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**DURABLE BEAUTY  
INSULATED VINYL SIDING**

**PUT THE SUN  
TO WORK FOR YOU**

**HELP AT THE BEGINNING  
FOR A SUCCESSFUL FINISH**

## 18th Century Look, 21st Century Construction

*The Colonial Era will be returning to eastern Pennsylvania, at least when it comes to home construction. Weaver Homes is expected to be involved in the development of James Field Manor, a nine-lot community devoted to replicas of the 18th-century style homes from Colonial times.*

*Marrying an old-world look with new-world amenities and construction techniques takes ingenuity and innovation, and Weaver Homes is the perfect choice. These designs demonstrate what the homes will look like. It just goes to show that Weaver is a true designer of custom homes – from the forward-looking to those that have their inspirations deeply rooted in the past.*

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# Affordable Quality

2009

PARADE  
of HOMES

The Parade of Homes is typically a time to pull out all the stops and showcase the cutting edge in home amenities. But, in light of the current economic pinch, we decided to go in a different direction. We are using our entry to demonstrate that quality, handmade craftsmanship can still be affordable.

The home is located in Ashton Heights, where we currently have seven lots, at roughly two acres each, available for homesites. Come visit us the week of June 13, help yourself to some free food and refreshments, and see all that we can offer, even on a budget.



Visit us at The Lancaster Parade of Homes.

**June 13 - 21**

# Durable Beauty

## Insulated Vinyl Siding

When you're considering your home's next exterior upgrade, give serious thought to insulated vinyl siding. It offers superior energy efficiency and durability. We've even seen recent hail storm damage in which insulated vinyl siding stood up to the pummeling markedly better than traditional siding.

Insulated vinyl siding has rigid foam laminated to the back of its panels. The backing increases the siding's R-value (a measure of thermal resistance) by as much as five times that of conventional backings, which helps reduce energy bills. It blocks out noise and improves the home's overall appearance because the panels don't cup and don't easily dent or mar. And like standard vinyl, insulated products don't require painting or staining and are low maintenance.

Insulated vinyl siding does cost 25 percent to 40 percent more than traditional siding, but it might be a good choice for the remodeling market. It also is expected to make inroads into new construction during the next few years because of its quality.



## Tax Credits

### For Home Improvements

Did you know that tax credits are now available for certain home improvements? **You can receive a credit of 30 percent of the cost, up to \$1,500.** Eligible improvements typically involve changes and upgrades to your home that improve energy efficiency.

These tax credits won't be around forever. Most are effective only until Dec. 31, 2010. The following is a brief overview of the program. For more information, visit [www.energystar.gov/taxcredits](http://www.energystar.gov/taxcredits).

*These types of improvements must be "placed in service" from Jan. 1, 2009, through Dec. 31, 2010. The IRS defines "placed in service" as when the property is ready and available for use:*

- **Windows and Doors**
- **Insulation**
- **Roofs (Metal and Asphalt)**
- **HVAC**
- **Water Heaters (Non-Solar)**
- **Biomass Stoves**


*Tax credits are available at 30 percent of the cost, with no upper limit through 2016 (for existing homes and new construction), for these types of improvements:*

- **Geothermal Heat Pumps**
- **Solar Panels**
- **Solar Water Heaters**
- **Small Wind Energy Systems**
- **Fuel Cells**


Please note tax credits are typically available for products that operate at the highest efficiency levels, which typically cost more than standard products. However, keep in mind that these products will pay you back in lower energy bills.

## Insulated Siding Fast Facts:

- More energy-efficient
- Up to five times the "R"-value of conventional backers
- Reduces heating and cooling energy loss through walls by up to 20 percent
- Better looking, longer lasting
- No denting, sagging or warping
- Extreme weather protection
- More livable
- Permeable "vapor breather" – does not contribute to mold growth



# Put the Sun to Work for You



Going solar is easier than ever thanks to new solar roofing. Rather than requiring the familiar heavy glass and large racks of previous systems, there's now a simple peel-and-stick laminate that adheres right onto the panels of a standing-seam metal roof. Requiring less than 10 minutes of installation time per panel, it is lightweight and requires less labor than past solar solutions.

With the help of Weaver Roofing and Exteriors, your building can be solar-powered in no time. When you consider state and federal tax incentives, net metering and savings in electricity costs, your new system will ultimately pay for itself in a relatively short time.

For more information,  
visit [www.mysolarroof.com](http://www.mysolarroof.com)

## FEATURES

- Architecturally pleasing systems that do not distract from the look of the building
- Complete design freedom
- Solar panels are structurally and aesthetically integrated roofing elements
- Cost-effective installation
- No back-ventilation of solar panels necessary (lightweight laminates are easy to handle and can be field-applied directly on metal)
- No support structures needed
- Integrated with flat 16" wide (minimum) metal roofing systems
- Wind- and water-tight roof
- Suitable both for renovation and for new construction
- 20-year power output
- Standard junction box or weather-tight quick connect system
- Peel-and-stick adhesive backing capable of withstanding 160 mph wind loads

### Strawberry Angel Food Dessert

*From Tracy Weaver, wife of Dale Weaver, IT Manager*

- 1 1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
- 1 1/2 cup cold water
- 1 oz. sugar free instant vanilla pudding
- 8 oz. cool whip
- 9 oz. angel food cake
- 4 cups sliced strawberries
- 3 whole strawberries

*Whisk pudding into milk and water for two minutes. Let stand until soft set. Stir in cool whip. Cut cake in 1 1/2" cubes. Spoon one-third of pudding mixture into bowl. Top with half of cake cubes and strawberries. Repeat and top with pudding mixture. Garnish with whole strawberries.*

# Help at the Beginning for a Successful Finish

*Weaver Real Estate Services is about more than just developing new neighborhoods. It's a value-added service to help our customers get many types of projects built. Think of it as an innovation in land development and land use.*

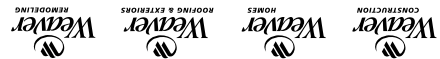
If you are considering buying a piece of property for a business, there are a host of issues that need to be addressed before you ever sign on the dotted line. We can help you with the Phase I feasibility study to make sure the property is right for your business. This includes consideration of building situation on the land and storm water drainage and environmental concerns, such as whether an oil tank is located on the property.

Don't think you can do it all on your own simply by following the county engineer's instructions. They look at it from a county perspective. We look at it from an owner's perspective. Failing to conduct a preliminary study can result in major expenses down the road for things like removing contaminated soil, digging water and sewer lines, among others. Allow us to be your advocate through an often adversarial process.

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