

Review Date: October 30, 2013		
Member: Donnelly Casto, Sumneytown, PA	Overall	Α
Categories:	Price	Α
Architects & Building Design	Quality	Α
Builders - Homes	Responsiveness	Α
Ceramic Tile	Punctuality	Α
Countertops	Professionalism	Α
Electrical		
Flooring Sales/Installation/Repair		
Lighting		
Marble & Granite		
Plumbing		
Remodeling - General		
Remodeling - Kitchen & Bathroom		
Services Performed: Yes		
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.		
Work Completed Date: June 11, 2007		
Last Modified Date: November 12, 2013		
Hire Again: Yes		
Approximate Cost: \$45,000		

### **Description Of Work:**

Major renovation and upgrade of our home:

- Kitchen new granite counter tops, cabinets, appliances, built in cabinets, lighting
- Master Bath new counter tops, cabinets, shower, commode, lighting, tile flooring, reconstruction, closet

## **Member Comments:**

This job, similar to prior jobs, was completed on time, on budget, and with excellent quality.

Working with Meridian Construction is a refreshing experience from the beginning of the planning process through job completion. They have been helpful and patient during the design phase, identifying options for us to consider without pressuring us to make a decision. During construction we found all the work crew to be reliable, polite, and respectful of our property. It is apparent to us that they all take pride in their craftsmanship. Each day of construction either one of the partners or a supervisor inspected the day's work.

We were seeking quality workmanship at a reasonable price and that it is what we received.

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Review Date: October 28, 2013		- NOMINEE
Member: Faye Simonelli, Harleysville, PA	Overall	Α
Categories:	Price	Α
Architects & Building Design	Quality	Α
Builders - Homes	Responsiveness	Α
Ceramic Tile	Punctuality	Α
Countertops	Professionalism	Α
Doors		
Electrical		
Flooring Sales/Installation/Repair		
Lighting		
Marble & Granite		
Plumbing		
Remodeling - General		



Remodeling - Kitchen & Bathroom	
Services Performed: Yes	
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.	
Work Completed Date: October 08, 2011	
Last Modified Date: November 12, 2013	
Hire Again: Yes	
Approximate Cost: \$45,000	

## **Description Of Work:**

Enlarged and remodeled tiny upstairs bathroom using high end materials; upgraded lighting, entry and closet doors in two bedrooms to create the feeling of a master suite.

#### **Member Comments:**

We've been working with Meridian Construction since 2008, on various projects, all with excellent results. The upstairs of our house consisted of two large bedrooms, a tiny bathroom and hall at the top of the stairs. This was a very challenging renovation in that the house and its current configuration seemed to fight back with each great idea we had! Larry Giannone worked tirelessly with us to design a plan that gave us increased function as well as aesthetics within our limited budget. Working with demanding customers with champagne taste on a budget is not easy, but Larry was always willing to go the extra mile to give us alternative design options, staying on budget but not compromising quality. Mick Giannone also worked hard to give us accurate cost estimates of the various options, and again, never compromising quality! This also was no small feat given the number of different tradesmen involved in our project, and the wide variety of materials chosen.

- The bathroom was expanded by three feet to accommodate an oversized custom shower with built in, full width seat, shampoo niche, glass door, corner shelves and specialty faucet and hardware. Walls, seat, niches and shelves are marble tile and shower pan, seat top and selected trim is corian, specially manufactured design, which makes a beautiful as well as functional (no grout lines in floor of shower!) installation. A true spa experience each morning!
- The marble used on the shower walls is also used on the floor of the bathroom. They built an entire feature wall made of small glass and marble tiles, floor to ceiling, which takes this bathroom to the next level. This was no simple feat, since the walls were out of plumb and had to be built out to ensure a quality installation. There was a great deal of labor in setting the tiles as well, given the size of the tiles, and the cutting required to ensure a good fit and quality design.
- Plumbing work included moving all plumbing for bath/shower, installation of all new fixtures, and work to hot water baseboard heat runs.
- While closet space in the bedrooms was ample, access was limited. The solution was to remove the single door on each to new double doors, which solved the functional issue, but came with a structural challenge, dealing with a sloping ceiling. They conquered this challenge and also provided a nice trim detail to make the doors look aesthetically pleasing as well as functional, and now the closet contents are easily accessible. In addition, all new solid wood access doors were installed upstairs in bedrooms, bath and hallway.
- Electrical work in the bedrooms/hall/bath included upgraded lighting, outlets, state of the art Panasonic fan, cable outlet.
- It is a pleasure to use this beautiful bathroom, bedroom and sitting room every day, and a testament to this company of hard working and honest craftsmen who take excellent customer service very seriously. The work ethic and commitment to quality of Meridian's owners and talented employees extends to their subs as well. All treat us, and our homes, with the utmost respect; it is such a pleasure working with them!

Review Date: October 26, 2013		
Member: Jeff Varner, Lansdale, PA	Overall	Α
Categories:	Price	Α
Remodeling - Kitchen & Bathroom	Quality	Α
Services Performed: Yes	Responsiveness	Α
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.	Punctuality	Α
Work Completed Date: October 01, 2013	Professionalism	Α



Hire Again: Yes	
Approximate Cost: \$10,000	

### **Description Of Work:**

Replace a flat roof, replace aluminum trim (from storm damage), replace wood trim with maintenance-free product

#### **Member Comments:**

I've used Meridian Construction for several projects beginning back in ~1990 when they added a patio to our house. We moved in 1994 and we had them do a similar patio at our new house (~1996). In 2003 I had them help renovate my office. This project included an architect and local zoning restrictions which added time and changes to original plans. They were always cooperative and helpful and making sure the changes were done correctly. That project cost over \$75,000 and I couldn't imagine anyone else doing the job.

