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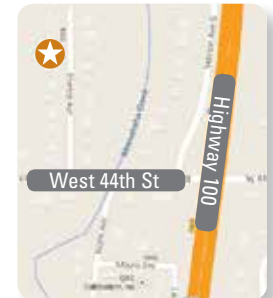
## Tour it!

### Fall Parade of Homes

September 7-29, 2013,  
open Thurs-Sun,  
noon-6pm

Model #5  
4372 Thielen Ave., Edina

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**WIN A FREE INTERIOR DESIGN SESSION!**

Visit our new Parade home for a chance to win a 2-hour interior design consultation at your house with Highmark designer Kristen Schammel. She'll help you see what you have with new eyes.

Ask any Highmark team member for details.



## Love the one you're with: rebuilding on an existing lot

Empty nesters Lynne and Bill Dolan were ready to leave behind the small, cramped ranch home they'd lived in since their marriage, and looked for a new home for two years before deciding that they'd be happiest staying right where they were. "We loved our neighborhood," says Lynne, "and we knew someone would buy our house for the lot and start over. So we thought, why not us?"

### HighPoints

- 10-ft. main floor ceilings
- Open foyer to both levels
- Gas fireplace with salvage brick surround
- Built-in dining room hutch and wine fridge
- Stainless steel appliances
- Mudroom with built-in desk
- Upper level guest suite
- Upper level laundry with craft nook

The Dolans had long admired a custom-built home nearby in St. Louis Park; they called the city for the name of the builder, and the partnership with Highmark began. The couple talked with a few other builders but ultimately chose Highmark. "We really liked the unique architecture and details we saw in Highmark homes."

Both Lynne and Bill come from large families, so their must-haves for their new home included a large dining area for family holidays, as well as room for overnight guests. They also wanted to incorporate a bit of the old house into the new, so Highmark salvaged brick from the

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# Wide open spaces: A kitchen remodel in Prior Lake



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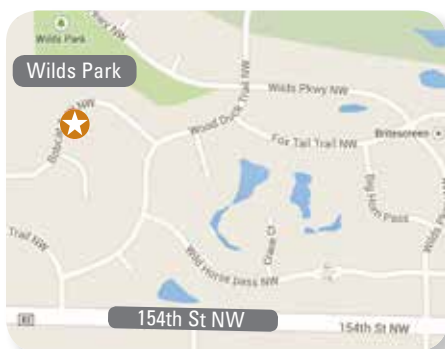
### Fall Remodelers Showcase

September 27-29

Open Fri. 1-7pm, Sat.-Sun. noon-6pm

Model #R65

15305 Eagles Ridge NW, Prior Lake



The owners of this 1990s-era family home wanted to update their kitchen to make it more functional. Working within the same footprint, we created a space with two separate work/eating areas: a large center island and a breakfast nook with built in benches that double as storage units.

New trim throughout the main floor brings adjacent spaces seamlessly together, including a custom living room fireplace surround that echoes the trim and tilework in the kitchen. A new mudroom with lockers and coat storage, along with custom cabinetry in the front door foyer complete this stunning remodel.



## HighPoints

- Built-in breakfast nook benches
- Built-in display hutch
- High-end Wolf range
- Dark stained island
- Custom tile backsplash
- Custom tile fireplace surround
- Mudroom with lockers
- Custom foyer built-ins





## In praise of 3-season porches

3-season porches are enjoying a renaissance, and for good reason. A porch is a transition room for enjoying the first days of spring, a haven of cool breezes and a bug-free zone in summer, and a lovely spot to enjoy the crisp scents and colors of fall. The addition of a gas fireplace like this one can extend porch time up to and even beyond Thanksgiving.

If you'd like to explore adding a 3-season porch to your home, **give Highmark a call at 952-882-8904.**



## Luxury Home Tour revisited Drama—indoors and out

It was a memorable evening for those at our Luxury Home open house on Friday June 21st in Inver Grove Heights. Like many, we watched the approach of the big storm that downed over 3,000 trees across the metro area, and were treated to a dramatic lightning show when the power went out for a short while. Fortunately, this particular neighborhood escaped major damage. Here's a glimpse of this stunning home.

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original exterior and used it in the great room's new fireplace surround.

An open plan with soaring 10-ft. main floor ceilings provides beautiful day-lighting. Lynne loves the new kitchen as well as the dining room with a built-in hutch and wine refrigerator. A flexible first-floor space serves as a den now but could become a bedroom.

The upper level master suite provides a private sanctuary away from the main living quarters. Two guest bedrooms, second bath, a sitting/living room and laundry/craft room round out the upstairs.

The ease of the building process surprised Lynne. "You hear stories of how stressful it is to build, and all the decisions you have to make," she recalls. "Working with Highmark was so easy. At the walk-through, I told Matt (Kruckeberg) and Kristen (Schammel) that I was actually sad it was over. I'm going to miss the whole crew!"



**Kudos all around!**

Over the course of our 10-year history we've been the proud recipients of many industry awards, including COTY (Contractor of the Year), ROMA (Remodeler of Merit Award), Parade of Homes and Remodelers Tour Dream Homes, Reggie Awards of Excellence and most recently, a Best of Houzz Award.



We're grateful for the chance to partner with so many wonderful clients who help us shine.

## HIGHMARK NEWS

### Visiting Marvin

As a longtime partner with Marvin Windows, we had the opportunity in August to visit their plant in Warroad, Minnesota. After a day of fishing, the crew toured the facility to see firsthand how these amazing windows are made (not one THING is wasted!) and received training in the latest installation methods.



### Brad Busch, Carpenter

Brad brings 25 years of know-how to the team along with a great attitude. He enjoys baseball, hunting and spending time with his family.

### Clint Sticha, Carpenter

Clint sees construction not as a job but as a career and loves the feeling of accomplishment at the end of each day. He and his wife are expecting their first child in December.

### Les Ostrander, Carpenter

With more than 30 years in the field, Les knows more about the intricacies of drywall taping, mudding and painting, than just about anyone you'll meet. In his free time, Les enjoys spending time with family and friends.

### Heath Dewes, Construction Intern

We're happy to have Heath onboard to work with the crew as a jack-of-all-construction trades as he pursues a degree in Construction Management.

### Callie Valtakis joins us as an Interior Designer

Callie began interning at Highmark last spring and we're pleased to announce that she's now joined us as full-time Interior Designer.

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