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Reagan enjoys vaulting



Rodriguez, Coach Thorburn, and Claudia Kretschmer (club gymnastics coach... not affiliated with CHS). “I ran sprints and pole vaulted for the track team starting my junior year. I did club gymnastics pretty much my whole life up until that point,” she stated.

The Ohio State University is where she is going to college. Biology is her favorite class. “I love science and want to go into healthcare,” she said.

She has some special memories: “Getting a 100% on my final paper in American Lit A, qualifying for states in my first year (and sadly, my last year) of track, and every AP Biology quiz I scored decently on,” she said.

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Reagan Lehman is a senior athlete at Chelsea High School who recently graduated in the top 40 of her class. Her rank was thirty-seven out of 197.

“I am hoping to walk on to the track team at Ohio State to pole vault,” Reagan said. “I’m hoping to do some lab research and job shadow at Wexner Medical Center while I attend Ohio State.”

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Michigan Knights of Columbus Provides Meals to Frontline Workers at V.A. Hospital on Memorial Day Weekend



Kelly Donnellon, Don McDevitt and Joe Yekulis take a break in front of the VA Hospital sign at the Emergency entrance in Ann Arbor after delivering lunch to 100 hospital staffers.

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Reagan enjoys vaulting



▶ continued from page 1 senior year to be huge. “I had a lot of expectations for myself this year. I worked really hard all off-season with my club track team in hopes of having a record-breaking season, and now I won’t even have a chance to try,” she added. I really enjoy track because I love working out and setting goals for myself, and I was also really looking forward to meets and seeing my friends at practice every day. I also spent two of my school hours every day shadowing at Michigan Medicine’s orthopedic clinics. I had such a wonderful experience there. I didn’t know on my last day there that I wouldn’t be going back, and I’m upset that I never got to properly thank the staff and say goodbye. Like most of the seniors, I’m also really disappointed that I never got my senior prom. The whole situation is really disappointing since us seniors were never able to have the senior year we had been looking forward to for these past few years.”

Her advice to ath-

letes is good. “I think the positive outcome of this whole situation is that the class of 2020 is going to be prepared for anything. In life, we are going to have setbacks,” she said. “Not everything is always going to go the way we want, and we are going to be disappointed from time to time. But, we are going to be able to look back on our senior year and reflect



on the way this made us all feel. Whenever we feel disappointed or defeated, most times, we will look back on this year and think, “I’ve been let down worse than this before, and everything turned out okay.”

Her parents, Tammy Lehman and Deon Lehman are very important to her. “My dad texted me every morning this year to tell me to make sure I made it a good day, and he often reminded me in those texts that I would never get that day back,” she said. “I did appreciate his texts at the time, but I wish I would’ve taken what he was saying more seriously. If I could redo my senior year, I would live every class, track practice, and even every exam day to the fullest. Looking back, it wasn’t the big events that made high school fun, but it was the fun moments I had with the people I met at CHS that were the most important.”



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<p>The W4 Country Pet-of-the-Week is Gracie Oh my goodness! Look at this face! Gracie is such a sweet, beautiful, and loving girl. She's a very social cat who loves to be brushed and receive attention. She is a bit on the chunky side, which means she just has more love to give! Gracie would love to meet you, and trust us when we say that you would love to meet Gracie!</p>	<p>The Lucy Ann Lance Show Pet-of-the-Week is Pickle Meet Pickle! This feisty feline is looking for a forever home that can keep him busy and provide lots of enrichment. He's very social and confident and has no trouble asking for what he wants, whether it be attention, playtime, or food! He likes to be at the center of activity and will supervise all your daily activities to ensure everything is getting done to proper feline standards. Pickle is a fun and silly boy who is sure to keep you entertained with his shenanigans. If Pickle sounds like the perfect addition to your family, he's available for adoption today!</p>

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Michigan Knights of Columbus Provides Meals to Frontline Workers at V.A. Hospital on Memorial Day Weekend

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From Joe Yekulis

During the month of May, as everyone remained at home during the COVID19 pandemic, front line hospital workers and EMS staff continued to do their jobs in the community, caring for patients and responding to emergencies in the field. Inspired by fellow Knights of Columbus members in Michigan, Cardinal O'Hara 4th Degree Assembly #0489 approved a project brought forward by Past Faithful Navigator Joseph Yekulis on May 13th to honor the front line staff at the V.A. Hospital in Ann Arbor during Memorial Day Weekend. The 4th Degree of the Knights are

also known as the “Patriotic Degree,” and are known for their color corps and projects that support veterans in need.

