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At Landmark Roofing, Rob Calhan (left) and Artie Hendricks are using safe practices to help area residents, like the owner of this home in Shipley's Choice, with their roofing and siding needs. It's part of their commitment, through their business and charity work, to help the local community.

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A few seeds of caution will go a long way when you begin to garden.

Proper Care Of Concrete In Winter

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ooler temperatures are approaching and with that comes snow and ice. Harsh elements and freezing temperatures often call

for deicers and salt to be put down on your concrete. Preparing your concrete surfaces properly for winter is important for the longevity and beauty of your concrete. Newer concrete, especially concrete less than a year old, is more inclined to be affected by deicer, a product sprinkled over snow and ice on harder surfaces.

Here are some things you can do to help protect your

concrete surfaces from harsh winter weather. The number one step in protection is sealing your concrete. Not only will it protect the concrete from stains, but it will also keep out the worst of winter's elements. Make sure to give your concrete a good scrub to remove any dirt or debris before applying a sealant so the sealant can properly bond to the concrete.

Clearing it quickly is key; be sure that snow and ice do not sit for long lengths of time. One of the greatest threats to concrete is the freeze-thaw cycle, which causes concrete to expand and contract. This process leads to cracking. Removing snow and ice from concrete can be tricky. You want to use plastic shovels and not metal shovels, as metal can damage concrete surfaces. If metal is all you

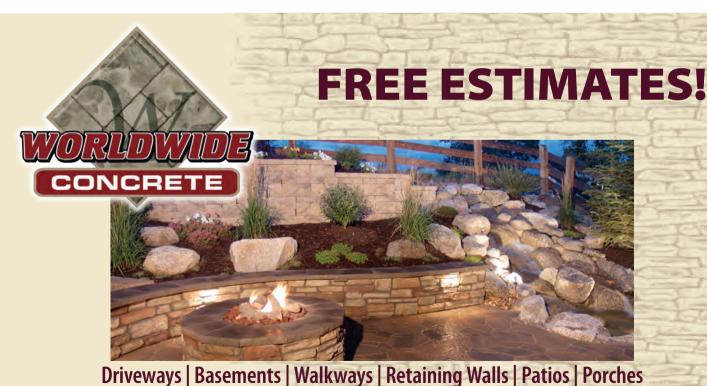
have, use a broom instead to sweep off your concrete.

Although salt seem to be the easiest way to prevent slips and falls related to ice, unfortunately, this easy fix can prove disastrous for your concrete surfaces. Salt alone can cause waterlike stains on the concrete and deterioration of the surfaces. Many of the chemicals used in deicers are highly corrosive and can damage your new or older concrete surfaces. Instead of your typical salt or chemical melting products, we recommend alternatives. Sand, for instance, will not hard the concrete and will also provide traction for walking. Another substitute for sale or other deicing chemicals is cat litter, but this tends to be costlier. If salt and chemical deicers are your only option, make sure to get it off the surfaces

quickly. Most of the time, the damage from winter is not visible until spring when you find your concrete patio or driveway with spalling and pockets where you can see aggregate underneath.

At first glance, concrete appears to be a heavy, strong surface, but really, it absorbs water, behaving more like a sponge. This is good because quality concrete should have air voids and be somewhat absorbent, but it does impress the importance of properly caring for your concrete during the winter.

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What Makes A Community Association?



ommunity associations come in many forms: condominiums, cooperatives, homeowners' associations, neighborhood associations, improvement associations and more. With this broad cross-section of organizations having many responsibilities, sometimes the message, the purpose and the benefit can get lost. Homeowners wonder, "What does this association really do?"

The Members Make The Community

The simple answer is this: a community is made up of its



members. So if you move into your community and love it, be sure to thank the people involved and contribute where you can. And if you see a lag or lull in community efforts, or a need for an update or upgrade someplace, roll up your sleeves and get it done! There may be more people out there that think like you and who are just waiting for the chance to contribute. Below are some ideas for where to get started.

