



GW Times

420 Butler's Landing Stevensville MD 21666



The BIG Fall Issue 2003

President's Message

As Fall approaches, we have the enjoyment of the changing season, renewal of our commitments to complete those 2003 year projects and an opportunity to spend time enjoying the upcoming holidays with our families. Don't forget to prepare you home for the winter and perform those homeowner maintenance items to keep your home in tip-top shape. If you are one of our homeowners, you will be receiving a "Fall Reminders to New Home Owners" list that summarizes many of these tasks you should complete. I wish you and your family a happy holiday season and wish to say a special hello to our new homeowners and new commercial tenants.



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Construction News

A Warm Welcome to all of our new homeowners!



Congratulations to **Greg Wilson & Katima Salter**! They moved into their beautiful home in the Greenwood Community in July. Thank you both so much for inviting us to your house warming party!



Mary Matlock moved into her very impressive and beautifully decorated home in April, she is sure to make her neighbors jealous! We really enjoyed your house warming party.



Welcome **Tina & Allee Ramadhan**! They moved into their cozy home in Greenwood in September! We wish them the best with their new baby!

Continuing Progress

The final plans for the construction of our new office building were just received this month. We hope to move in just after the new year. We are leasing professional office space on the first floor on the east side. Call today for more information!





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Come and see our exciting new development!

These lots are spacious- up to 1/2 an acre!

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Anne Arundel
Bennett's Curse Haunted House
410-538-6461
Halloween Haunted Barn &
Hayride
410-923-3400
Annapolis Film Festival
410-263-2388

Queen Anne's County

Oktoberfest 410-604-2100
Members' Best Exhibit 410-758-2520
Halloween Trick-or-Treat 410-827-8699

November

Anne Arundel

Bayside Big Band 410-280-6400
Evening w/ James Carvill & Mary Matalin 410-224-8984

Queen Anne's County

Christmas Bazaar 410-827-8484
Fall Dinner 410-758-0143
"A Streetcar named Desire" Play 410-758-1331
Fall Bazaar 410-758-0143
Holiday Open House 410-643-7424
Christmas Boat Parade 410-643-4101

Style For the Fall

By: Joyce Wesolowski

It's Fall! Everywhere you look mums and pumpkins abound. What nicer way to jump-start the season than stopping at your local market to pick up those perennial favorites. Start a stage show in your front garden with a riot of fall colors. Oh, yours is already overcrowded? Then simply place your potted mums or pumpkins on either side of your front door, or on your porch, along the steps, near a lamplight or mailbox. Instant fall warmth and charm!

Seasonal accents, i.e., a bale of hay adorned with pumpkins and scarecrow will do double duty from Halloween to Thanksgiving. Children (and parents) benefit from nature walks collecting pine cones, pretty leaves and berries to create "Fall Baskets" and wreaths. Gourds, mini pumpkins placed in bowls or set along the middle of a dining table with gold or pumpkin colored candles complement the warmth started at your front door. And the best part of all of this....it's all natural! No storage needed at the end of the season!

