

Every obstacle in life has a design solution.

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Delays

There are so many things that can cause delays in construction. Among these is that of dishonesty.

On a public works project a delay in construction will mean greater costs to all taxpayers and a delay in the service the facility under construction was to provide. It could be a school which will not be ready for the start of the school year forcing students into overcrowded conditions, a fire house to protect an enlarged community, a new intersection to keep motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians safer from harm or death, or simply delaying a more convenient commute.

On a home project it can also have drastic emotional and financial repercussions. It may mean that a family must stay in a hotel which is expensive. The addition of a bedroom for the addition to a family may mean additional months of a child sleeping in the bedroom of the parents. If the project is for an Auxiliary Dwelling Unit (ADU) it will result in less income for the family for the year. . In addition to the original delay of the project, a delay can cause a snowball effect throughout the rest of the project. A one-week delay by one of the subcontractors or suppliers could then turn out to be a delay of over a year for the entire project if it affects all of the sub-contractors work that follow it.

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This is an example of our design project's scheduling. A similar one is prepared for just the construction phase of the project.

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We are the leading local provider of tools and resources for people planning on adding on to, renovating or building a home.

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Archi-fact.

A island is a piece of land surrounded by water. The term floating island refers to patches of flora that are not attached to land below. In architecture an island is something separated by surrounding items ion the horizontal plain. An artificial floating island is attached to the land below for structural support.

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All of these should be avoided at all times. The most disgusting and offensive of all delays are the ones due to dishonesty. A contractor who starts a project late or takes longer than promised because they took on too much work or a supplier who sells your material to some one else.

A friend of mine just experienced this on this own bathroom remodeling. My friend went to the tile stores and physically inspected the tile for his bathroom project. He paid for it with the understanding that the tile contractor would pick it up at the end of the week as it was too heavy for his car. When the contractor showed up at the end of the week to pick up the paid for tile it was no longer there. It had been sold to another customer. The tile store owner just wanted to make an extra sale that week regardless of the effects of his dishonesty. This delayed the tile installed which then delayed the cabinet installer which then delayed the finished plumbing and electrical work. All told because these honest contractors had to move on to another project to keep their word on schedules delayed my friend's bathroom project three months.

We live in a complicated society which is very specialized when it comes to work. We must all rely on each other to do their jobs properly. There is no place in our society for this type of dishonesty.

Archi-Quote

This month's Arch-Quote is from an artist turned landscape designer turned leader of a design firm which collaborates with architects on projects.

"Architecture is not about space but about time"

Vito Acconci

Iconic Building of the Month

**Murinsel:
Grav, Austria**



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Iconic Building of the Month

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The **Murinsel** in Graz, Austria, is an artificial floating "island" in the middle of the Mur river and links the two banks on both sides. At night the blue navigation lights that surround the structure light up. This landmark of Graz was designed by New York City artist Vito Acconci on the occasion of Graz becoming the 2003 European Capital of Culture.

Described by the artist as "A bowl that morphs into a dome that morphs into a bowl..." Mur Island is in the form of a giant seashell and measures 154 feet in length. Two footbridges connect it with both banks of the Mur. The center of the platform forms an amphitheater. Below a twisted round dome there is a café and a playground.

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Archi-Speaks

Can you find these words?

SCHEDULE **DELAYS** **TIMING**
COSTS **EMOTIONS**

X G M A B U Y P V H G O D Q B
 U S X F L Q T G B U L S E K Y
 R A I P U Y E V F R H M L F Y
 D M Z P F G Z C P S F V A L H
 S T S O C E U B H T X P Y W K
 C R Y P S S N C I S I Y S X C
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 Y X M L A N M O F O C P O J H
 E L G M G I A O P G X A N B X
 S C H E D U L E T W P A T P A
 J C M V T U J Q F I Z Z G A T
 Q A D O Y W J N F D O T G Q E
 V P A Q O H T R I S R N O D J
 T L F C Q O T A M M X G S E Q

Ask M

In the James Bond books and movies the character "M" heads the Secret British Intelligence Service known as MI 6, of which James Bond is Agent 007. When contemplating adding on to your home or building, renovating or building a new home or building you should have someone like "M" on your side. Each month the "Ask M" column will answer a reader's question to place more information at your finger tips. **This month's question is...**

I am ready to have my new home designed. I want a large garden to grow vegetables,. Should I contact the architect first or a landscape architect?

Adrienne F.

Adrienne,

As an architect hired for your project I would encourage you to allow me to hire a landscape architect as part of the team so the the building and the landscaping work together in harmony.

Email your questions to info@designMgroup.com ,and in the subject line type in "Ask M". We look forward to hearing from you and hope we can answer the questions to everyone's satisfaction.

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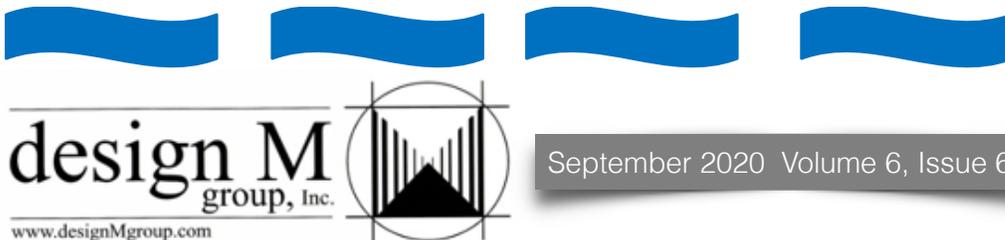
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