



Exquisite custom homes with meticulous attention to character.



## Featured Project

Banks Development was born out of a passion for well built, well sited and well proportioned homes with timeless details and high style. This [Barnes Vanze Architects](#) original exemplifies this passion. This home is located in the Berkley neighborhood of NW, DC and will be completed by Summer 2012. > [See the plans](#) > [See our new website](#)

## What Inspires Us?



We are inspired by those who are excited about their work and entertained by challenges. These people are hard to find and difficult to replace.

Mick, seen here laying a herringbone pattern for our firebox, is a master mason and a true gentleman. He laid his first brick when he was six years old and hasn't stopped since. His focused energy is a sort of blessing and a joy to witness.

## Ask the Builder



**Jeff Hanes**  
Head of Construction

Having a home designed or built? Thinking about it? Have a question you'd like to ask about the home building process? Ask away! Contact us with your question(s) and we will respond to you with answers, valuable insight and more!



Congrats to  
Ally and Annie  
for launching  
**Perusehome.com!**  
Great work!

## Tip of the Month

Build a 9 or even 10 foot basement ceiling height if the budget allows and try to include some natural daylight. Often there are bulkheads that need to be built for HVAC, so the higher ceiling helps eliminate the very low spots. For the slightly higher cost of the additional excavation and concrete, the difference is dramatic and makes the space much more livable and less basement like.



## What is your favorite style of house to build?

**Answer:** We are known to construct traditional "new, old" homes but all house styles can be beautiful and interesting to build. The essential starting point should always be a house with good proportions, regardless of its style or size. We are most passionate about building homes that are built to last. As we like to say — Build Well Once.

Banks Development is a boutique builder that listens carefully and communicates clearly to provide impeccable service in the construction of a custom home. We believe our homes are more than simply "homes." We pride ourselves on executing a vision and creating subtle impact. Our approach is unique in the industry. From the materials and resources we use, to the uncompromising craftsmanship, to the level of client service you receive - we are raising industry expectations.