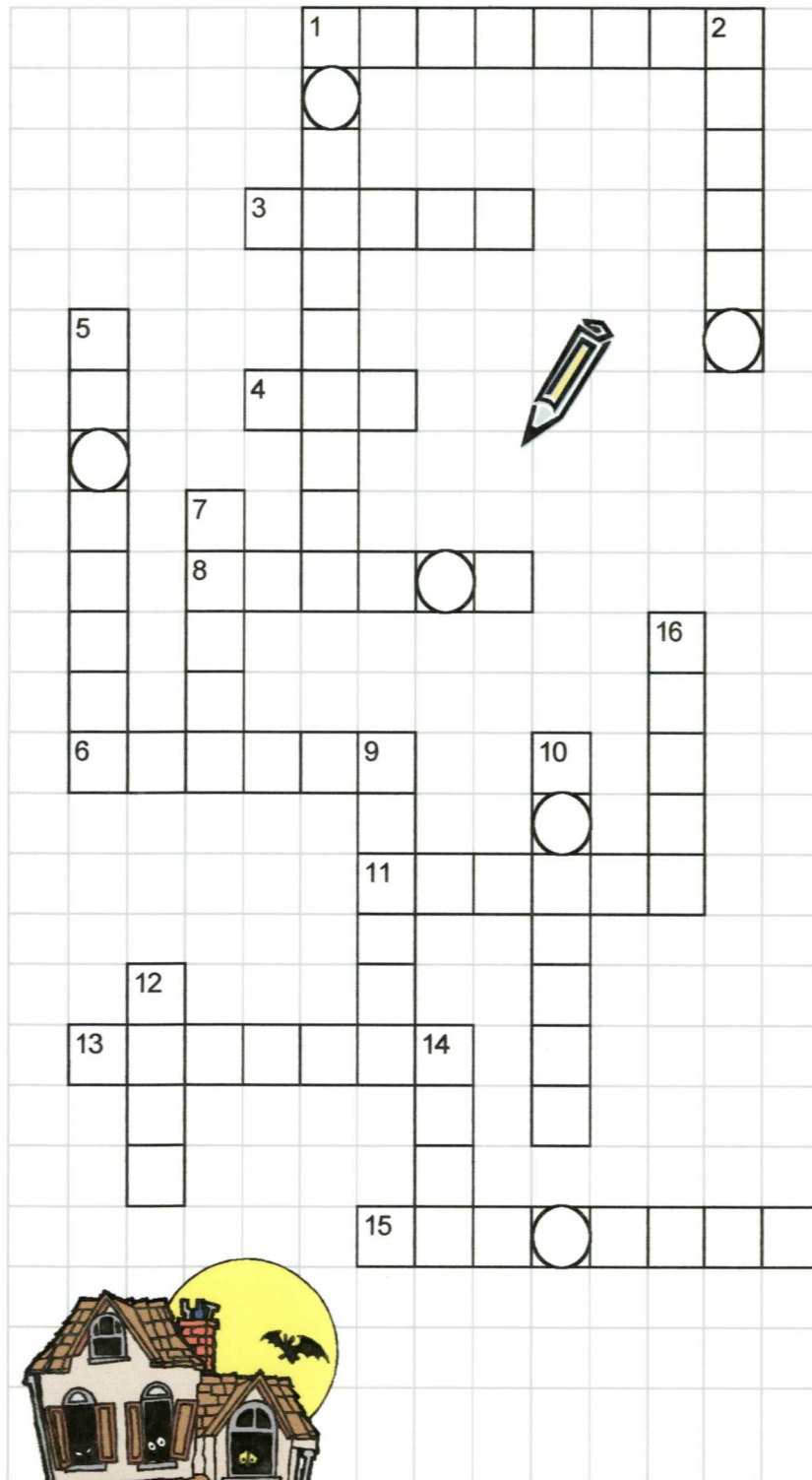


Or, if you like, you can just go crazy with ghosts, goblins, witches lights and sounds like Rocky and Karen Voight and deck the halls, walls and yard. Now, there's a couple who really know how to celebrate!



CROSSWORD

By: Tiffany Hunt



Puzzle Question:

What's most important around the holidays?

Across

1. Bad Luck
3. Horror Movies
4. Ghost Sound
6. Back to _____
8. Native American
11. Red, comes from a tree
13. Gather Crops
15. Inside of a turkey

Down

1. Teacher writes on it
2. Gobble Gobble
5. Orange, Jack-O-Lantern
7. Spell caster
9. Fall on the ground
10. Indian's Guests
12. Season
14. Exams
16. Hardback & Paperback



GW Times

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Please submit articles or ads by the end of each month and it may be placed in an appropriate newsletter. The articles or ads can be mailed to:

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1/2 Page	\$40.00
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Halloween Safety Tips

By: Tammy Wesolowski

No Tricks, Just Treats

In the excitement of Halloween don't forget, **SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY** (oh and a little bit of fun too)! Here are a few tips to keep the kids safe and give you piece of mind.

1. Face paint is better than a mask. A mask can restrict peripheral vision.
2. Check all candy and throw out anything suspect. Bring along a few pieces from your own stock for snacking along the way.
3. **ONLY** go to houses you know and that are well lit. Remember that little lesson about candy from strangers. Well this is no time to break that rule.
4. Bring a flashlight and make sure both you and the kids have some sort of reflective clothing on.
5. Never let your kids go alone. A parent can always walk a distance behind the older trick-or-treater.
6. Keep animals inside. They can scare even the scariest little ghosts and goblins and Halloween is no time for Fluffy to be outside anyway.
7. Check with your local churches and malls. They may sponsor an alternative to the normal fanfare.
8. Have lots and lots of fun with your kids because that is what life is all about. Oh, and don't forget to brush your teeth!



Exciting Client News!!

Birthdays! Birthdays! Birthdays!
Jon Osman **October 20th**
Jeff Messing **November 29th**

Babies ! Babies ! Babies !
John Douglas Petro was born on
September 6, 2003 making Mike
and Penny Runnels (of the Easton
Club) proud grandparents!!

Tina and Allee Ramadham were
blessed with a bouncing baby boy
born October 2003.

Anniversaries ! Anniversaries !
Mike & Penny Runnels Nov 4th

POSITIVE FEEDBACK!

March 3, 2003

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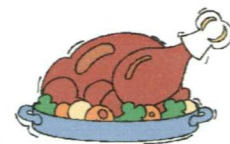
We are very glad that we chose GW Homes Inc. The quality and professionalism that all of you have distributed has been outstanding.

Thanks so much for forwarding us a colored copy of the Corian Countertop demo we decided upon, along with the picture of the wall color and cabinets we chose.

Your timely response was greatly appreciated. Should we have any further questions or concerns, we will contact you at the office.