Since then they have replaced over 20 windows (2011) and last year converted an office room into a smaller room and added an ADA compliant bathroom.

Their most recent job this summer (replacing an existing rubber roof with new material) was done with no surprises and their work was clean and they took the required precautions in dealing with lead paint. They always leave the site clean and make sure they don't disrupt any activity that may be going on (patient care) while they are on-site.

Review Date: October 24, 2013		
Member: Sue Schlesinger, Lansdale, PA	Overall	Α
Categories:	Price	Α
Architects & Building Design	Quality	Α
Remodeling - Kitchen & Bathroom	Responsiveness	Α
Services Performed: Yes	Punctuality	Α
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.	Professionalism	Α
Work Completed Date: April 01, 2013		
Hire Again: Yes		
Approximate Cost: \$25,000.00		

### **Description Of Work:**

Complete architectural design to remodel our kitchen and we purchased all cabinets from Meridian.

#### **Member Comments:**

I Went to Meridian Construction because they sold Wellborn Cabinets and we were familiar with this product We were getting ready to remodel our kitchen and wanted to purchase these cabinets. I quickly learned from Larry, the owner, that Meridian Construction could also design my kitchen plans and offer me the added benefit of detailing my plans on a computer program in addition to paper blueprints. Larry sat with me for over an hour on my first visit and explained in detail what his plan would include. He was told that my brother was our contractor. This did not deter his enthusiasm to work with us. I made a second visit with my husband and we quickly agreed we wanted Larry and Meridian to design our dream kitchen. I met with him several more time just to discuss what I wanted in my kitchen and what were the most important items to be included in the plans. He met us at our house and was very honest with us in discussing what we could and couldn't do within our budget or framework of the current kitchen. He developed a blueprint that we were thrilled with and then shared it with our contractor and worked closely with them and respected their opinions, He planned to change our huge window into a sliding door and increased our cabinet space by removing our soffits, changing the window over the sink and just slightly moving the entry way to dining room to allow more wall space. My number one request was an island. This was a huge project because of the layout of the room. He was able to do it and make the kitchen appear larger at the same time. Larry used a simulator computer program to show my husband and I what each change or addition would look like.

Once the design was set Larry was instrumental in helping us choose each piece of cabinetry and discussed the pros and cons of each piece. He used his design program to show what each piece would look like and would add and delete things so we always knew what it would look like in our kitchen. We never had to guess or imagine what our kitchen would look like, we could see

it!



Throughout the entire process Larry always kept us informed of pricing and never just wanted to sell us the more expensive items. He went out of his way to discuss costs of parts of project he wasn't providing such granite, flooring and appliances. He referred us to businesses for these items and we were very happy with all of them. Larry kept in close contact with us once the construction began and made himself accessible to our contractors.

My husband and I were extremely pleases with Meridian Construction, Larry and his staff. We both agreed we would can on him again for other projects and refer him to friends. I had a good friend along with me for many of our meetings and she agreed she would call on him when it is time to do her kitchen!



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Review Date: October 24, 2013

Member: Dana Veit, Harleysville, PA	Overall	Α
Categories:	Price	Α
Architects & Building Design	Quality	Α
Carpentry - Woodworking	Responsiveness	Α
Doors	Punctuality	Α
Electrical	Professionalism	Α
Flooring Sales/Installation/Repair		

Lighting

Remodeling - Sunrooms & Patio Enclosures

Windows

Services Performed: Yes

\* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.

Work Completed Date: July 15, 2012 Last Modified Date: October 25, 2013

Hire Again: Yes

Approximate Cost: \$60,000.00

### **Description Of Work:**

Meridian Construction added a Beautiful Screened in Room and a Deck off the back of our home.

#### **Member Comments:**

Meridian Construction made our Dreams become Reality!!

We could not be Happier that we chose Meridian Construction to do the work on our home....

Larry, Mick, Dave and Matt are very Hard working men...They put everything they have into making sure Every detail of a job is done perfectly and making the Customer Proud!! They all are Very Professional and Thorough and Caring...Just the type of people you want at your home.

My husband and I had all kinds of Ideas and plans that we wanted to do with the back part of our home...but...we were un clear of how any of it would Look and come together...Until we sat down with Larry and he showed us the Design program they offered...WOW...after he heard all of our wants and needs for the addition and deck and when we were undecided about some things, Larry had suggested some ideas to us that were very helpful and actually perfect for our plans... We were Amazed when he brought up our house on the screen, it was exactly what we wanted ... right there on the screen in 3-D!!! You can change things around and reposition different things...and even add furniture and landscaping...Larry is very knowledgeable and is very patient (since my husband and I had a few differences with this project)!



The true test was though...Could they actually make the Screened in Room and Deck look JUST like the Program results that we just saw...MERIDIAN Did it!!! EVEN BETTER!!!