With the assistance of Patrick McDevitt, a retired Marine and owner of Mancino's Pizza and Grinders on Zeeb Rd. in Scio Twp., the project was to provide lunch for 100 doctors, nurses and staff at the hospital. So on Saturday May 23rd, McDevitt and his father Don (retired USAF), worked with Yekulis and Assembly Captain Kelly Donnellon to assemble 100 sandwiches, along with three large salads, chips and cookies to transport to the V.A. Hospital in Ann Arbor to be set-

up by noon that day.

When the food was presented to “Jim,” a staffer who was a 23 year veteran of the Military, he expressed his gratitude on behalf of the hospital staff, and felt that the gift from the Assembly was an opportunity to brighten the weekend for the entire hospital staff working through the holiday. McDevitt and Mancino's gave the Assembly a 50% discount on the food. The Cardinal O'Hara Assembly is made up of 4th Degree K of C members representing all eleven K of C Councils from every Catholic Church in Washtenaw County.

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We also understand that COVID-19 concerns are still high. Please be reassured that safety is one of our core values and a top priority. If you need to come in-person, enhanced safety protocols are in place to protect you and our caregivers:

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- Continued visitor restrictions.
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asures wherever possible.

• All patients scheduled for procedures or surgeries that require an overnight stay and select outpatient procedures will be tested for COVID-19 prior to the procedure/surgery. If a patient tests positive, the procedure will be postponed, unless urgent.

• Continued monitoring of Personal Protective Equipment (such as masks and gowns), medications, supplies and bed capacity.

Our phased approach will first focus on time sensitive care that would result in overall worsening of the patient's health and well-being if not addressed within the coming month. These essential procedures include cancer operations, vascular bypass, and diagnostic procedures for which further delay carries significant risk of harm to patients.

How to access care
Physicians and our scheduling department are reaching out to patients to discuss the need to begin scheduling time-sensitive procedures. **IHA and St. Joe's Medical Group providers also continue to offer e-visits and video appointments so that patients still have access to needed health care, from the safety of their own home.**

In addition, our **emergency departments have remained open** for COVID and non-COVID care. As always, these fully functional emergency rooms are able to provide 24/7 care for cardiac issues, trauma, strokes, and any other concerns. We have im-

plemented a vigorous screening process with strict safety measures in place to ensure all patients can safely seek care for any urgent and emergent needs.

Those who are interested in discussing a plan to schedule future procedure are encouraged to **call their medical provider, or visit stjoeshealth.org or call 1-800-Be-Remarkable** to find a physician.

Assistance with insurance or other needs:

During these difficult and uncertain times, St. Joe's wants to make sure insurance coverage, transportation, or other barriers do not get in the way of seeking health care. If you need help with any of these or other social needs, please contact us at **1-833-247-1258**. Across Trinity Health Michigan, our hospitals have developed social care hubs to support our community members and patients in need. These coordinated hubs seek to address issues our communities face relating to food insecurity, transportation, health insurance, medication affordability, and the many other needs that we have seen increase over the past few months. Anyone is invited to call our statewide hotline and be connected with a local resource, within the hospital or through a partner agency, which will make sure those in need can access help.

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In good health,
Nancy Graebner
President, St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea



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Chelsea Community Foundation Providing Grants to Assist During the COVID-19 Pandemic



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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

From D&B Strategic Marketing

The Chelsea Community Foundation (CCF) is looking deeper into the specific needs that have arisen as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic within the Chelsea Community. CCF's initial response earlier this spring included emergency grants to 11 community non-profits. The Board recently approved new grants to Chelsea Area Festivals & Events (CAFE) and WAVE.