Board of Directors

Why not start at the top? The board of directors for a community association has many responsibilities, but they can be summed up with one word: governance. A board will have to hear and consider different ideas, suggestions, complaints and proposals, and then vote among themselves to determine the best course of action for the entire community. Being on the board means responsibility, decision-making and occasion-

ally dispute resolution; it is not for the faint of heart, and it is often a thankless job. But building community takes hard work, and this is where a lot of it gets done.

Officers

In nearly all community association documents, there are certain officer positions that do not have to be held by members of the board of directors. This is a common source of confusion, but typically board

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Home Scents

Danielle Bowen The Blended Essentials



s our days and nights are spent in our homes, we are finding the need to keep things fresh, seasonal and inspirational. Starting off the school year in Severna Park, many of our homes are filled with children learning, parents working and lots of at-home family nights. As I talk with the youth in our community regarding some of the benefits of social distancing, they have shared that the time they get to spend with their family has been better than they would have expected. The majority of our youth have stated that they have been spending time cooking, making candles at home, playing games and enjoying other family bonding experiences that their typical busy schedules (sports, schools and other extracurricular activities) have not allowed them to take advantage of in the past.

As we have entered fall and are approaching winter, we know that we will be spending more time at home. This has created the perfect opportunity for us to create scents for the various times of the day and fragrances that bring you joy. Fill your home and your life with scents that are perfect for you. There are a variety of ways to create a home that smells fresh, vibrant and delightful throughout the season.

Choosing a fragrance is a personal decision. People choose scents for many reasons. The sense of smell is closely linked to memories, more so than any of your other senses. It is not uncommon for people to think of smells that evoke particular memories. The blend of white tea and lemon takes me to my grandma's clean house while making lemon cookies. I enjoy mixing this scent into carpet refreshers, adding to my steam cleaner, room diffusers and in my hand sanitizers.

Each room in your home serves a different purpose, allowing you to create specific scents to set the right mood. When choosing a fragrance for a common area, select fragrances that are uplifting to create a comfortable and fresh environment. A **soy wax candle** is a natural and renewable source, providing a long-lasting, clean burn, and releasing a strong fragrance throw. If your space is large, a **fragrance diffuser** is a great choice. A

fragrance diffuser creates an enduring scent that can carry between one or more rooms.

The bedroom and other relaxing rooms of the house should be scented with fragrances to craft an ambiance to unwind. Fragrances that are sensual and soothing will establish the perfect balance for relaxation and peace. Wax warmers are a great way to enjoy the fragrance without a flame. Using a warmer, the wax melts by absorbing heat, slowly releasing aromas without burning the oils, creating a long-lasting fragrance. Soy wax allows for a simple clean-up, allowing you to easily switch fragrances.

As you transition between rooms, you can offer an intermediate scent, allowing your senses to shift from one mood to another. Use a light scent that is alluring, woody and adds

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he temperatures are dropping, the leaves are falling, and the sun seems to be setting entirely too early. It's official — autumn is finally here. While you await next summer's beach trips, you can easily create a cozy, comfortable outdoor fall

retreat just steps from your door! Whether you have a fenced-in back-yard or a spacious deck, consider the following tips on transitioning your outdoor space from summer sanctuary to an autumn oasis.

Light It Up

The days may be shorter, but there's no reason to cancel nighttime gatherings with friends and family. Outdoor lighting is an essential accessory if you plan on utilizing

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What You Need To Know About Your Water



Brian Edwards Hague Quality Water of Maryland

ater safety is more important than ever, and access to clean, safe water is not something to take for granted. Thousands of potential contaminants are threatening the quality of your home's well or municipal water, and the infrastructure may not always keep up. If you haven't tested your water in some time, or perhaps you haven't considered the health and safety of your water, now is the time to take action.

A recent review of the Anne Arundel County municipal water report shows the presence of radium, arsenic, cadmium, chro-

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What's New At Your Local Recycling Center?