Anyone that chooses to go with Meridian Construction...Rest assure you will not be disappointed...They are a VERY Trust worthy Company!!! It was a Pleasure working with them all and We will be using them again in the near Future!!















Review Date: October 24, 2013

Member: Don Brogan, Collegeville, PA

**Categories:** 

Remodeling - Kitchen & Bathroom

Services Performed: NO

\* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.

Work Completed Date: Last Modified Date:

Hire Again:

**Approximate Cost:** 

Overall
Price
Quality
Responsiveness
Punctuality
Professionalism

## Description Of Work:

"Contacted company for estimate on portico and kitchen remodel. | Discussed budget and was told we needed to pay 800.00 for design fees. Needless to say formal estimate was 10,000 over original estimate with inferior materials. Still out 800.00 with no plans in hand. Be careful!!!"

### **Company Response:**

As a Design / Build firm, we clearly state up front that we work with our clients to first develop a preliminary design for a fee which includes measurements of the existing space, investigating site conditions, and meeting to discuss selections, scope and budget of the project. We then prepare preliminary floor plans and a 3-D rendering. When we meet with our client, we provide the plans, a written scope summary and rough budget estimates. The drawings we provide are concept drawings only. They are not construction plans. Credit of 100% of the Design fee is applied if a construction contract is signed with us for the work described in the design agreement.

We're very sorry that [removed member name] was not happy with the way this worked out for his project. We have been in business for over 25 years, have earned the trust of our customers and have done multiple projects with the same clients and their families. In fact, six of [removed member name] neighbors have done work with us, and have been very satisfied. In this case, the scope of the project was significantly increased which subsequently led to the increase in the project cost. And, at no time did we include inferior materials. Per our Design / Build agreement, concept drawings are provided at this point in time. In terms of the plans, multiple page plans were printed on 11x17 papers for two meetings and they were offered to Dr. Brogan each time, which he left behind at our office. We at Meridian Construction pride ourselves in the quality of our workmanship, materials, and the overwhelming concern we have towards our customers.



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Review Date: October 23, 2013		NOMINEE
Member: Jill Angie, Blue Bell, PA	Overall	Α
Categories:	Price	Α
Architects & Building Design	Quality	Α
Carpentry - Woodworking	Responsiveness	Α
Ceramic Tile	Punctuality	Α
Doors	Professionalism	Α
Drywall		
Electrical		
Flooring Sales/Installation/Repair		
Lighting		
Painting - Interior		
Remodeling - General		
Windows		
Services Performed: Yes		
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.		
Work Completed Date: December 18, 2013		
Last Modified Date: October 23, 2013		
Hire Again: YES		

### **Description Of Work:**

**Approximate Cost:** \$40,000.00

Remodeled 4 existing rooms to be used as a home gym and business.

#### **Member Comments:**

What started out as a simple project ended up being much more complex than expected. Meridian did quite a bit of design work on this one, preparing several possibilities to fit our budget. Larry and Mick were very patient with us as we changed our minds several times! Eventually, we settled on a path forward and they executed flawlessly, as usual. Early and right on budget! The work included stripping down 4 rooms in our home and remodeling them to be used as a home gym and home office. They also replaced exterior doors and windows and rerouted some heating ducts to accommodate the changes. As always, the project was managed very well and we were assisted in making material selections.

As a result of this project, we were able to open a home business and impress our clients! Larry recently provided significant consultation, on his own time, to assist us with some zoning questions that came up with our township.

Again, we would highly recommend this builder for any project. They are fairly priced, do high quality work, deliver on their promises, and consistently go above and beyond to satisfy their customers. This is our second job with Meridian and we will continue to use them on our future projects.



PAGE OF. nappiness Review Date: October 23, 2013 Member: Jill Angie, Blue Bell, PA Overall Α **Categories:** Price Α Architects & Building Design Quality | A **Builders - Homes** Responsiveness Α **Cabinet Making** Punctuality Carpentry - Woodworking Professionalism Ceramic Tile Countertops **Doors** Drywall Electrical **Fireplaces** Flooring Sales/Installation/Repair Hardwood Flooring Sales/Installation/Refinishing Lighting Marble & Granite Painting - Interior **Plumbing** Remodeling - General Remodeling - Kitchen & Bathroom Water Heaters Windows **Services Performed:** \* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed. Work Completed Date: February 01, 2012 **Last Modified Date:** Hire Again: YES

#### **Description of Work:**

Approximate Cost: \$150,000.00

Meridian built a large (approximately 1200 sf + 3-car garage) addition onto our existing home. This included a master bedroom suite, master bathroom, powder room and laundry room on the main floor, as well as unfinished space on the second floor and a 3 car garage on the lower level. It was a complex job, requiring design and many creative solutions to tie into previous construction. In addition, they managed the project very closely and assisted us with making decisions and choices along the way to ensure we would be happy with the final product. Since the addition was completed, they have maintained regular contact to check in and fix a few minor details that popped up.

#### **Member Comments:**

We would highly recommend using Meridian for any project. Larry is an excellent project manager and keeps on top of every detail of the project, with weekly meetings to discuss scheduling, material choices, and any unexpected issues that may come up. Both he and Mick are easy to work with and always willing to discuss alternative solutions make sure the client is happy. The craftsmen they employ (Dave, Moshi and Matt for this job) were professional, talented, friendly, and kept the job site neat. All subcontractors for the job are carefully chosen and managed by a Meridian team member. The job was completed on time, on budget, and to the highest of standards.