CCF had been considering making a grant to support CAFE's 2020 Summer Season namely Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights and the Sounds & Sights Summer Festival. However, these two major events have been canceled for this year and the organization is still incurring real costs. One of the events that CAFE is able to continue to promote is the 2020-2021 SculptureWalk Chelsea exhibit. The new round of sculptures will be installed late spring. As a

501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, CAFE hosts the festivals that are funded through sponsorships and donations. The festival proceeds fund the free summer season for Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights. The events draw thousands of visitors each year, and would not be possible without the support of local businesses, non-profits, and many, many volunteers in the community.

The second grant is being provided to Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE) who recently furloughed staff members due to the Covid-19 crisis. The only bus program operating now is to transport dialysis patients to their appointments three times a week. The staff was furloughed because it is unsafe in small buses and vans to transport riders without protection for drivers. Large buses have rear/side doors for passengers to enter but small buses do not. The grant is to assist

with the cost of fabricating a Plexiglas cockpit around the driver station to separate the driver from passengers in order to get drivers back to work. Board Member Peter Heydlauff shared, "These are two excellent additions to our grants in support of our Community especially during this time of need".

Chelsea Community Foundation relies on the generosity of donors in the Chelsea area to realize its mission. Donors who are interested in supporting this effort and other evolving needs are encouraged to do so by contacting Randy Ross, ross@cfsem.org or 313.961.6675, ext 118 or visit www.chelseafound.org.

The Chelsea Community Foundation has been providing financial support to nonprofit organizations through a wide variety of activities benefiting education, arts, and culture, enrichment programs for children and seniors, training for caregivers, outdoor trails in the community, leadership development, capacity building, health and human services, community development, and civic affairs.

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Four Points to Consider When Hiring an Interior Designer



By Kitty Golding

This week we are breaking from the local interviews we've been sharing to talk about what to look for in hiring a designer. If you have never hired an interior designer,

how do you select one? Obviously, this takes effort and you want to get the right fit.

The rapport between an interior designer and their client is filled with intricate details and nuances. Developing and maintaining a healthy relationship is key to the success of the interior project in all ways from the design to the budget. Both client and designer have a part in this.

When searching for a designer, there

are four key items on which to concentrate – personality, portfolio, price and personalization.

Personality: Like any good relationship, there needs to be chemistry. Most clients are aware that they will be investing a significant amount of time and, more importantly, a fair share of faith and trust into their designer. Therefore, it's important that clients find someone with whom they relate well. There should be

an initial in-person meeting to see how well you interact together and how your personalities mesh. A good designer will not shy away from giving professional advice and will potentially challenge you to take leaps of faith here and there. Sometimes clients just need that small push from their designer to go out of their comfort zones.

Questions to ask: How do you work with someone when they have a different idea than you? What happens at our first meeting? You may want to ask a bit about their personal background, such as, do they have children or pets? Why did they become a designer? What do they

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CHELSEA BULLDOGS: ATHLETICS UPDATE



By Charla Hamilton
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On Thursday May 21, Chelsea High School Athletic Director Brad Bush and Assistant Athletic Director Jason Morris held a Zoom presentation to give important updates on Chelsea Bulldogs Athletics and the upcoming plans.

Bush began the Zoom presentation by saying they are very confident that athletics will happen in the upcoming school year, al-

though they may look a little different. He stated they will follow all safety guidelines and protocols. He then discussed the MHSAA New Physical Policy which includes a New Health Assessment Form for those with a physical on file. He emphasized that students who already have a physical on file from last year do not need a new one for this year. This will be a policy for only the 2020-2021 school year. Physical

forms can be found online at their website: chelseabulldogs.net.

Bush then stated that the MHSAA has also changed its Academic Eligibility policy: all freshmen are automatically eligible, eligibility is based on term 2 grades, engagement in 3rd term is also important and four courses must be passed.

Bush then addressed summer athletics. He stated that June 1 starts the MHSAA summer period and that this is when summer practice and conditioning traditionally begins. He said all of their activities will be based on the state governor, MHSAA, and school district decisions, and that all team activities will be communicated via coaches specific to their sport. He also said that all teams can do anything virtually or remotely that they

like such as team meetings, leadership based meetings, teaching the sport, and team building activities, but all must be virtual at this time. He said there is all kinds of safety and health guidelines that they will follow once the Stay at Home order is lifted. Bush also stated that if the Stay at Home order is lifted and summer sports begin after, that there will be no summer dead period as normal (summer dead period traditionally centers around the week of July 4).

