I will spend the extra minutes with you to make the call and find out the availability of your choices. I call before I leave your home. People are busy, so they want to know right away."

And that's what makes for a good experience with an interior designer—good communication, a solid plan, someone who takes the time to get to know you and your lifestyle.





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# The Best of Country Living

By Zinta Aistars

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It's all about family.

The homeowners of the modern farmhouse on three acres in Fulton, Michigan, chose the location for their forever home because it was surrounded by farmland owned by other family members. They wanted to raise their two children with the benefit of family surrounding them.

"The home was awarded second place of the People's Choice Award in the Parade of Homes in August 2021," said Karry Hostetler, owner of Hostetler Construction in Vicksburg, Michigan. "And that's probably only because the home is so far out in the country. Even so, we had some 350 people come through."

That's a big part of the charm—a country home surrounded by lush farm fields, the sounds of chirping birds in trees, an expanse of blue skies above. Peace.

The charm unfolds further as one steps inside the front door. The great room opens with a view over the countryside, centered by a gray stone fireplace. Interior walls are all painted a calming light gray with white trim.

Flooring is a gray-toned luxury vinyl that continues throughout the home—easy to maintain and durable, especially when a home is filled with active young children and pets.

To the right from the entry is a large kitchen with white cabinetry, a ten-foot island with bar stools and quartz countertops at center. The base of the island is a deep blue, giving the otherwise light gray and white kitchen a boost of color. A farmhouse sink, an open gas stove with hood, stainless steel appliances, and a walk-in pantry complete this heart of the home, which opens to a dining room surrounded by windows.

"When the family came to us at Hostetler, they had three floor plans with them," Hostetler said. "We narrowed it down to this one. They were looking for an open floor plan with a large great room, a secluded master suite on the main floor, with bedrooms for the kids upstairs."

The large, airy master bedroom has a sliding door giving access to the outdoors. One wall is painted the same dark blue as the island base in the kitchen, serving as an accent wall in an otherwise white and light-gray room and adding continuity for the main floor. The ceiling has recessed lights and a ceiling fan that invite in the mood of a relaxing resort space.

The master suite also includes two large walk-in closets and a walk-through shower in the en suite that features a rainfall shower head, a double-sink vanity, and black stone flooring.



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The main floor also includes a guest bathroom, mud room with plentiful cupboard space, built-in shelving, shoe cubbies and coat hooks, and a laundry room adjacent to a back entrance.

"The homeowners wanted to have the kids' bedrooms upstairs," said Hostetler. "Each bedroom has an accent wall in blue or green. There is also a bonus room on the upper floor that can serve as a play area or a second great room or even office space."

An as yet unfinished basement can easily be made into a rec room or more bedrooms—whatever the homeowner might choose over time.

"What was most important to the homeowners, however, was actually outside of the home," Hostetler said. "They wanted a wrap-around porch that could give them views to three sides of the property."

Hostetler can appreciate the homeowners' desire for country living. He, too, grew up on a farm.

"A dairy farm," he says. "And I watched my grandfather work as a builder. He made incredible cabinetry, so now I make quality and attention to detail a mark of my business, inspired by him. My brother works here, too, so it's a family business, and our clients are the kind of people who appreciate the value of a good builder."

Hostetler adds detail beyond what meets the eye in his custom homes, with green, energy-efficient materials, better quality insulation, high-efficiency furnaces. He also adds solar features should the homeowner wish.

"We started this particular build in November 2020 and finished in August 2021," he said. "And people should know it's still a great time to build. Lumber, materials were higher priced during the pandemic, but prices are starting to come down. Some materials can still be an issue, but we have enough in stock for most builds. Interest rates are still low, so I tell our clients not to wait—just allow for a little extra time."

Hostetler Construction is a full-service residential and light commercial buildings company. Established in 1994, Hostetler Construction specializes in new homes, renovations of existing buildings, additions, and pole buildings.

"Our experience covers virtually every aspect of building," Hostetler said. "Quality, extreme attention to detail, and customer satisfaction are the primary focuses of our company. Your home or building project will be designed to meet your needs and to your satisfaction."

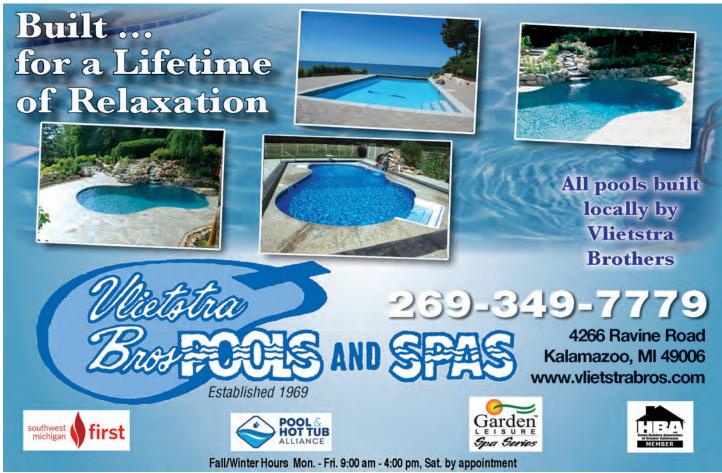




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### Bringing Your Kitchen Up-to-date

By Zinta Aistars
Designer Renderings courtesy of Hannapel

Dinner is served. The meal is perfect. The family, gathered around the kitchen table, loves it. But you, the chef on this evening, are less than pleased.