We were so happy with our experience on this project that we immediately hired them for our next one!



Review Date: October 9, 2013		
Member: Sandra Evans, Harleysville, PA	Overall	Α
Categories:	Price	Α
Remodeling - Kitchen & Bathroom	Quality	Α
Services Performed: NO	Responsiveness	Α
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.	Punctuality	Α
Work Completed Date:	Professionalism	Α
Last Modified Date:		
Hire Again: Yes		
Home Build Year: 1979		

Review Date: July 10, 2013		
Member: Tobi Loy, Lansdale, PA	Overall	Α
Categories:	Price	В
Remodeling - General	Quality	Α
Remodeling - Kitchen & Bathroom	Responsiveness	Α
Water Heaters	Punctuality	Α
Wells & Pumps	Professionalism	Α
Services Performed: Yes		
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.		
Work Completed Date: April 11, 2012		
Last Modified Date: August 15, 2013		
Hire Again: Yes		
Approximate Cost: \$17,000.00		

# **Description Of Work:**Remodeled guest bathroom

Davieus Dates, July 10, 2012

### **Member Comments:**

This is the second project where we have used Meridian. I reviewed them on Angie's List in 2011 for the exceptional job they did with our master bathroom and thought it was important to review them again because our experience the second time was just as exceptional. Instead of repeating all the wonderful things I said in my 2011 review I thought it might be more helpful to share some other benefits we have gained from our relationship with Meridian. Over time we have used Meridian (Larry and Mick) as a place we can call, and trust, when issues occur in our home that needs immediate attention (sewer ejector pump, hot water heater, leaky window, etc.). One phone call to Larry and he has a competent professional come out right away to address our situation. The costs have also been very reasonable. On several occasions we have spent time with Larry discussing other potential projects and have actually gone through the specific design process without any pressure to hire them or to have the project take place in the immediate future. The design process has always been a pleasure with Meridian, and it is very important to us. We find that it is essential as it enhances our understanding of the options, scope of the work, and the costs. We also believe this is what helped us to complete 2 projects with no surprises. The no pressure, very detailed design process was a really good way for us to get to know Meridian and is what convinced us to hire them in the first place.

We are currently building a vacation home quite a distance away from Meridian's locale but we plan to use them for the cabinetry in the home because we are impressed with their experience in this area and the quality of the Wellborn cabinets they use.



Review Date: April 30, 2013		
Member: Barry Baron, Plymouth Meeting, PA	Overall	Α
Categories:	Price	Α
Cabinet Making	Quality	Α
Carpentry – Woodworking	Responsiveness	Α
Ceramic Tile	Punctuality	Α
Countertops	Professionalism	Α
Doors		
Electrical		
Flooring Sales / Installation Repair		
Lighting		
Marble & Granite		
Painting – Interior		
Plumbing		
Remodeling - General		
Remodeling - Kitchen & Bathroom		
Services Performed: Yes		
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.		
Work Completed Date: April 04, 2013		
Last Modified Date: July 15, 2013		
Hire Again: Yes		
Approximate Cost: \$30,000.00		

#### **Description Of Work:**

We had the kitchen redone. New floor, cabinets, granite countertop, back splash, and lighting. The kitchen floor was ripped up and a new Congoleum floor installed. The old cabinets were removed and new Wellborn cabinets installed. With the makeover we found additional space. A new granite, level 1, was installed. The selection was that of a level 3 or better. We are very happy with the flow of the design. Some lighting was replaced, as well as a couple of doors. Plastic sheets with zippers seals the dust from the rest of the house and clean up was done every day.

There are no don'ts! Do work with Meridian Construction!

#### **Member Comments:**

It all started with a 30 year old double oven that was on its' last legs. Apparently, as great as it was, no one makes them anymore. Time to redo the kitchen...

Cutting the story down, a year and 10 contractors later, we found Meridian Construction. One thing we found out in our search is that most contractors do not know cabinets. Even more, most contractors do not have samples to see. Larry, of Meridian Construction, knows Wellborn Cabinets inside and out. He can even tell you how certain colors and woods change over the years. It made all the difference on what we decided. After all, this is not a small investment and we want this to last for many years.

Meridian construction's approach is to look for possible problem areas, address them, and cover all the features we want in the makeover. In essence, we had no surprises. They did what they said they would do. They completed the job in 10 working days and kept the house relatively clean of the dust. We had other contractors estimate the job at 6-8 weeks to do the same work.

Meridian Construction is a small and trust-worthy group of professionals that know what they're doing, small or large jobs. Of course, we had changes added on as we proceeded. We were given choices and costs were kept in line.

We had Meridian Construction replace the cabinets, sink, and floor, add a granite countertop and backsplash, lighting, and replace several doors. They offered help where needed, kept us on track, and kept us calm when we found decisions hard to



cope with.

Now that the kitchen is done, and the little touch-ups are being taken care of, we would highly recommend this company for your consideration. They are down to earth, and after interviewing 10 other contractors, we realized that we made the right choice. One note, they do have Diet Coke in their fridge!