Bush then discussed the upcoming fall sports season. He said they do not expect any kind of decision to be made until at least July on what the fall seasons will look like. High school seasons are scheduled to start August 10 and August 12 and middle school programs are scheduled to start August 31,

the first day of school. He stated the plan is to prepare as if a fall season will happen. He said they know this could change and they will react to the changes. Changes could include sports being played outside of their traditional seasons, reduced or no spectators, and changes in practice protocols.

He then addressed communication and where to go for updates: they will communicate via social media and email and they recommend that all follow them on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, athletes should stay in touch with their coaches for information and should also regularly check their email, and important announcements will also be emailed out to parents.

Bush then addressed what will school look like in the fall. He noted that the

governor has formed a task force to advise schools on opening with face to face instruction in the fall. He said they are working hard on plans to insure this happens in Chelsea. He also said that Governor Whitmer has indicated issues with large crowds at sporting events but has not ruled out interscholastic athletics.

For more information and answers to additional questions, the entire Zoom presentation can be viewed by visiting this link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/15Rnf2_TvW0oQoik8UR08uYTNMDa7it6d/view?fbclid=IwAR0d-1Lk0rvNjzvrWlPEukPoReCmWmljyCusok2pIi_4rT89Px-119UXGtc. You can also visit Chelsea Bulldogs social media accounts and click on the link from there as well.

Washtenaw County Health Department Rescinds Local Emergency Orders *Employee screening is now required under Michigan Executive Orders*

Washtenaw County Health Department is rescinding local emergency orders requiring COVID-19 screening. Screening, social distancing, face coverings and additional public health strategies to protect everyone's health to the greatest degree possible are now covered in Michigan Executive Orders and under guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Significant changes include eliminating requirements to self-quarantine after domestic travel for most workers. Executive Order 2020-71,

however, maintains specific requirements for food workers and pharmacy employees; they must self-quarantine at home for 14 days following travel outside of Michigan. Other types of employees who have travelled but may continue working should wear a mask at work for 14 days following the travel.

Washtenaw County Health Department has prepared a COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Workplaces document to address questions and a workplace sample health screening form to guide screen-

ing procedures. As before, owners, operators and service providers may direct additional or urgent questions to 734-544-6700 or l-wchdcontact@washtenaw.org. If calling, please leave a message as most calls are returned remotely.

The Health Department will continue to use CDC guidance to provide appropriate instructions for isolation or quarantine when individuals are diagnosed with COVID-19 or have close, personal contact with a confirmed case.

Oakland and Ingham County Health Departments are join-

ing Washtenaw County in rescinding similar orders today.

Please continue to rely on official sources information: local www.washtenaw.org/covid19; state www.Michigan.gov/coronavirus; and national www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Resources from Washtenaw County Health Department

- Guidance for Businesses
- COVID-19 Testing Information
- Detailed directions for home isolation, quarantine, social distancing, monitoring; English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Arabic

• Face Masks Do's Don'ts and FAQs: English, Spanish

• Stop the Spread: English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Vietnamese

• Materials in English and other languages including community testing flyers

Please see also, CDC health considerations for specific groups and implementing safety practices for critical infrastructure workers who may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Washtenaw County Health Department

The Washtenaw County Health Department promotes

health and works to prevent disease and injury in our community. Our mission is to assure, in partnership with the community, the conditions necessary for people to live healthy lives through prevention and protection programs.

The Washtenaw County Health Department has achieved national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board and maintains state accreditation through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Visit us at washtenaw.org/health or call 734-544-6700.

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Surprise Celebrations in Chelsea!