By Kelly L. Mackall

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nne Arundel County constantly seeks opportunities to expand our residents' recycling options. On July 7 of this year, the county started accepting color-sorted glass food and beverage containers at all three recycling centers.

What's so special about this glass recycling program? Glass food and beverage containers are 100 percent recyclable! They can be recycled into new bottles and jars an unlimited number of times, without ever losing quality or purity. Pieces of glass can only be used to make a new glass container of the same color, clear for clear, brown for brown, etc.

When glass is collected separately and sorted by

color, there are fewer contaminants, it has a higher market value, is easier to recycle, and results in a higher occurrence of bottle-to-bottle recycling.

What's bottle-to-bottle recycling? Clean, color-sorted glass bottles and iars that are dropped off by residents at county recycling centers will be sold to glass recycling companies and remanufactured into new glass bottles and iars. Contaminant-free. color-sorted glass is much easier for glass manufacturers to use to produce new bottles and jars. It is already sorted by color, it doesn't contain a high volume of non-glass material, and less screening and processing is needed before using it to produce new containers.

So, how will it work?

What's accepted and what's not? Specially marked dumpsters have been placed at each recvcling center to accept clean, empty glass food or beverage containers (bottles and jars) of any color, shape or size. Items such as bottles (salad dressing, vinegar, olive oil and ketchup), jars (baby food, spaghetti sauce, pickle, jelly, spice and relish), as well as beverage containers (water, tea, soda, beer and wine) will be accepted. Lids and labels may remain on, but containers must be free of all food or beverage remains. Items not accepted include window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, Pyrex, ovenware dishes, ceramic and porcelain mugs or dishes, crystal glassware, drinking glasses, candle jars, holders or votives, food, liquids, bags (paper or plastic), and cosmetic or perfume bottles.

This new bottle-to-bottle program will not affect what's accepted at the curb. All curbside customers are still allowed to place glass bottles and jars into their yellow curbside recycling containers, if bringing them to a recycling center is not an option. However, we hope customers will choose to drop off accepted glass containers and join the glass recycling movement, whenever possible.

How can I learn more and get other recycling news?

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A Garage Door Is A Smart Investment

By Marty Armin Jr. Armin's Garage Doors

ost homeowners understand that home improvement projects have the potential to increase the value of their homes and can refresh outdated features with more modern ones. But did you know that replacing your garage door is one of the best investments you can

make in your home and will warrant higher list prices when selling your home? Updating your garage door not only boosts curb appeal and makes the overall exterior of your home more appealing, but it also gives buyers a higher perceived value of the home overall. In fact, a garage door update can increase your home's perceived selling price

by as much as 4 percent and is among the top five ROI-positive home improvement projects that a seller should consider before listing.

Remodeling Magazine conducted its annual cost vs. value survey, which compares the average cost of a wide variety of popular remodeling projects with the value those projects retain at resale in housing mar-

kets across the country, and the results show that replacing or upgrading the garage door was among the top projects in retaining its value over time. In its 2020 survey, the magazine found that installing a new, upscale garage door, which costs around \$3,695, provides 94.5 percent ROI. Beyond ROI, replacing the garage door can

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When Artie Hendricks (left) and Rob Calhan started Landmark Roofing five years ago, they placed an emphasis on using their business as a vehicle to help people.



By Zach Sparks

he coronavirus pandemic has shuttered businesses across the nation, but as one of the fortunate businesses to have stayed open, Landmark Roofing has continued to help its neighbors through both its business and through charity.

Landmark recently gave \$1,000 to the BWMC Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center. Landmark also donated \$1,000 for the Severna Park Community Center drive-by gala (scheduled for October 24) and \$1,500 to Boys Hope Girls Hope of Baltimore, which helps academically motivated



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students of disadvantaged backgrounds become successful in college and beyond.

Since opening five years ago, Landmark Roofing has seized opportunities to give back to the community where its employees live.

"The local customers are keeping us busy, so we want to give back," said Artie Hendricks, a Severna Park resident and president of operations for Landmark Roofing.