Review Date: April 02, 2013		
Member: Eva Walega, Ambler PA	Overall	Α
Categories:	Price	Α
Bathtub Refinishing & Liners	Quality	Α
Cabinet Making	Responsiveness	Α
Ceramic Tile	Punctuality	Α
Countertops	Professionalism	Α
Doors		
Drywall		
Electrical		
Fireplaces		
Hardwood Flooring Sales/Installation/Refinishing		
Lighting		
Marble & Granite		
Painting - Interior		
Plastering		
Plumbing		
Remodeling - General		
Services Performed: Yes		
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.		
Work Completed Date: April 20, 2011		
Last Modified Date: July 15, 2011		
Hire Again: Yes		
Approximate Cost: \$215,000.00		

### **Description Of Work:**

Over the past several years Meridian has completed several large projects for us.

The first was a complete renovation of our kitchen (2010) which included gutting the entire space, installation of a new slider door to the deck, new custom cabinets, granite counters, hardwood floor, plumbing and electrical (new fixtures and rerouting where needed). The layout was largely the same but an island and prep sink were installed where there had previously been a peninsula; plumbing was moved for this.

The second project was renovation of our laundry room and mudroom, also completed in 2010. Again, the entire laundry room was gutted; a new exterior door, cabinetry, counters, sink and vinyl flooring were all installed. A unique cabinetry design for the mudroom was completed.

The largest project was the hall bath, master bath and family room, all completed in 2011. The bathrooms were remodeled sequentially so we were never without an upstairs bath. In the hall bath all the fixtures and cabinetry were replaced, exhaust fan and a tile floor over radiant heat were installed. The master bath was a total gut job, with new custom cabinetry, soaking tub, Corian counters and tub surround, frameless tile shower, exhaust fan and tile floor over radiant heat. The plumbing for the tub and shower were updated and moved; this involved opening a wall below in the family room which was coordinated with the remodeling of the family room. In the family room, the exterior slider was replaced, the wood burning fireplace was converted to gas (a huge job which involved removing a brick hearth) and installation of a wall of custom cabinetry with granite surround for the new fireplace.

For all of these projects drywall repairs were made, new trim installed and all finish work and painting were completed by Meridian. The only work that was completed by subcontractors was the plumbing and electrical, and counter installation.



#### **Member Comments:**

Larry and his brother Mick, as well as the craftsmen, Stash, Dave and Matt, were a pleasure to work with. In the design phase, Larry was patient and knowledgeable, delivering multiple versions of detailed drawings and contracts. Everything was clearly specified (and if it wasn't clarifications were made), contracts were broken down by work area, materials and part numbers specified, options (if applicable) outlined, and terms clear. Larry met us at the various suppliers to help us make our selections. The work phase was well-organized and planned. The guys were punctual and always had everything they needed; no time was lost running around for supplies. Demolition was done carefully, shoes were removed before entering the house and laying tarps, heavy plastic with zippers for egress were installed in all doorways, and everything was cleaned up at the end of the day and taken away for disposal. Larry or Mick checked in on the work as needed, and were always available by email or phone. Someone from Meridian was always here for deliveries, inspections or subcontractors, never was I the homeowner left to deal with any of that. That being said, I was home most of the time during these projects, so available for questions, but I am sure that Larry has a system for resolving questions if the homeowner is away during the day. However, I never felt that I couldn't leave while the work was being done. In fact, I was unexpectedly hospitalized during the bathroom projects and I was able to communicate with Larry over the phone as to how they could get in the house, etc. No worries! Importantly, Larry and Mick are committed to working with the customer until they are completely satisfied; coming back after the work is completed to correct problems or fine tune the work. This is something that you will not find in many contractors. In addition to the big projects, Meridian has completed several minor repairs such as replacing the attic roof exhaust fan, drywall repairs in the basement and garage. Larry is always happy to schedule these small jobs in as their time permits.

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Overall, we have been very happy with the work; there is great pride on the part of everyone associated with the company.

Details are important to them and it shows!



Family Room - new gas fireplace & custom cabinetry



Master Bath shower seat



Kitchen - new island



Kitchen - new island



Kitchen - desk area & pantry

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED WHEN COMPLETING THIS REVIEW

How much did the final cost compare to the original estimate? right on

How does the value of the work compare to the price? I got exactly what I paid for

How far in advance did you schedule the work? more than 2 weeks

Did you find the company through Angie's List? yes

If yes, which source(s)? website

Why did you choose this contractor? reputation, other, We felt that our vision was understood

Have you used this company before? this is the first time I've used this company

What did you like most about this contractor? Detail-oriented with excellent follow-through

What surprises came up during the course of the work? Nothing major



What words of advice would you give other members considering this contractor? Be open to his suggestions

This is your space. Feel free to give us your two cents ... or quote your favorite movie? **Thank goodness these guys know how to fix drywall!** 

Review Date: August 05, 2011		
Member: Joan Nolan, Lansdale, PA	Overall	В
Categories:	Price	В
Countertops	Quality	В
Remodeling - General	Responsiveness	В
Remodeling - Kitchen & Bathroom	Punctuality	В
	Professionalism	В
Services Performed: Yes		
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.		
Work Completed Date: July 11, 2011		
Last Modified Date: March 07, 2013		
Hire Again: Yes		
Approximate Cost: \$3,200.00		

## **Description Of Work:**

Review Date: August 09, 2011

Meridian installed a countertop and backsplash in my kitchen.

