

## SPRUCE UP THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME!

If you are thinking about refreshing the outside of your home, a new front porch can change the entire "personality" of the exterior of your home and provide a nice transition from your yard into the house.

While porches are an "accessory" to your home, the structure should be designed seamlessly with the existing home structure to not appear as an afterthought. The length and width should be in proportion with your home's features and not overwhelm the front of the house.

As you can see in the before and after photos, Oak Tree Construction created a porch design that integrates with the home. We used materials similar to the trim on the home, and integrated the porch's roofline with the existing garage roof.

The dimensions of the porch also fits well with the existing



garage. Support posts were spaced in between windows to maintain visibility from the front rooms of the home.

This porch also provides shade against the sun, making the first floor of the home more comfortable.

For more ideas on how to spruce up the front of your home, please see "All the Basics for Your Home" on page 2!

### Share Your Email With us!

Help us go green by sharing your email address with us so we can send this newsletter to you electronically. Email us at [donna@oaktreeconstruction.com](mailto:donna@oaktreeconstruction.com). As a note, we hate spam too! We will not sell or give your email to anyone else and will keep our emails to you at a minimum!



### GET ALONG WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS!

Oak Tree Construction wishes to introduce you to some of our business relationships that we feel can help make your life easier!

**Mike Odle, HealthMarkets, Inc., Des Plaines, 217-649-8852.**

HealthMarkets specializes in life, health and Medicare insurance, but has several specialty products to meet specific situations. Mike is will match you with your individual or business insurance needs.

**Rob Rooney, RRP Heating & Cooling, Streamwood, 630-545-1255.**

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## OAK TREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 6, 2014**, and plan to attend the **2014 NARIGC Luxury Home Show presented by NARI of Greater Chicagoland!** The event will be held at the Drury Lane in Oak Brook from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lou

Manfredini will be doing a live broadcast of his "Mr. Fix It" show for WGN radio, followed by NARIGC's "Remodel Today: Tips from Start to Finish of Your Remodeling Project". **Donna Dew, CR**, of Oak Tree Construction will be a presenter! You don't need to own a "luxury" home to learn about your remodeling project! This program will cover how to prepare for your first meeting about your project, remodeling project contracts, financing options, project scheduling and what to expect during your project. We look forward to seeing you there!

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### Questions? Comments!

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# ALL THE BASICS For Your Home

There are many ways to spruce up the front of your home. We have already discussed adding a porch to increase curb appeal, but there are other, less expensive ways Oak Tree Construction can help you refresh your home.

**Front Door.** A new front door—a different style and/or color—can change the overall look of your home and provide a wonderful transition from the outside world into your home.

**Hardware on Doors.** While it may seem a small job, new hardware on doors can renew the look of the front of your home.

**Light Fixtures.** Illuminating the front of your home with new or updated light fixtures not only improve curb appeal, but can provide energy efficiency and safety.

**Paint.** Refreshing the existing exterior colors on your house or updating with a new paint scheme can make an older home appear fresh and new.

**Shutters.** Functional or decorative shutters around your windows can transform the appearance of your home. In addition, functional shutters not only alter the look of the house, but they can provide shading from intrusive sunlight.

**Trim Around Front Windows.** Window trim accents come in all different patterns and can be painted whichever color you want.

**Facade.** If your siding or brickwork appears tired or outdated, your home may not be projecting its best image! New siding and brickwork repair and/or adding brick or wood accents will have your home ready for its “close up”!



## A Grand Update!

A new countertop is a great way to update the look of your old kitchen without breaking the bank! There are many different surfaces, designs, colors and price points from which to choose. We have given you some examples here; call Oak Tree Construction today for more!

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