On the business side, Landmark Roofing has adapted to COVID-19 protocols to address the needs of homeowners.

"For our industry, we're able to communicate whether it's through email or virtual," said Rob Calhan, Landmark Roofing's president of sales, who lives in Arnold. "We've been able to use satellite imagery, and we've been able to give pricing, install roofs and give financing options."

Hendricks said, "There is little to no physical contact, even during installation. We can do the whole process without entering the home."

With Tropical Storm Isaias passing through Maryland from late July through early August, it's a good idea for homeowners to get a free inspection to see if their home was damaged.

"It's hard to see damage from the ground sometimes, so it's good to have a free inspection to see if there is damage that will be covered by insurance," said Matt Pollard, vice president of sales for Landmark Roofing.

Winter is approaching, which means it's time to install insulated siding and windows to seal up the house before temperatures dip too low. Landmark Roofing specializes in James Hardie siding and vinyl siding.

How can a homeowner determine if the siding needs to be replaced? Landmark Roofing superintendent of sales Brycen Erbe said, "Anything from extreme color fade to warping or damage." Another issue to look for is rotted plywood and framing, which might lead to pest or mold situations. New siding will save the homeowner money in the long run.

"Similar to the installation of a roof, replacement of siding is much more cost-efficient when you're being proactive instead of reactive," Hendricks said. "It not only enhances curb appeal, but it also increases the value of your home and lowers utility costs."

While Hendricks, Calhan and the team at Landmark continue to install roofs, windows, siding and gutters, they are also looking forward to their next annual roof giveaway in partnership with GAF (shingle manufacturing) and Superior Distribution (roofing and siding products). The last winner was Mimi Canterbury, a single mom whose husband died in March 2019.

"She was a great lady, a local widow in need, and multiple members of the community nominated her," Hendricks said.

Nominations are being accepted in search of the next roof giveaway winner. The deadline for nominations is December 31. To qualify, a candidate must be someone in need, someone who does not personally know Landmark Roofing employees, and the person cannot nominate himself or herself.

Whether it's through the annual roof giveaway or by offering their business expertise, the Landmark Roofing staff is eager to



help the local community, and area residents have noticed that commitment. Landmark Roofing has been chosen as the Best Home Improvement Contractor by readers of the Severna Park *Voice* for the last three years during the annual Best of Severna Park contest.

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"Hard work and kindness prevails," Hendricks said when asked about helping the community. "We're fortunate to be in a situation to help others."





Left: Landmark Roofing's Rob Calhan (left) and Artie Hendricks (right) presented a \$1,500 check to Aaron Hockel of AltaVista Strategic Partners, who accepted the check on behalf of Boys Hope Girls Hope. **Right:** UM BWMC Foundation Executive Director Kathy Burk accepted a \$1,000 check from Calhan and Hendricks.



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wise woman once said. "Behind every good man is the drawer I need to get to in the kitchen." I think we've all been there, and with more adults and kiddos working from home these days, it seems to ring even more true. All of this togetherness has us rethinking the design and work flows of our homes. Offices, school rooms and even restaurants have all migrated to our homes, and the kitchen is certainly its hub. More than likely, you're preparing three meals a

day in your kitchen, so creating work zones is an easy way to keep things efficient.

Consider moving your kitchen organization into three zones: preparation, cooking and cleaning. When you think about it, we spend most of our time in the kitchen preparing food. We can save time by grouping prep materials together near open counter space. Store knives, chopping blocks and small appliances near the sink and waste. Ditch the dirty countertop knife block and keep knives in a drawer near vertically stored cutting boards. To make prep time easier, create a snack or lunch drawer, stash morning protein shake ingredients near the blender

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Root Down With Gardening

Grounding Your Spirit And Growing Your Well-Being



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ardening is what well-being feels like, in spades. It's not aerobic, and it won't boost your fitness the way running, swimming and biking will, but it produces lots of pleasure, not to mention zucchinis, basil and the sweetest baby tomatoes you'll ever taste.