Madison Brodeur • Photos Courtesy of Rosie Brodeur



Joseph Brodeur

Madison Brodeur is a 2020 Graduate of Chelsea High School. Her years of school have been exceedingly occupied almost every step of the way. Her love of the violin has resulted in numerous awards & gigs. She is a member of chamber & symphony orchestra, yearly top finalist for the Solo-Ensemble competition, & a 5 year member of the Chelsea House Orchestra. She was the Chelsea Community Fair Queen for the 2018-2019 year. She attended two Michigan State Police Student Academies, was awarded class orator, & received a scholarship. She has helped

numerous times in our community events. Volunteer positions were held during the Sounds/Sights Festivals, at the Chelsea District Library, during the Hometown Holiday Festivals, for the St Mary Catholic Church nursery/mission trip, 5 Healthy Towns Farm to Table fundraiser, a violin performance for North Star Reach festival and at the CEF Gala, many years at the Chelsea Community Fair, & the list continues. She is a member of NHS (Magna Cum Laude), Brass Pass recipient, MyLead Conference Alumni, Diversity Club Co-Creator, Key

Club member, Tennis team member, ALA Girls State participant, VWF Audio-Essay Finalist, Appelley Poem Finalist, and member of the Link Crew advisors. For the fall of 2020, she will be attending Eastern Michigan University with an Emerald Scholarship.

On Friday May 29 in Chelsea family & friends have planned a SURPRISE drive by CELEBRATION for her. This will take place along Park St between East St & Madison St in downtown Chelsea. But wait, more of the SURPRISE will also include soon to be retired Michigan State Police Inspector Jo-

seph Brodeur.

After 25+ years with the Michigan State Police, Inspector Joseph Brodeur has decided to retire

& take a new position with Consumer Energy. His career started September 1994 at the Ypsilanti post, then the moves

to Detroit, Monroe, Brighton, Taylor, Oak Park, & then returning to Detroit. Along with those moves came the many promotions from Trooper to Sergeant to Post Commander then to the challenging, final Inspector position! He has received many awards of exceptional service, instructed at numerous academies, and has been an extraordinary, dedicated leader for the Michigan State Police.

Thank You for making this day special for Chelsea High School Class of 2020 Graduate Madison & Michigan State Police Inspector Joseph Brodeur.

2020 CHELSEA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND 2020 CHELSEA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nomination Form



Nominees must be community volunteers with records of extensive and diverse participation in economic, social and civic involvement in the Chelsea area. Accomplishments directly related to the candidate's employment excluded.

Chelsea area will be recognized for their contributions to any facets of the community over the last year or more.

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Thank you for your participation in the 2020 Chelsea Area Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards.

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Please answer the following questions/statements on page 2 of nomination form.

1. How long has the nominee resided in Chelsea?
2. How has the nominee assisted in an improvement or program of significant value to Chelsea?
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St. Louis Center Receives \$250,000 Matching Grant to Provide Support During Coronavirus Outbreak



From Joseph Yekulis

An anonymous donor has provided a generous matching grant of \$250,000 to support St. Louis Center's Covid-19 Relief Efforts from now until the end of September. This means that any contributions up to \$250,000 will be doubled during that time. "This support, especially at this time, is vital to our operations here at the Center," said Christina Ferris, Development Director. "This helps ensure that the residents at St. Louis Center con-

tinue to have the safe and caring home they have always enjoyed. We could not be more grateful for this thoughtful and generous gift."

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, staffing costs, which include overtime and hazard pay, have increased significantly as residents who would typically be at school or work are now on campus full time. The need for increased sanitation and personal protective equipment has also added to costs. Cuts of in-kind food donations, which have been temporarily suspended due to the pandemic, have increased the food budget by 25 percent.

These increased costs, coupled with anticipated cuts in state and federal funding of up to 20 percent and canceled fundraisers, will create an anticipated budget shortfall of \$500,000 by the end of the summer.

With the support of the matching donor, St. Louis Center launched a Covid-19 Relief Campaign in May and will be collecting donations throughout the summer to help it weather this unprecedented situation.

To protect the health of residents and comply with state regulations, St. Louis Center is currently closed to all but essential employees. Staff is working diligently to care for the health, safety and emotional needs of the residents. At this time, the "stay in place" and sanitation measures that have been put in place have been successful in creating a healthy environment for our residents and staff, and no one at SLC has contracted the Corona19 virus.

St. Louis Center is a residential care facility for 72 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and has been serving families in Michigan for 60 years. To contribute to the Covid-19 Relief Fund and have your donation matched, visit www.stlouiscen-ter.org and click on the "give now" tab, or mail in the form found at the bottom of the attached letter from Fr. Enzo Addari, CEO of St. Louis Center.