Every step of the recipe, you were bumping into things. The spices are a mess. The hinges on the cabinets are getting loose. The gravy boat you needed was out of reach and you had to pull up a chair to get to it. And now that you've sat down at the table, you keep seeing those ugly colors.

It's enough to ruin an appetite.

#### LIMITLESS OPTIONS

"It's time to update your kitchen when you notice two things," says Jenè Harkinson, kitchen and bath designer at Hannapel. "First, function. Is your kitchen functioning for your lifestyle? If you have to zip-tie your drawers together, it's time. The other—is budget. You have a bit extra spending money, enough for a project. Prioritize where you want to put your money—countertops? amenities? cabinetry? Just leave enough for food after you finish the renovation."

Hannapel has locations in Dowagiac, Kalamazoo, Niles, Portage, St. Joseph, South Haven, and Sturgis, Michigan.

When those two factors—function and budget—come into play, Harkinson is ready to help.

"It doesn't have to be a complete renovation," Harkinson says. "Refacing can be an option that is less expensive and less disruptive—you can still use your kitchen while we change out

drawer boxes, put in new hardware, doors, change colors."

Harkinson recommends that customers consider a few questions as they come to her for a consultation.

"Think about how you use your kitchen," she says. "What will jive with the rest of your house? Is the kitchen your entertainment center? Do you have a lot of gadgets? Do you cook? Look at pictures to see what you like."

Hannapel will send out people to measure your kitchen, measure spaces for appliances, to make sure everything fits. Precision matters. When customers struggle to visualize—no problem. Harkinson creates computer renderings to help customers visualize options specifically for their space through their KraftMade Vantage® Design Studio.

"We mix form and function, but we also want it to look good," Harkinson says. "There are so many variables to consider, so many bells and whistles. Budgets can range anywhere from \$8,000 to \$40,000, all depending on what you want for your kitchen."

Some of those "bells and whistles" can include cabinets sized to hold your mixer within in easy reach, because you use it that often, with hardware that will lift the mixer up and retreat it back into its space. Cabinetry is available for that much-used coffee machine and all its attachments. A spice pull-out cabinet can keep spices organized and accessible.

Hannapel has quartz, granite, and laminate countertops for kitchen and bath cabinets; faucets, sinks, and other plumbing products; and a wide selection of door hardware.









The options are limitless, transforming the heart of your home to suit the fondest wishes of your heart.

"As for the best time to start your renovation or refacing, it's like having kids," Harkinson says. "There's never a good time. Try for a time when you can put some attention and resources toward it."

Design, Harkinson says, can take 2 to 4 weeks, depending on the customer's ability to make quick decisions. Installation, depending on extent of the project, can take anywhere from 9 to 15 weeks. Materials and supplies are currently taking longer to arrive, so patience is a virtue.

#### A TEAM APPROACH

At Kitchen & Bath Unlimited on Stadium Drive in Kalamazoo, husband and wife team, Jerad and Katie Dylhoff work as a team to get the job done and done right. While Katie keeps an eye on the books, Jerad keeps an eye on customers and their designing needs.

"You know it's time when cabinet doors begin to sag, counters get worn edges, faucets get leaky," he says. "And colors change about every 12 to 15 years. There was a time when everyone wanted dark cabinetry. Then kitchens were all white. Today, people are trending toward creamier colors—taupe, beige, light gray. Wood stains are getting more natural and trending toward earth tones."

Dylhoff is a second-generation owner of Kitchen & Bath Unlimited, and the pride he takes in his work is evident.

"My uncle started the business in 1984, and I've been here since 2003," he says. "Customers know I will be there for them with personalized service from start to finish. Make an appointment and we will talk about your needs and do a design consultation. I will come out to your home myself to do all the measurements, then send in experienced carpenters with whom we've had long-standing relationships to do the work."

For customers who simply want to update their kitchens and not necessarily start from scratch, Dylhoff recommends a "kitchen face-lift."

"You may just want to change the countertops—we call that "swap a top,"—and change the hardware, maybe a new faucet to freshen up the space," he says.

Quartz countertops are still the top choice, Dylhoff says, but granite is a strong runner-up, followed by porcelain.

"Porcelain is durable but thinner than quartz or granite," he says. "It's something of a European look. Porcelain can also have more patterns to choose from. Back-splashes have often been tiles, but one-piece back-splashes are gaining traction."