"I cannot say exactly how nature exerts its calming and organizing effects on our brains," wrote neurologist Oliver Sacks, "but I have seen in my patients the restorative and healing powers of nature and gardens."

Couldn't we all use a little healing these days? Gardening helps you cultivate a peaceful and focused mind while putting all the major muscles of your body to work digging, lifting and carrying.

Not only does it stretch you and strengthen you, it grounds you to the earth, and it's that subtle, inspiring exchange of energy — you plant; nature grows — that is so joyful and satisfying.

Weeding, hauling compost, bagging leaves — these are a few of the root activities involved in growing your own food and flowers. The benefits are legendary, but there are risks, too. If you garden in a careless way, you can strain your back and hurt your wrists

and shoulders. As your most personal trainer, allow me to plant a few seeds of caution:

WARM UP!

To wake up your muscles and juice up your joints before you put them to work, do some simple movements. Focus on your arms, legs, hips, back, shoulders and neck. Move them gently through their range of motion. Shake out and stretch your wrists and hands. Scan your body for tight spots and mentally send energy there to release tension and rebalance. This mind-body warmup is especially important for senior gardeners, as the older we get the tighter we get, and tight, inflexible muscles can wake up screaming at you at 3:00am if you've overused them.

CUSHION YOUR KNEES.

Buy a kneeling pad or make one out of old foam or a pillow. Knees are precious and need protection. And don't stay in the kneeling position too long. Take breaks. Flex and bend your knees from time to time to keep them juiced and happy.

PROTECT YOUR BACK.

Move slowly and mindfully in the garden so you don't twist, torque, jerk or strain your back. If you do feel back pain, don't plow through it. Stop, relax and if you can't proceed without pain (by engaging other muscles), then sigh deeply and surrender. Overuse leads to injuries. Leave the task for another person or another day.

LEARN TO LIFT.

Before you lift a heavy load, bend at your knees, not the waist. Keep your spine aligned, engage your core muscles and lift with awareness, using your legs. When carrying heavy objects — a rock, a bag of leaves — keep your arms (and the objects) close to your body, not out in front of you. Listen to your inner gardener. If it thinks something is too heavy to lift, it is.

BEND AND BREATHE.

When you shovel dirt or spread fertilizer, remember to bend your knees and step into the action. Don't hold your breath and stiffen up. Working in a garden is all about going with the flow. Your breath is your ally. Play with it. Inhale deeply and exhale fully, releasing stagnation and connecting to the earth energy around you.

BE CREATIVE.

If you don't have the land for a solo garden, no problem. Plant pots or window boxes or join a community garden and plot with others who know the value and goodness of growing and eating fresh, real food.

And finally, get your kids involved. Growing stuff in a garden teaches them patience and persistence, and before you know it, they're giving up burgers and fries for kale smoothies and home-grown organic strawberries.

"Why try to explain miracles to kids," wrote Robert Brault, "when you can just have them plant a garden."

What Makes A Community Association?

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members are simply elected to their directorships, and then the officers are selected afterward by the board. Sometimes this is a distinction without a difference since there are only a few willing volunteers. But if you are looking to contribute — perhaps you think to yourself "I'm good with numbers" or "I can certainly take the minutes" — see if your board needs a treasurer, secretary or other officer to lighten the load.

Architectural And Covenants Committee

Of all the committees we will discuss, this is probably the most controversial. Any decision of the architectural committee that is seen as "arbitrary and capricious" or amounting to "selective enforcement" can possibly cause a dispute within an association. The best way to avoid these issues and keep your members informed and compliant is to have a robust and transparent architectural committee that

meets often, applies well-known standards, and takes swift action in response to violations. Keep in mind that many of the materials commonly used today for fences and sheds and decks may not even have existed when your community documents were drafted and recorded, so you will want to regularly re-examine your policies and guidelines.

