

VMI Properties newsletter

Hello and welcome to the "VMI Properties Newsletter".

Please take advantage of our monthly tips for:

- Saving Money
- Keeping your home cleaner, safer, and more comfortable
- Helping retain your home's value
- Helping improve your comfort and life style
- Getting into the position to purchase

THIS MONTH'S TOPICS ARE:

1. What Needs to be Done this Month?
2. Safety Never Takes a Vacation
3. Healthy Halloween Snacks



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"A house is built with boards and beams; A home is built with love and dreams." Unknown

MONEY SAVING TIPS

- SAVING MONEY TIP #1
Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater to 120° F.
- SAVING MONEY TIP #2
Take short showers instead of baths.

1. What Needs To Be Done This Month?

October .

Check and replace the batteries in your smoke detectors then put out fall fertilizer. I suggest you use Scotts Bonus S MAX. It feeds, kills weeds & bugs, provides the nutrients a Southern lawn needs AND controls fire ants.

2. Safety Never Takes a Vacation



- Keep your garage doors closed when you are not in the immediate area.



- Keep a lock on your fence gate-replace the bolt screws with flat ended lag bolts and nuts. This way, no one can undo your screws and enter your backyard, without needing a key or a combination to open your lock.
- Have motion sensors on your front door lights.
- Cut off the emergency handle & rope on your automatic garage door openers. Thieves can slide a coat hanger with a hooked end through the upper edge of a closed garage door, feel for the handle's rope, pull on the coat hanger (unlocks your garage door) and enter your garage and home.
- Install a deadbolt on the door which leads from your garage to your home.
- Install anti-tamper door frame hardware with 3-4 inch safety screws. Your doors will be much more difficult to kick in.
- Keep watch around your area/block of the neighborhood, for unfamiliar persons or vehicles. If you sense that something is not right, do not hesitate to call the police.
- Volunteer to watch another resident's home. Offer to collect papers, ect. While they are away.



• SAVING MONEY TIP #3

Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.

• SAVING MONEY TIP #4

Drive sensibly. Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gasoline.

• SAVING MONEY BONUS TIPS

Avoid having to pay additional charges by making all your payments on time.

Credit repair will not only allow you to purchase your own home but will also save you thousands of dollars in high interest on all your credit purchases.



Just for fun:

Take your family to "THE GREAT STATE FAIR OF TEXAS".

KEEPING YOUR HOME CLEANER

KID'S BEDROOMS

Removing Stickers

If you remove as much of the sticker as possible, you can remove the rest with a little Ben Gay ointment and a blow dryer set on the low heat setting. Also works on carpet

Other products that have been known to remove stickers include WD-40, Oops brand latex paint remover, De-Solve, fingernail polish remover, rubbing alcohol and even peanut butter!

- Acknowledge people walking by and passing vehicles by waving. Knowing they were noticed, thieves will usually choose to checkout a different street or neighborhood.



- When you are leaving your home, be sure to close your window drapes and blinds-this deters thieves from looking into your home for valuables.
- Never drive the same direction when leaving or returning to your home by car. This way your path to and from your home cannot be predicted by thieves who will usually strike when they see you drive off or before you drive home.

3. Healthy Halloween Snacks

No trick: These treats will help scare candy cravings away

It's Halloween week, and that candy you've bought to be prepared for the kids is slowly devouring your best intentions. What can do you to fight off those ghastly urges? Give yourself permission to eat something healthy that's still in the spirit of the day.

Here are four yummy "treats" that will help "trick" your taste buds and satisfy even the most diehard lover of Halloween.

Trick or Treat Trail Mix

- 1 cup of pretzel sticks or mini pretzel twists
- 1 cup of reduced-fat cheese crackers
- 1 cup lightly salted roasted or party peanuts
- 1 cup orange or black dried fruit
- 1/2 cup Halloween M&Ms



Combine all the ingredients in a big bowl and toss to mix well.

Use a 1/2 cup measure to scoop out 1/2 cup of the mixture into a zip-top or plastic bag. Tie the ends closed with orange and black curling ribbon or decorative wire.

Makes 9 (1/2 cup) bags

Thank you for reading the "VMI Properties Newsletter". I hope you will use some of the ideas here to improve the quality of your life. If you have comments or suggestions please let me know.

From my family to yours...have a save Halloween!!

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