**Update 02/07/12:** I used the services of Meridian Construction Inc. for general remodeling. I last used them in July 2011.

#### **Member Comments:**

I contacted Meridian at the urging of my son-in-law. They had remodeled their kitchen and were very happy with the results. Larry came promptly and suggested products that met my needs. We decided upon an installation date and the crew arrived as promised. They were careful to minimize any dust and lessen my inconvenience. When the workmen attempted to install the backsplash they determined that it was incorrect. I was promised a replacement. A few weeks later, the crew arrived and as they began to install the new backsplash, they determined that it was also wrong. They left the incorrect item on my counter so that it looked better than the wall. A few weeks later, I was met by a stranger who told me he was picking up the incorrect backsplash. Each time, I had to remove everything from my countertop so that the workers could access the backsplash. Several weeks passed and I received a call that the correct backsplash was available and could they install it. Again, I cleaned off the countertop and the backsplash was installed.

I felt that the folks at Meridian were doing their best to make a bad situation better. I would recommend them to anyone who would like to work with a professional, capable company.

**Update 02/07/12:** I was happy with them. They put in countertops for me and we had very interesting experience that happened and I am very happy with the result. The supplier sent them a wrong piece and they had to send it back twice. It was frustrating, but it was not their fault.



Review Date: July 16, 2011		
Member: Tobi Loy, Lansdale, PA	Overall	Α
Categories:	Price	В
Architects & Building Design	Quality	Α
Flooring Sales/Installation/Repair	Responsiveness	Α
Lighting	Punctuality	Α
Remodeling - General	Professionalism	Α
Remodeling - Kitchen & Bathroom		
Services Performed: Yes		
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.		
Work Completed Date: March 01, 2011		
Last Modified Date: September 12, 2012		
Hire Again: Yes		
Approximate Cost: \$45,000.00		

### **Description Of Work:**

Remodeled entire master bathroom. Removed bathtub, moved location of sinks and shower, vents, etc. New cabinets, shower, flooring, lighting.

## **Member Comments:**

expectations.

Our experience with Meridian was **exceptional**. From the beginning, they were very patient and engaging. We made the decision to first hire Meridian for the design process. We were looking for a contractor that would work well with us, who we felt had the right expertise, and who paid attention to the details. The design process gave us a real opportunity see if Meridian met these needs. Meridian not only met these needs, but they exceeded them.

Once we hired Meridian for the remodel work, we experienced the great care they had in getting the job done right, choosing the right materials, and avoiding change orders. Their communication was constant, open and productive to keeping us aware of our costs, where we stood in the project, and in managing our expectations. This was crucial for what could be a potentially stressful process.

Another important factor in a project like this is the comfort with the actual work and workers while in our home. The individuals that worked directly for Meridian, and their subcontractors, treated both us, and our home, with respect. They each took a lot of care in making sure our home was kept clean, they were very professional, and very pleasant. All of this said, the final outcome is that we love our beautiful, newly remodeled, master bath! It truly turned out beyond our

Most of our interactions during this project were with Larry Giannone. We truly appreciated his dedication, communication, attention to detail, and professionalism. Larry did an amazing job at making this a successful relationship and a fabulous outcome.

These days it is not easy to make the decision to engage in a project that could have a high price tag, but we truly enjoy our new bathroom, it not only enhanced our home's worth, but we sincerely appreciate it, and enjoy it every day. We also feel we made a friend with Meridian, and would not hesitate to hire them for all our future needs.



Review Date: December 25, 2010		
Member: Mark Smerkanich, Collegeville, PA	Overall	Α
Category:	Price	Α
Painting - Exterior	Quality	Α
Painting - Interior	Responsiveness	Α
Windows	Punctuality	Α
Services Performed: Yes	Professionalism	Α
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.		
Work Completed Date: November 01, 2010		
Last Modified Date: September 12, 2012		
Hire Again: Yes		
Approximate Cost: \$11,000.00		
Home Build Year: 1997		

**Description Of Work:** Had a number of large "builders" type windows replaced with quality energy efficient windows.

#### **Member Comments:**

An excellent experience! Quality is the perfect word to describe the windows installed and the workmanship of the Meridian workers. Larry comes out for the estimate, takes many photos and a few days later a quote arrives. Many conversations (mostly emails) followed regarding types and styles of windows, installation procedures. Every concern I had was addressed by Larry and dates of installation agreed upon. The workers installed the windows and new sills. Windows were clean, sills painted and best of all: no mess anywhere! They cleaned up so thoroughly that it was hard to tell they were there! Old windows taken away and no mess outside either. Larry later schedules a walk through and any questions are answered. My walk through took less than 10 minutes since everything was properly installed. Best was when Larry was leaving the house, said to call him if there were ever any problems with the windows. Since that time we've had a number of heavy, driving rainstorms. Not a leak. This was a wonderful, easy experience. Both my wife and I work outside the house, so the workers were in the house alone. We completely trusted the workers and Larry. They are coming back to install garage doors.

### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED WHEN COMPLETING THIS REVIEW

How much did the final cost compare to the original estimate? right on

How does the value of the work compare to the price? I got more than my money's worth

How far in advance did you schedule the work? 1-2 weeks

Did you find the company through Angie's List? no

If no, what was the other source? **neighbor** 

Why did you choose this contractor? **reputation** 

Have you used this company before? this is the first time I've used this company

What did you like most about this contractor? Quality materials and people to work with

What surprises came up during the course of the work? **original shades did not fit one of the windows due to the style of replacement window** 



What words of advice would you give other members considering this contractor? Ask questions! You'll learn much!

