

There's a fever in the air - spring fever! Trees are budding, bees are buzzing, and you can't wait to get a whiff of newly cut grass. Instead of eating dinner inside, pick an evening to serve dinner out on the patio. Enjoy the warming weather with your family over a nice meal.

If you have any family, friends, or loved ones this month looking to buy or sell a home, please give them my name!

Get the Most Out of Your Vacation Home Purchase

Thinking about purchasing a vacation home? These days it pays to check out the community and the home. Here are a few aspects worth considering before jumping in:

The view really does matter. Studies show that a property's distance to water or proximity to open space, such as a golf course, increases home values by 20%.



Take a drive on the local roads. Acquaint yourself with the area and get a feel for the traffic. If you're looking to get away from the hustle and bustle, be sure that you do!

Getting a place near the slopes or the sand means that you'll probably have visitors quite often, maybe more than you thought! Architect Chris Lessard recommends getting a place with one more bedroom than what you "need".

Vacation homes are many times subject to environmental stresses simply because of location. Look for solidly made homes with low maintenance materials. If a storm comes, you'll be glad you did!

Source: *Real Estate Journal*

Spring Cleaning Tips & Tricks

It's time to get your house fresh for spring! Here are some great tips to use when you start your spring-cleaning:

- When dusting, start at the top and work down.
- Use a water hose to spray the outside of your house to remove cobwebs, sand and dirt.
- Dust blinds by spraying dusting spray on a cloth and wrapping it around a ruler.
- Use rubbing alcohol to remove the dull haze from mirrors and spots from bathroom fixtures.
- Use club soda and a soft cloth to clean the kitchen counter, rinse and wipe dry.



Source: *debra4homes.com*

Warranty Wisdom

Instead of trying to keep track of all the companies you call on to service your house, why not purchase a 2-10 HBW ResaleSM home service agreement. You will only have to make one call describing the warranty problem, and the appropriate service person will be sent right to your house.

Eat Healthy for Under \$7



Don't break the bank trying to eat healthy! Check out these 5 good for the body foods that won't cost you a bundle:

1. Whole wheat pasta - full of fiber and only about \$1.00/pound
2. Eggs - a cheap source of protein and vitamins good for the muscles and brain
3. Nuts & seeds - a dose of healthy fats, protein and calcium
4. Potatoes - rich in fiber and minerals; the skins have the most nutritional value
5. Green veggies - leafy greens are rich in antioxidants, vitamins and minerals

Source: *MSN Health*

Easy Snack Wraps

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Ready In: 15 minutes

Ingredients:
12 (10") flour tortillas
1 head lettuce
2c shredded carrots
2c minced tomato
1 package shredded cheese
1 (8oz) package cream cheese
1 (6oz) package sliced deli-style turkey



Directions:
Spread cream cheese evenly over tortillas and top with lettuce. Arrange turkey slices evenly over lettuce and sprinkle carrots and tomato and cheese. Roll tortillas into wraps and cut diagonally into bite sized pieces. Secure with toothpicks.

Source: *All Recipes*

April Quote:

April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.
-William Shakespeare