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Construction Highlights

A Warm Welcome to all of our new homeowners!



Glenn & Tiffany Brego moved into their striking home in September in the cozy community of Parklands.



Welcome **David & Paula Baker**! They moved into their beautiful home in the Greenwood community in September.

Matt Erb & Jean Meta moved into their new home shortly after their marriage in September. We wish them the best of luck in their new life and home!



Congratulations to **Floyd & Virginia Patterson**! They moved into their wonderful home in Parklands in July.

Continuing Progress

Bob & Kathleen Cooper have begun construction on their lot in Benton's Pleasure. This should be one remarkable dwelling!

Construction of our new office building is complete! We are leasing professional office space on the first floor, see page 7 for details. Call today for more information!



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HAPPY HARVEST

By: Tammy Wesolowski



Preparing for a fall feast? Here are some ideas to add flair to you home.

- Collect fall leaves, then press between wax paper and a dictionary. After a few days pull them out and with a marker, write the names of your guests on one side for beautiful place markers.
- Hollow out a pumpkin and place a potted mum inside. (Hint – rub petroleum jelly on the cut parts of the pumpkin to last longer if you aren't going to put a candle in it.)



- Grab the kids, the dog, the spouse or just yourself and go on a nature walk. Our area has such beautiful nature. Pick up fallen acorns, leaves, sticks and dried pods. Arrange a nature table or centerpiece.
- Twigs that have not been treated with pesticide make great Carmel apple sticks

The possibilities are endless without spending a dime we can enjoy this beautiful fall season in Maryland

Storm's Cleanup!

By: Joyce Wesolowski

Can you believe the children are back in school! And another "Fall" is here! As the dust settles from the family's exit, you look around at the overabundance (clutter) remaining in your home. Let's face it, how can you tackle fall cleaning, much less decorating, when you can't even reach the supplies you need! (Sorry no magic wand is enclosed in this newsletter.) There is only one message based on my own futile efforts to conserve, move, and rotate...purge!

People are waiting for your good, but underused items, especially, those affected by the recent storms and flooding. Give it up! Give it over. Donate those unused clothes that will never see sunshine, at least not on your back. Donate those stacks of books, puzzles and games to needy youth centers. Encourage Dad to clear out his booty of unused tool and gadgets. If you can't take "it" to the collection center, the collection center will come to you. Make the call for someone else's relief, and for your own sanity. If you can't face the task alone, ask a friend to help you. It's easier for someone, who is not emotionally attached to the item, to let know it's time to give it away. And don't even think yard sale. No, you don't have time. If you did, you would have had it last week!

Take the test. Are your nerves frazzled? Do you snap at your loved ones when they can't find something? OR are you snapping because you can't find it either! Calmer response, "I gave it away." Debate is over. If the truth be known, you'll probably never know if you gave it away. To stop the "pain", you'll probably close your eyes as you put it in a bag! When complete, you'll marvel at the transformation, not only in your home, but also in your attitude, knowing that others will be as blessed as you are from the "storm's cleanup!"



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Witch Way ??

By: Tiffany Hunt

To solve this unusual maze, you'll need to cross the paths of Halloween pumpkins, witches and black cats. You may move left, right, up or down (but not diagonally) to the next picture - but only if it either shows the same picture or has the same color box as the one you're on. Start on the cat in the orange box beside the start and finish at the orange cat beside the finish.



Welcome New Employees



Here's a hearty welcome to the newest edition to the GW Homes Staff, Sam Rebeck! Sam is our new Field Manager and since July, has become an invaluable member of our team.

Coming from a background of various trades he has been able to utilize his expertise and his friendly demeanor to help with our customer service. Welcome Sam to the GW Homes Family.



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Tiffany Hunt
Daniel Palmer
Sam Rebeck

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Office Assistant
Field Manager



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.



Candy Do's & Don'ts

By: *Daniel Palmer*



Halloween is fast approaching. As our little goblin's and ballerina's prepare for a night of fun and fright, don't forget these handy candy tips to keep them safe. And remember, these tips go both ways for giving and receiving.

