



PBA TODAY — MAY 2020

AROUND TOWN



Construction on the new [Roberta's House](#), a Baltimore family grief support and community center, is taking shape. The center is intended to provide a safe place and resource in the community to promote recovery and healing from loss. PBA worked closely with the client to develop a program and design, specific to support the organization's mission and to facilitate an array of services. [Read more...](#)

TRENDS

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES



PBA recently started work on the education expansion of the Baltimore Juvenile Justice Center featured above.

Technology can aid in knowledge sharing in correctional facilities. Now that jails around the country are dealing with the potential spread of COVID-19, efficiency and knowledge sharing are very important. The speed at which coronavirus can spread across inmate populations and facility staff is rapid. One solution is to tap into technology to slow the spread. Digital jail management systems that allow correctional officers to assess inmates' health from a safe distance do exist. [Read more...](#)

ANTIMICROBIAL DESIGN



Copper has many antimicrobial uses. It has been well documented that copper can attack many bacteria, fungi and viruses, including MRSA, E. coli, Influenza and Norovirus. Then why don't we use copper more widely on surfaces where constant touching is a given? Perhaps this is because of its cost, looks and maintenance. Copper alloys are more expensive, and the demand has not yet reached an economy of scale that would make it a viable option for mass production. Nevertheless, sooner or later facility managers and owners will look at passive ways to make their buildings safer and immune to harboring viruses and bacteria. [Read more...](#)

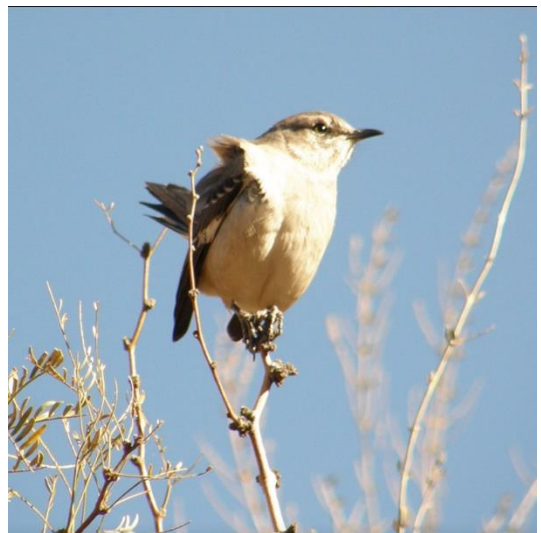
RESIDENTIAL DESIGN



How is your home work space? Does it need some improvement? PBA has designed many home offices over the years and knows the importance of having adequate organizational space along with comfortable features and good design. Here are a few of our layouts, including home offices in small and larger spaces, and a children's workstation built for three.

CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS

STAFF PASSIONS



Our Architects have many passions. Laurie Dickeson, Senior Associate at PBA, has been watching birds for nearly 30 years and believes that birds can provide the connection to nature that humans need. "Birding requires that you tune in to sights and sounds around you, improving your observation skills and attention to detail. Being on the lookout for birds has led me to notice other creatures as well," explains Laurie. Since volunteering with [Lights Out Baltimore](#) & the [Baltimore Bird Club](#) which monitors the number and species of birds injured or killed by striking glass on buildings, Laurie follows ongoing research on how building design and material selection can reduce the number of bird deaths that are a result of such collisions.

THINGS WE LIKE



Virtual tours. Here's the best virtual museums and art gallery tours that we could find. The Natural History Museum in London is amazing. [View here.](#)

Unusual architecture. What does the Washington National Cathedral and *Star Wars* have in common? Darth Vader. [See why.](#)

Mandalas. Download and color (perhaps with your family) an Anderson Ranch Arts Center mandala [here](#). Your color knowledge and skills will be put to the test!

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