This is your space. Feel free to give us your two cents ... or quote your favorite movie? **Quality is not cheap. Anyone looking to go on the cheap need not use this company.** I appreciate quality and am prepared to pay for it.

Review Date: February 13, 2010		
Member: Gail Merryman, Media, PA	Overall	Α
Category:	Price	Α
Carpentry - Woodworking	Quality	Α
Ceramic Tile	Responsiveness	Α
Countertops	Punctuality	Α
Electrical	Professionalism	Α
Marble & Granite		
Plumbing		
Remodeling - General		
Remodeling - Kitchen & Bathroom		
Services Performed: Yes		
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.		
Work Completed Date: March 25, 2006		
Last Modified Date: September 12, 2012		
Hire Again: Yes		
Approximate Cost: \$51,000.00		
Home Build Year: 1925		

**Description Of Work:** Total kitchen remodeling transforming a laundry room w/ fridge & small kitchen into an open floor plan with all new cabinetry, granite countertops and tile flooring. Two walls were removed, ductwork was rerouted and plumbing and electric lines were also moved. The end result was adding tons more storage and 5x as much counter space for a kitchen that is a joy to cook and entertain in. Everyone always gravitates to the kitchen and now the kitchen and living room are one large space separated by a 4 seat granite bar. Check out the pictures!

**Member Comments:** Larry was a pleasure to work with. He was always available for any questions or concerns and the entire project stayed on schedule from start to finish. Larry brought many valuable and creative ideas to our design-many great improvements over our original ideas. He does a great job of ensuring that the new work fits in with the character of the house. The crew that Meridian uses is all terrific- highly professional perfectionists! They reused much or the original woodwork from the 1920's to blend the new kitchen in with the existing style of the house. This work has totally transformed our house and was worth every penny.



Before- through the door was living room



Before- through the door was laundry & fridge



Everything all opened up!



Look at all the counter space!

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED WHEN COMPLETING THIS REVIEW

How much did the final cost compare to the original estimate? higher than estimate



How does the value of the work compare to the price? I got more than my money's worth

How far in advance did you schedule the work? more than 2 weeks

Did you find the company through Angie's List? no

If yes, which source(s)? magazine

Why did you choose this contractor? other, the experience of meeting with Larry

Have you used this company before? this is the first time I've used this company

What did you like most about this contractor? The creative collaboration- not just "taking our order" but making great suggestions

What surprises came up during the course of the work? change orders (alterations from the original estimate) I didn't do a good job of keeping track of our budget and should have asked more often for pricing updates for all the changes we made

What words of advice would you give other members considering this contractor? take advantage of all the experience and advice they have to offer

What words of advice would you give this contractor? **Keep up the good work!** 

This is your space. Feel free to give us your two cents ... or quote your favorite movie? **Don't skimp on some of the upgrades** available- go for granite!

Review Date: June 01, 2009		
Member: Faye Simonelli, Harleysville, PA	Overall	Α
Category: Remodeling – Kitchen & Bathroom	Price	Α
Services Performed: Yes	Quality	Α
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.	Responsiveness	Α
Work Completed Date: April 16, 2008	Punctuality	Α
Last Modified Date: March 26, 2013	Professionalism	Α
Hire Again: Yes		
Approximate Cost: \$100,000		
Home Build Year: 1976		

### **Description Of Work:**

They did a kitchen remodel for me.

#### **Member Comments:**

They are an excellent company. Everything was perfect. They came in on time. They couldn't have done more to help us. The men came and were very careful about how they left the house. I trusted them with my key. They were super-trustworthy and were absolute craftsmen. The gentleman that did the molding and cabinet installation was an excellent craftsmen as well. They were respectful of the property and courteous. They were able to answer my questions and help me out with everything. They don't do too much sub-contracting, but the people they did sub-contract were good as well.



Review Date: December 09, 2008		
Member: Carl Zegalia, Blue Bell, PA	Overall	Α
Category:	Price	Α
Cabinet Making	Quality	Α
Carpentry - Woodworking	Responsiveness	Α
Ceramic Tile	Punctuality	Α
Doors	Professionalism	Α
Marble & Granite		
Remodeling - General		
Remodeling - Kitchen & Bathroom		
Windows		
Services Performed: Yes		
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.		
Work Completed Date: February 27, 2013		
Hire Again: Yes		
Approximate Cost: \$130,900.00		