Facilities and Grounds

Depending on your neighborhood, this could mean the marina, pool, playground, parking lot, fields, landscaped entryways and signs, or other common areas. A little regular maintenance can make a huge difference for areas like this, whether it be via hired contractors or community member volunteers. As a neighbor, remember that when you complain to the board about a light bulb on the front sign that needs changing, you are creating more work for your neighbor board or committee member, who is a volunteer. Consider pitching in.

Social Committee

Severna Park is well known for its vibrant community events; these do not happen by accident. There are many hours spent behind the scenes planning and preparing for those events. Consider chipping in or helping to form or revive a social committee in your community. One tip here: while this seems like a community benefit, social committee funds should usually be separate from community association assessments and budget; the social committee should generally be funded by donations, ticket sales, or separate contribution.

Budget and Strategic Planning

With so many responsibilities from day to day, it is easy for community leadership to lose sight of the bigger picture. Consider volunteering to assist the association by drawing up a long-term plan, creating goals and benchmarks for how to keep

the association financially healthy and oriented in the long term.

Community Benefit

The community association can mean so many things. It can preserve and protect a certain aesthetic; it can provide amenities and facilities; and it can unite neighbors on a social and personal level. The most important thing to remember is that a community association is not made up of homes or buildings or land; it is made up of its members, of the people. So if you see a place to contribute or a missing piece you think you can add, jump right in. You will be glad you did.

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How To Make Your Backyard Fall Comfortably Into Autumn

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your outdoor space after dark. Afternoons spent grilling for the big game or pumpkin-carving in the crisp fall air can easily evolve into an enjoyable evening retreat with the installation of deck lighting onto the railing posts or deck steps.

LED or solar-powered lights are functional, affordable and also a great safety feature. If you want to really spruce up your space, globe lights hung from your deck's railing or strung along your fence line will add an after-dark ambiance that will last during and after spooky season.

Keep It Cozy

The dog days of summer are over, which means we can all sit comfortably in the afternoon sun without breaking a sweat. While Maryland's fall season

is usually mild, we do experience chilly days and nights as we near the winter months. Outdoor fire pits are great for entertaining, and they offer a fun way to cook up a sweet treat - who savs s'mores are strictly a summer delicacy? If you prefer to gather on your deck instead of your yard, you can opt for a gas-fueled pit for the lowest fire risk. A properly installed gas fire pit doesn't produce sparks that can ignite nearby surfaces, such as your deck or fence. To be safe, be sure to look for gas pits designed specifically for deck use. If you'd rather steer clear of the smokey scent of a campfire, outdoor commercial patio heaters make a great alternative.

As we all try to gather more safely outside instead of indoors during these unusual

times, consider placing a basket of light blankets and throws on your deck for guests to feel extra cozy and comfortable!

Create Color

After the summer months. it's easy to feel less energetic - the days seem shorter and the skies look a little drearier. To make sure you spend more time breathing in the crisp fresh air and less time napping on the couch, channel your inner interior designer for exterior execution. Switch out furniture cushions and accessories for those with a more subdued, warm palette. Earthy tones like reds, oranges and rusts are inviting and can put you in the fall spirit.

Need a weekend project? Owners of wood decks or fences can take advantage of the change of season for necessary maintenance and upkeep. Days with dry, cooler weather provide an ideal time to apply a new stain, as stain requires a moisture-free surface for optimal application. With so many hues to choose from, why not choose a stain that accents the beauty of falling leaves?

If you need help creating an outdoor space that will last vear-round, contact local, trusted professionals. For nearly 30 vears, Fence & Deck Connection has designed and installed high-quality fences and decks for families in Anne Arundel County and beyond. Please contact Fence & Deck Connection at 410-757-5511 or stop by the outdoor showroom at 8057 Veterans Highway in Millersville to learn more about fence and deck options customizable to your needs.