Sincerely,

Katima Salter
 Katima Salter





HURRICANE ISABEL

By: Tiffany Hunt



Hurricane Isabel may not have been the strongest, most expensive or the most destructive hurricane ever but it is certainly going to be remembered a long time on Kent Island and the surrounding areas. Isabel flooded many homes and businesses, left many cars and trucks stranded and caused major power outages. According to John Chew, director of the Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services, "It was a record-breaker in terms of the storm surge". In 1933 the record for the highest surge was 5 1/2 feet which was recently topped by Isabel's 6 1/2' surges. Many trees were uprooted or blown over and various vehicles and boats were damaged or destroyed. One specific sailboat came into contact with an overhead power line just off of Route 50 (Eastbound) and triggered a fire that consumed the boat. Standing water remained in many communities in the area until Friday. For example Route 8 at the Bay City entrance was closed off until late Friday afternoon. A prized landmark The Romancoke Pier at the end of Route 8 was ripped apart by the storm with pieces floating around the area after the storm.

FEMA is already accepting applications for federal disaster aid for individuals, families and business. This aid will grant temporary housing and repair. However, FEMA suggest that if you have flood insurance to call you insurance company before calling FEMA. The application number for FEMA is 1-800-621-3362.

The aftermath of Isabel will live on much longer that the storm itself did. Much rebuilding or repairing can be expected in the coming months. John Chew is concerned with the strain that is now put on the water and sewer plants. "There is just so much liquid in the system right now because of the flooding that pumps and other equipment are getting burned out and need replacement,". It is asked that everyone use good judgment when using all resources, especially with laundry and dishwashers. Health officials suggest homeowners disinfect their wells before using the water due to the contamination from the flood waters. To support any disaster areas, visit www.nvoad.org.



FALL REMINDERS

1. For Forced air systems: Clean or replace filters monthly. Hot Water Heat: Check zone valves and pumps.
2. Check to make sure your humidifier is cleaned and working monthly if you own one.
3. Turn Off exterior faucets. Disconnect and store all outdoors hoses. This should be done before the first frost.
4. Close windows in the locked position. Store screens for the winter. You may want to clean your windows at this time.
5. Make sure the damper works and chimney draws. Clean flue and spark arrestor.
6. Clean gutters and downspouts after the leaves have fallen and before the first snow. Clogging causes ice dams, leaks and roof damage. Leaf guards are available for gutters.
7. If your insulated glass fogs, between panes, replace it. Check exterior door thresholds for adjustment.
8. Close up all crawl space vents, placing temporary insulation in openings from inside. This is very important to maintain crawl space temperature above freezing, and prevent waterline freeze-ups.
9. Read instructions before lighting pilot on gas fireplaces.
10. Have Family Fun!!!!

Gardening & Lawncare Tips

By: Harold Veasel

It's time to winterize your lawn and garden again!

- Use a good fall weed and feed fertilizer on your lawn so that in the spring when your lawn comes back it will have less weeds.
- It also helps to overseed your lawn at this time. A thick lawn kills weeds.
- As your plants go dormant it helps to cut them back to start fresh in the spring.
- Another good idea is to mark their location in case you want to add to your beds in the spring so as not to damage existing perennial bulbs.
- You should rake the beds to mix the mulch in to help enrich the soil as the mulch biodegrades into the soil. If you want to transplant trees, shrubs or flowers. Be sure they are completely dormant before doing so as to not kill them. The best time is between December 15th and February 15th for transplanting.
- Don't forget to move your gardening tools and ornaments inside as to prevent rust and other damage. Gas Grills should also be moved inside sheds, basements or garages to keep burners tanks etc... from rusting remember winter is hard on everything.





Why do we celebrate Halloween?

By: Daniel Palmer

Now a days, Halloween means kids dressed up as ghosts and goblins, fairies and princesses. For some of us, it means a masquerade with all of your friends. And to others, it's an opportunity to face your fears, and mingle with terror. But to many, Halloween seems pointless. Unlike Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, or Christmas, the celebration of Halloween is not based on any specific event in our history. So for what reason do we decorate and dress up year after year?

Halloween, or Allhallows Eve, obtains its name because it was the evening after the Christian feast of Allhallows, or All Saints' Day. In earlier days, Halloween, or Allhallows Eve, was the night that that evil spirits were sent to wander the earth. To protect their villages, the Druids would light bonfires to ward off these evil spirits. The Celts believed Halloween to be the last evening of the year, and believed that it was the best time for fortune telling. The Romans held Harvest festivals on November 1st to honor Pomona, the goddess of the fruits of trees. Here they would play games like Bobbing for apples, and making faces out of pumpkins (the old version of a Jack o' Lantern).



As the old beliefs died out, the traditions lived on. As with all holidays, Halloween became commercialized. Parties replaced old rituals and



gatherings. The Harvest Festivals still live on in the U.S. and Great Britain, and so do many of the festival games. You can even take walks along dimly lit paths or in creaky old houses and meet the evil spirits of old, now in the form of vampires, zombies, ghosts, and witches. However you choose to celebrate Halloween, take pride in that you are upholding a tradition from many cultures and beliefs.

Spotlight !!

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The company concentrates on high quality custom built-ins and free standing furniture. Each piece is designed specifically to meet the customers taste and requirements.

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