While quartz countertops once had limited options in colors and patterns, these, too, are now available in a host of multi-hued slabs in reds, greens, creams, earthy browns, grays, and blacks. Counters are typically available in polished, honed, sandblasted, or embossed finishes. Quartz is extremely durable and naturally microbial, resisting mold and mildew.

Granite countertops are also durable and are heat-resistant, so that placing a hot pan on the counter won't leave a mark. Unlike quartz, granite is porous and so may absorb stains unless properly finished during installation.

Butcher block is an old favorite, adding the warm touch of wood to a kitchen. Available woods include maple, lyptus---, red oak, black walnut, cherry, ash, or teak.

"Spring and fall are the most popular times to renovate a kitchen, but we can work any time of the year," Dylhoff says. "There's no right or wrong way to design a kitchen—it's about what serves your needs. Just remember to expect the unex-

pected—every remodel comes with a challenge. That's why it's important to work with a team you trust."





# There is always something happening at The Portage Senior Center

By Barbara Fisher
Photo courtesy of The Portage Senior Center

The Portage Senior Center offers much more than most of us might imagine. Open to the public, Portage residency isn't required; however, membership is limited to persons 50 years and older.

The Center offers an abundance of programs, clubs and activities plus informal opportunities to connect with others, all designed to promote a healthy and active lifestyle. The calendar is packed with a wide range of offerings including book clubs, Wii bowling, Mah-jongg, chess, card groups, quilting, a group that knits and crochets donations for service agencies, singles and pairs ping pong, a dining out club and other programs far too numerous to mention. The Center offers on-site, community-based and virtual programming. Expansion of virtual programming is underway to better meet the needs of individuals unable to participate onsite. For the instrumentally talented, there's even a Portage Senior Center Band that performs at nursing homes, assisted living facilities, retirement centers and adult day care centers. Check out the January/February e-newsletter (address listed at the end of the article) for relevant news, tips, a calendar of events, and a description of the various activities, clubs, classes, groups and programs available. Like everyone, COVID impacted the Center and some services, such as its luncheons, have been temporarily suspended. Kimberly Phillips, Senior Citizen Services Manager, noted that COVID brought to the forefront the deleterious impacts of isolation and loneliness, "The Center is and will continue to provide a place where individuals can connect and find support".

Membership at the Center is currently \$25 annually, increasing to \$30 effective on March 1. A lifetime membership

is available and will be \$300 effective on March 1; until then a lifetime membership is \$250. Explains Phillips, "the various clubs are limited to members and members receive discounted pricing for fee-based activities."

The Center's Health Clinics are open to the public in recognition of the importance that health services represent to the senior community. Clinics include fall flu shot administration, monthly blood pressure screening, basic hearing testing, fitness classes plus a program (A Matter of Balance) to set goals to increase activity, reduce fall risk factors and exercises to increase strength and balance. A Matter of Balance is offered at various community locations.





The Center offers a popular travel program for those interested in single-day or multi-day trips. Offerings range from trips to the theater to cruises. Membership to join travel opportunities isn't required; however non-members pay a higher fee to participate.

The Center is blessed with a volunteer force of nearly 300 strong. Volunteers (especially drivers) are always needed. An annual appreciation event formally honors and recognizes the volunteers.

In 2019 a campaign was launched to build a new facility to house the Portage Senior Center. Ground was broken in the fall of 2020 with a projected spring 2022 opening date. All too familiar supply chain interruptions have made a more exact date hard to pin down. The new Center will allow for expansion of programs offered and be the new home for a 330 person capacity multipurpose room, a courtyard (complete with an outdoor fireplace), an outdoor terrace for warm-weather



activities, recreational space for activities such as pickleball and basketball, fitness space, an area for indoor walking, a commercial kitchen, a café/lounge, dedicated space for games and reading plus a health clinic. The new Center is being built behind the current facility and will boast 36,000 square feet, up from the current 7,000 square feet. In keeping with its community presence, space will still be available to rent for events or meetings. The Engage. Empower. Enrich capital campaign garnered support from more than 325 local foundations and area businesses plus support from generous community donors, including a multi-million dollar donation from Charles and Lynn Zhang. For those who want to see the progress of construction of the Charles and Lynn Zhang Portage Community Senior Center from the comfort of their homes, there's a live webcam.

While the City of Portage subsidizes the Center, the majority of funding is self-generated through fees and memberships, the efforts of the Friends of the Portage Senior Center, and sponsors.

The Portage Senior Center was recently reaccredited by the National Council on Aging's National Institute of Senior Centers. First accredited over 20 years ago, the Portage Senior Center holds the distinction of being one of only two accredited senior centers in Michigan. Accredited senior centers must demonstrate outstanding leadership and commitment to quality programs and services in order to receive and maintain accreditation. Says Phillips, "Older adults are living longer, and we are thrilled to play a role in how individuals can successfully approach this gift of longevity. Being part of a community of peers, and living a longer healthier life, benefits the entire community."

For more information, visit the following websites:

Portage Senior Center

https://www.portagemi.gov/266/Senior-Center

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