A Garage Door Is A Smart Investment

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improve an aspect of the home that in some cases takes up 40 percent of its entire exterior, providing an immediate and dramatic enhancement to a home's external appeal. And with homes, first impressions matter. A potential buyer's perception of the home as they pull up to it can affect their perception of the entire house as they enter it, ultimately enhancing or hindering their desire to buy.

Replacing an outdated garage door is not just a project for homeowners looking to sell; those who want to freshen up their property's appearance can do so by upgrading

the look of their garage doors. There are a wide range of styles, colors and options to choose from when selecting a new garage door for your home and a variety of tools that can make selecting a new door quick and simple. For example, Clopay has an interactive method of allowing customers to view a variety of garage doors on their home by using the "Door Imagination System" tool found on the Clopay website. Tools like these help homeowners visualize the different styles and colors that will work best on their home and to instill a sense of confidence in their selection.

Get In The Zone

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and create a kids cups/ plates drawer that little ones can access.

In the cooking zone, store pots and pans. cooking utensils, potholders and spices/oils. If you're standing on vour tippy-toes to find spices hidden or toppled in the wall cabinet, lay spices label-side up in a drawer near the range; using a tiered spice rack or silicon pads under them keeps them from rolling and protects the drawers. If you have a wall oven or refrigerator cabinet, storing sheet pans and serving platters vertically in the upper cabinet saves both time and space in otherwise hard-to-reach places.

Installing tray dividers will keep those organized. Finally, the cleaning zone, or sink area, should be near the trash. Store all of your everyday wares (plates, bowls, utensils and drink ware) close to your dishwasher to make unloading a breeze. Clean dish towels tucked into a nearby drawer and soap stored in bins under the sink keep the area both clutter-free and efficient.

Zones do not have to be complicated or fancy. Simply coordinate activities in the kitchen so that you can spend more time enjoying your home and the ones you share it with, even when they are standing right in front of the silverware drawer.

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Creating A Habitat Bring Wildlife To Your Backyard

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am often asked how a landscape can be changed or added to so that it will attract more wildlife.
Usually, this means birds and butterflies and not pesky mammals.

Birds and other wildlife live in areas that give them the proper food, water and shelter. We call these areas habitats. Ducks live in lake habitats. Squirrels live in forested habitats. Bison live in prairie habitats, and so on. When different habitats come together, they create a hybrid habitat called an edge habitat. Edges have some animals and plants from each of the contributing habitats and some that live only in that edge habitat. Edges with large areas of pure habitats on either side have the largest number of species.

Birds that spend the summer in one kind of habitat in North America may spend the winter in a different habitat in South America. We rarely think too much about what our birds are doing down there, but as more research is being done we are finding that they play an important role in the ecosystem of both continents. They help to pollinate flowers and contribute to seed dispersal in many plant species up here. Some South American plants are also dependent on our birds for these botanical functions.

Many of our pure habitats have been shrunk to very small sizes. At the same time, the edge habitats have greatly increased. Animal species that depend on large areas of the same kind of habitat have declined along with their habitats. Animals that tolerate or prefer edges have prospered.

A large woodlot is often viewed as the perfect place to build a home and enjoy living in the woods. Once the streets, parkways, lawns and backyards are all in, there is no longer a woods, but there is lots of edge. Subdivisions built in farm fields start out with little diversity, but as time goes by and plants are added, the diversity comes. Subdivisions change from something like a prairie to a large edge habitat.

By planting a diversity of plants on your property, you are creating more habitat. You will have more food sources and more nesting places, so a larger variety of birds and butterflies will come to your property.

Flowering shrubs and trees are not only pretty for us to look at but they also provide nectar and attract insects for migratory birds to eat. Later they will provide seeds or fruit for the birds to eat while migrating back south for the winter.

Shelter from storms, cold and wind must be provided. Evergreens and thick shrubs do this well. Shelter for raising a family is also provided by evergreens and thick shrubs, but some species will benefit from the addition of birdhouses. The feature in a landscape that will attract the most birds is water. Even a simple birdbath is better than nothing. A shallow beach area on the edge of a water garden will attract the most birds.





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