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary No news to report

Evolution of the Newspaper Industry COVID -19 Help Support your local paper during the Coronavirus Shutdown

The Newspaper industry is making an interesting comeback. Yes I said it, a comeback, but it is not what it used to be. Instead of daily Newspapers now the weekly hyper local newspaper is what is desired. The Chelsea Guardian was created to fill a void that the residents of Chelsea wanted. A hometown newspaper with their news, their kids, and their neighborhoods, but the model of the newspaper industry has also changed. Instead of paid subscriptions we now count on advertisers and local supporters to cover the costs; kind of like watching PBS only for Chelsea. In the old days you would have paid for a subscription which would cost between \$50 and \$150 dollars which is way too expensive and one of the reasons the old model is struggling. Now you just go to the mail box and your free community news is waiting for you. The cost of getting this paper to each home and business is about .50 cents per week per paper. If you would like to be a supporter of The Chelsea Guardian please fill out the form below. We hope you are enjoying your "Home Town Paper" The Chelsea Guardian. Thank you all for the kind words you have sent VIA Phone, Email, and Facebook.

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In the Kitty & Company Studios

► **continued from page 4** enjoy about the design process? Asking questions that draw out the more personal side of the designer during your initial meeting is a good thing, especially if it is not coming out naturally.

Portfolio: By reviewing portfolios and historical work, you are able to see what sense of style a designer offers. Hopefully their website, or social media page will offer you enough photos and information to visualize their work in your own space. Some designers have a signature look on which they focus. Others enjoy designing in a variety of styles. As you spend time looking at their sites and talking with them about their design philosophy, it will most likely be ob-

vious as to how they approach their designs...casually, formally, etc.

Questions to ask and look for: Do you work with one or various types of styles and settings? Do you take on new construction and remodeling? (if not obvious). What is your design background and education? Do you have a favorite type of project or, what do you enjoy most about designing?

Price: We all have an idea of what we would want to pay for a professional service and interior design is no different. Every client wants a designer in their price range, and every designer wants their client to be vocal about their budget. To minimize the headache in the budgeting process it

is good, even in an initial conversation to talk about the costs of the project and get an idea of their design fees. Being clear with everything budget-wise on both ends of the client/designer equation can directly lead to better client relationships and makes for an easy transition from talking logistics to actually designing.

Questions to ask? How do you set your design fees? Do you bill hourly, or do you invoice a flat rate or percentage of square footage? As a side note, most designers invoice an hourly fee and base their proposals on that fee structure. At Kitty & Company, we talk about these rates during the initial phone call. Most clients want to know what it will cost

them to do their project, and even though that cannot be known exactly on the first phone call, after glean- ing some information a rough idea can at times be given. We write our proposals to our clients after meet- ing them in person and walking through the job site and addi- tional discussion.

Personaliza- tion: The final piece of the designer/client equation is personaliza- tion. This is when a designer becomes a student of their client in order to truly un- derstand the client's needs and lifestyle, and how they can best tailor the space to suit them. By going into a client's home and learning about their life, passions, and future goals, designers can redefine the proj- ect in terms of the needs and wants of the client. No two clients are identical, and no two projects should be either. To surpass this test, a designer must be adept to seek out the desires of the client and bringing them to fruition. It may look different in how each designer uncovers the mysteries of their clients, but the end re- sult should be that the client feels they are in their own home, not someone else's.

Questions to ask: How do you like to

communicate? How do you approach your discovery process? Once you start your project, what can I expect in commu- nication and visits? Will there be "check points" or just a final presentation?

You may come up with other questions as well, but the point is, by keeping each of these elements in mind when interview- ing for an interior de- signer, it will help you to steer clear of any major disasters in ac- quiring the right fit.

As in any relationship, there could be a few bumps along the way once you have secured a good connection. The most important item to keep in mind, is open and hon- est communication. Your interior design- er will not be a mind reader, so keep them informed if there is something you are not agreeing with. If effort is spent on the front side of securing the right designer for your project, the process does work better for everyone involved.

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