

Longboat Key Roofing Completes Custom Chimney Cap Project

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Longboat Key Roofing recently completed a custom metal chimney cap installation on a Sarasota home that required approximately three fabrication and fitting rounds to accommodate an asymmetrical chimney structure. President and CEO James Peel said the deteriorated original cap could not be replaced with a standard symmetrical component because the chimney?s highest point was offset.

The project involved an older custom-designed home near the UTC and Lakewood Ranch area. Peel described the property as representative of an earlier generation of custom homes in the area, including homes built roughly 30 to 50 years ago with distinctive architectural features.

The chimney sits prominently within the home?s interior layout and was retained as part of the original design even though it is no longer used as a functioning fireplace chimney.

?The chimney is right in the middle,? Peel said. ?Everything is placed around the chimney. They want to

keep the look on the outside, too.?

The roofing portion of the broader remodeling project had already been completed when the chimney detail was addressed. The existing cap was initially considered for reuse, but Peel said it was in poor condition and ultimately needed to be replaced. Because the chimney remained exposed to the weather, Peel said the top still needed to be capped and waterproofed even though the fireplace itself had been decommissioned.

Creating the replacement presented a separate challenge because the chimney does not come to a conventional centered point.

?The point?s not in the center like you would think where it?s all symmetrical,? Peel said. ?The way this thing is constructed, it?s not like a regular triangle cap.?

Peel said the metal component was taken back and forth to a fabrication shop approximately three times before it fit the chimney properly. The repeated fittings allowed the component to be checked against the existing structure rather than relying on the dimensions of a standard manufactured cap.

The project required coordination with other stages of the remodel, including previously completed roofing work and later stucco work. Rather than altering the existing chimney to accommodate a standard component, the replacement was fabricated around the structure already in place.

Peel said older custom homes can present similar situations when original architectural details do not correspond to readily available replacement components. In those cases, measurements and field fitting may be necessary before a fabricated component can be completed.

The completed installation replaced the deteriorated cap, closed and waterproofed the top of the decommissioned chimney, and allowed the existing structure to remain part of the home?s exterior design.

Longboat Key Roofing provides residential roof replacement, repair, and inspection services in Sarasota and surrounding Gulf Coast communities. The company works with tile, metal, aluminum, and shingle roofing systems and holds Florida roofing license CCC-1337641.

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