- Always check any candy your children collect. Be sure to through out any candy that has been opened, deflated, or altered in any way.
- Pre-packaged candy and treats are always the best to give and receive. Avoid giving out fruits, and loose candies and treats. Popcorn filled plastic gloves are fun at parties and private events, but are not appropriate to give to trick-or-treaters.
- Make sure that your treats are clearly labeled as to what they are and what they have in them. Some people have allergies to certain food products such as peanuts or wheat.
- Never accept candy from strangers. This is the rule of thumb for every day Halloween is no exception.
- Try to give out healthy treats instead of candy. Sugar Free bubble gum, whole fruit gummy snacks, bagged snack pretzels, and snack sized caned fruit are healthy alternatives to chocolate and hard candy.

Be sure to keep your little trick-or-treaters stay healthy. Large amounts of sugar can be damaging to their health, not to mention their teeth. Be sure to regulate the amount of candy they can have at one time.

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Annapolis Film Festival
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Queen Anne's County

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

November

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Bayside Big Band 410-280-6400

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Isabel...a year later

By: Tiffany Hunt

Hurricane Isabel blew in on September 18, 2003 damaging many homes and businesses across Maryland. Extensive damage was done to businesses in Grasonville and the Kent Narrows Area due to the flooding. Other areas that were greatly affected included Kent Island, Grasonville, Queenstown, Kingstown, Crumpton, Millington, Annapolis and Baltimore. It was reported that the entire 200 foot by 10 foot Romancoke Pier was obliterated by the storm and cost to repair it would be in the thousands of dollars.

After the water receded many repairs begun all over the county and state. Plumbers, Carpet Cleaners, Electricians, Marine Construction companies and many other tradesmen became overwhelmed with the many urgent repairs that needed to be done. Now a year later many trades are still busy repairing damage done by Isabel. The home owners and business owners effected by the storm could tell you that the legacy of Isabel will live on for some time in their minds as they are still not only repairing their homes and or businesses but also replacing items lost in the flood.

There is no telling when the repairs will be completed and until then many homeowners will have to manage through the winter. Isabel's touch has certainly given us all something to talk about for the last year and we send our best wishes to all who are still struggling with her remnants.

Quick Storm Facts:

- ✧ More than 25 county roads were flooded in QA County
- ✧ More than 200 trees came down on roads & power line in QA County
- ✧ A 12" sewer force main ruptured in Postal Road, Chester due to increased pumping pressure resulting from flooding conditions
- ✧ 2 water systems were out of services for 12 hours in Grasonville and 30 hours for Oyster Cove – due to failed generators
- ✧ A 50' section of roof was blown off the sludge drying bed at the sewage treatment plant on Kent Island

Pumpkin Bread

By: Tiffany Hunt



3 cups sugar
1 cup oil
4 eggs
2 cups pumpkin pulp
1/3 cup water
3 1/3 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon cloves



Grease and flour two 9" x 5" loaf pans. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, stir together sugar and oil. Add eggs, pumpkin and water. Add remaining ingredients and stir until combined. Pour batter into prepared pans and bake 60 to 70 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

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Tammy & Gene

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Thank You for the
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The office/building are
a huge hit!

Cheers to Success!

~ Sarah A.

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Exciting Client News !!

Birthdays ! Birthdays ! Birthdays !

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John Petro

September 6th

Rasul Ramadhan

September 28th

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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 because if not it causes the pipes to burst.
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!!!!



A Day in the life of GW Homes Inc....

Team Building Day!!



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Stop Cold Drafts this Winter!

By: Tiffany Hunt

Caulking is one of the quickest and easiest ways to stop air leaks around the house. The first step to good caulking is choosing the correct product. If you choose to use a water based caulk (it is easy to clean up with water) it provides a permanently flexible weather-resistant seal against air, moisture, dirt and dust and adheres to almost any surface.

Areas you should make sure to caulk:

Window Frames
Perimeter Walls
Door Frames



Did you know that a 1/8" gap around two door frames can let in as much air as leaving a 12" window opened 6" all winter long?

For large gaps or openings fill the joint with a foam joint filler. Filling the crack with joint filler seals gaps, prevents loss of caulking and helps the cured material to expand and contract without rupturing. *An R30 batt of insulation is provided with each house and should be set into place on top of pull down stairs.* Don't forget to stop cold drafts this Winter!!



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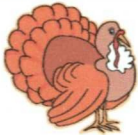


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