



Winter 2011

design contemplations

a word from the designers

This summer we designed a remodel for a condominium unit in Snowmass Village for some special clients. They had thought about remodeling their unit for years; but because it was small (approximately 600 SF), they just couldn't give themselves permission to move ahead with their dreams.

Then on one of their recent visits, they stayed at a nearby newly-constructed hotel. The hotel suite was just a large bedroom suite with some extra bath amenities and it struck them, we don't have a small

condominium unit, we have a large master bedroom suite.

This was all it took to get started. Now for this ski season, they will have a spacious master bedroom suite with an accessory kitchen, and yes, some extra bath amenities as well.

In our new economy, we all need to embrace paradigm shifts to stay competitive, relevant and busy. We look forward to helping you identify yours.

Finally, hope you enjoy the new format of our newsletter. The layout will continue, but the red color is just for the holidays. We'll return to TKGA blue in our next newsletter. Look for it in Spring of 2012.

Happy Holidays and Happy Skiing,

Mike Bucchin AIA, Principal Architect

other happenings at TKGA

Roaring Fork Public Education Foundation

Mike Bucchin was recently been appointed as the Interim President of the Roaring Fork Public Education Foundation. The foundation is very excited to announce that it is restructuring in order to be more effective for each of the three communities that make up the Roaring Fork School District; Basalt, Carbondale and Glenwood Springs. We've teamed up with Raise the Bar, and with the support of the Aspen Community Foundation, are looking forward to an expanded mission in support of the students at RFSD.

TKGA recommends . . .

Avalanche Cheese: Hand Bandaged Goat Cheddar

Avalanche Cheese Company's Hand Bandaged Goat Cheddar is an award winning cheese which we highly recommend for any gathering of friends or family. The cheddar is guaranteed to please both the most cynical foodie as well as the hard-core Cheeto-enthusiast. This cheese is made in small batches at the Creamery (designed by TKGA) in Basalt, with milk from Avalanche's own herd of goats in Paonia. Each wheel is hand bandaged or wrapped in cloth, and matured for a minimum of 6 months. As the cheese matures it begins to take on a beautiful golden color and to develop caramel notes often found in aged Goudas. You won't be disappointed. Check out other happenings at avalanchecheese.com.

did you know?

In the classic final scene of the 1942 movie "Holiday Inn", Bing Crosby and the rest of the cast sings "White Christmas" as snow gently falls around them. The "snow" was actually asbestos being scattered from above by stage hands.



"paradigm shift"
snowmass village, colorado

code corner

2009 international residential code

We know that the 2009 International Codes have been in place for a while in some jurisdictions, but there are many significant changes to consider that affect what we do each day as Architects, Interior Designers, Builders and Home Owners. One small change (at least small in the amount of space it takes up on the page), is the Section M1503.4, *Range Hoods, Make Up Air Required*, in the International Residential Code. This is a small new addition to the code, with potentially significant financial ramifications, impacting most remodels or new construction projects where a new kitchen cook-top or range is provided. Since the kitchen is usually the first room remodeled,

you will probably come across this sooner or later in your projects.

The critical component of this section is that any kitchen hood that exhausts more than 400 CFM now requires that make-up air to be supplied to compensate for the exhausted air. Most of the high-end residential gas and electric ranges need or require an exhaust hood that exhausts air to the outside of the residence (i.e. not a re-circulating hood) and those hoods often exhaust, 600, 900, or even 1,200 CFM. This means an additional ventilating system will need to be installed to replace all of the air being removed by

the hood. First of all, this alone will be additional expense. Secondly, depending on available space in the home or condominium and available access to outside air, it may be difficult on a remodel to provide the replacement air.

It is necessary to mention however, that this new important requirement creates a safer living environment. Its primary purpose is to improve indoor air quality, but it will also make your home less drafty and improve the venting of your wood burning fireplace (if you have one).

