



Face of Fillmore

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Autumn has come to the Face of Fillmore. You can see it in the ever-changing colors of the leaves, the brisk mornings with hot afternoons and an added urgency to finish outside projects before the snow flies. While some of our neighbors have major projects underway that will last several months, others have chosen much more quickly completed ones, waiting until the cooler weather to avoid working in the heat of summer.

These same types of building projects can be seen all over town, but within our close neighborhood three are underway. The sounds of hammers is a commonplace background noise, telling of the work at these sites.

Kris and Dean Shields' home needed new shingles. As the old ones were removed, it seemed the opportune time to add a long-planned-for front porch before the new shingles went on with a change to the roof line as well. This is an attractive addition to their home which will be a great place to relax and visit with their Home Teachers.



Vicki and Dave Allen have a new garage ready for the finishing touches attached to the east of their home. Anyone who has added a garage will tell you that the question they ask themselves is, "Why didn't we do this sooner?"

The home belonging to David and Jeri Robinson is undergoing a major overhaul. A carport has been added on the north, larger windows have been added to the south wall, and the west wall has been replaced by a newly designed one. What was once an attic is being remodeled into a larger living area complete with a dormer window on the south. Changes to the interior are taking place as well.

This house was originally built in 1871 by Moses Bennett. In 1937, Everett and Florence Ashman (the fourth owners of the property) purchased the home on Second West and moved in. Here they raised a family of six children. The Ashman family never added on to the home, as some did, but rather remodeled and modernized the interior. When Rosie's Grandmother Rackman came to live with the family, the indoor bathroom was added. Jeri Robinson and her husband Don Peterson lived in it since 1989, when she and her first husband Don Peterson bought the home. It is interesting to note that this home has been remodeled several times since it was built 144 years ago.



Home improvement projects have long been a tradition among Fillmore residents as they continue to modernize, enlarge and generally beautify the homes that make up the Face of Fillmore.