### **Description Of Work:**

Complete demolition and remodel of entire first floor of a 20 year old home including new kitchen, cabinets, granite countertops, kitchen window, ceramic tile backslash, appliances, all trim work including baseboards, 5 and 1/2 inch hardwood floors throughout, laundry room tile floor, wet bar, wall removal and relocation, built in fireplace cabinets, new interior pocket doors, exterior doors and storm doors, bathroom, all painting including trim, ceilings and walls, electrical, plumbing and HVAC. The first floor was completely removed down to bare walls and floors so that it looked like early phase new home construction after the demolition phase was complete. The wall between the original kitchen and family room was removed and another kitchen wall was moved two feet into the study to create more kitchen space. The wall between the dining room and a kitchen nook was moved and a new doorway into the study was created. To create even further open space a doorway was created between the family room and living room where there had previously been a full wall. New plumbing and HVAC lines were run and a new doorway from the laundry room into the kitchen was also created to allow for more usable kitchen counter space. All existing door and window trim was also removed throughout the first floor as were existing electrical fixtures and kitchen appliances. The next phase included building newly relocated walls, doorways and a new and expanded kitchen window; it also involved detailed and meticulous preparation of the walls, ceiling and trim work for painting in conjunction with roughed in plumbing, electrical and HVAC work. Five skilled workers, including an outstanding project manager, coordinated the rebuilding of walls, doorways, painting, trim work, finished carpentry, cabinet installation, hardwood floor installation and finished plumbing and electrical work.

Member Comments: Meridian Construction was one of five firms that I considered for this project and I couldn't have been happier with the selection I made. From the initial visit through to completion of the project, Larry was outstanding to work with and he and his brother, Mick, have put together an excellent team of craftsmen who do meticulous work. Larry worked closely with me to put together a design that went through several iterations to reach a final plan that resulted in an amazing transformation of my old first floor. His wealth of experience paid off for me many times over as he offered suggestions based upon the number of successful major renovations that he's completed over the years. As the project moved on, he made changes on the fly that resulted in beautiful work. He told me that the project would take six weeks; it started on time and his team put in extra hours to ensure that it was completed on time. Almost unheard of these days!! His craftsmen are experienced, highly skilled, attentive to every detail, and genuinely interested in producing superb results. Their work was outstanding and, as importantly, they took time to clean their workspace every day in an effort to minimize as much as possible the disruption that occurs in this kind of project. They were attentive to every detail at every phase of the project; it didn't matter if people would never see some of the detail. What was great was that it mattered to the workers. The kitchen cabinets, doors, window and door trim, Kitchen Island, wet bar, fireplace built in cabinets and hardwood floors were all installed with skill and precision and it shows. I've had work done in my home before, including extensive painting, and I never saw prep work and time spent up front that came anything close to this. As a result, people who come into the home can't believe it's the same house; it truly looks like something you'd see in a magazine. It's been a few months since the job was finished and the Meridian folks have checked in to make sure that everything is satisfactory and they've been happy to come out for some very



### minor touch ups too!!

#### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED WHEN COMPLETING THIS REVIEW

How much did the final cost compare to the original estimate? right on

How does the value of the work compare to the price? I got exactly what I paid for

How far in advance did you schedule the work? more than 2 weeks

Did you find the company through Angie's List? no

If no, what was the other source? Magazine.

Why did you choose this contractor? Other, Expertise, professionalism, experience, skill.

Have you used this company before? this is the first time I've used this company

What did you like most about this contractor? Highly skilled craftsmen, great to work with. Meticulous project manager.

What did you like least about this contractor? **Nothing** 

What surprises came up during the course of the work? Hidden pipes and HVAC in walls but workaround solutions created.

What words of advice would you give other members considering this contractor? The initial meeting is indicative of the quality results you'll get in your project.

What words of advice would you give this contractor? **Keep up the great work & develop a referral book with before and after pictures.** 

Review Date: November 28, 2004		
Member: Mark Read, Lansdale, PA	Overall	Α
Category: Remodeling – Kitchen & Bathroom	Price	В
Services Performed: Yes	Quality	Α
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.	Responsiveness	В
Hire Again: Yes	Punctuality	В
Approximate Cost: \$70,000.00	Professionalism	Α

#### **Description Of Work:**

COMPLETE KITCHEN RENOVATION. TAKEN DOWN TO THE FRAMING, WINDOWS MOVED, POCKET DOORS TO DINING ROOM INSTALLED, AND CUSTOM CABINETS INSTALLATION, BUILT IN APPLIANCES INSTALLATION, PLUMBING, AND ELECTRIC. COSMETIC DECOR- PARTIAL WALL WITH PILLAR TO SEPARATE KITCHEN AREA FROM FAMILY ROOM.

### **Member Comments:**

VERY EASY TO WORK WITH. LISTEN TO YOUR DESIRES/NEEDS. PROVIDE ADDITIONAL IDEAS, WARN OF POSSIBLE ISSUES WITH DESIRES, NEAT, PLEASANT. WORKERS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS AND PROVIDE GOOD INSIGHT/SUGGESTIONS. WHEN THEY VISIT BEFORE OR AFTER JOBS THEY TAKE THEIR SHOES OFF AUTOMATICALLY BEFORE ENTERING.



Review Date: December 09, 2003		
Member Name: Brian Pickersgill, Lansdale, PA	Overall	Α
Category: Builders - Homes	Price	Α
Services Performed: Yes	Quality	Α
* More Weight is given to a review where work has been completed.	Responsiveness	В
Hire Again: Yes	Punctuality	В
Approximate Cost: \$15,000.00	Professionalism	В

## **Description Of Work:**

**BUILT ADDITION ON TO HOUSE.** 

Member Comments: EXCELLENT WORK. FUNNY TO WATCH WORK. DID THE JOB IN THE TIME THEY SAID THEY WOULD AND

FOR THE PRICE OF THE QUOTE. VERY LIKEABLE PEOPLE; PLEASANT.