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This months spotlight guest:
Shelley Polechko
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- Roof Repair
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- Pest Control
- Custom Cabinets
- Countertops
- Carpenters

Spring Has Sprung

Is it spring already? Hope so. It has been a pretty tough road for lots of people around the country. So I'm thinking most of us could use a little "renewal."

For months, we've heard about people cutting back on extras, but one thing remains the same, we all take pride in our homes and feel it's very important to stay in touch with our friends and family.

That, by the way, is how we think of you - as friends. And the friendships we share matters even more in times like these.

Let me assure you of one thing. We look out for our friends. When you call us, we try our very best to help you.

Sincerely,

Debra

P.S. We look out for friends of friends too, so please pass along our name - and even this newsletter - to your friends, and we'll do our very best for them too.

Spring Check Ups:

Your house may have been abused by wind, rain, or snow. After winter weather it's important to check these parts of the house for leakage and breaks:

- Roofing
- Gutters and drainage spouts
- Basement or crawl space
- Windows and doors
- Concrete and brickwork
- Floors and subfloors
- Siding

Spring is also time to ready your house for the warm weather by:

- Improving your air condition and ventilation system
- Installing an outdoor irrigation system
- Sealing the deck
- Daylight Savings Time begins. Honor the occasion by replacing batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency Home Improvements:

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed a stimulus bill (The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) that made some significant changes to the energy efficiency tax credits. The highlights are:

The tax credits that were previously effective for 2009, have been extended to 2010 as well. The tax credit has been raised from 10% to 30%.

The maximum credit has been raised from \$500 to \$1500. However, some improvements such as geothermal heat pumps, solar water heaters, and solar panels are not subject to the \$1,500 maximum.

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Testimonials

Great Contractor. He was very good at explaining the different options and I felt comfortable with him.
-- DB, North Huntingdon

Thanks again. This is the second time I called you and both times you sent a top notch contractor.
-- PL, Jeannette

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Send us suggestions for articles or maybe you have some news you want to share.
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Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency includes:
Tax Credits for Home Improvements:

Tax credits are available at 30% of the cost, up to \$1,500, in 2009 & 2010 (for existing homes only) for:

- Windows and Doors
 - Exterior Windows & Skylights
 - Storm Windows
 - Exterior Doors
 - Storm Doors
- Insulation
- Garage Doors
- Roofs
 - Metal
 - Asphalt
- HVAC
 - Central A/C
 - Air Source Heat Pumps
 - Natural Gas or Propane furnace
 - Oil Furnace

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Vinyl siding

Siding defines the style and look of a home, not to mention it provides the main defense against elements. Vinyl siding can make a dramatic impact to the appearance of your home. Vinyl siding has been very popular for decades because it provide a very durable, easy maintenance, rot-proof, termite proof and is less expensive than wood siding.

Vinyl siding offers a wide range of colors to match any décor. The colors of vinyl siding are usually muted lighter tones. The reason the colors are light is due to the fact that deep colors absorb and retain the sun's heat. Vinyl siding reacts drastically to the heat and expands significantly.

If it is not installed properly, it can buckle, warp and become distorted by the sun's rays. Deeper colors would absorb more heat and increase the effects making the situation worse.

When you imagine your dream home's exterior, do you picture the elegant, traditional, natural, rustic, or something entirely different? Your home's appearance-and the shelter and comfort it offers your family-rests in large part on your choices of siding. Siding defines the look and style of a house and gives the walls their main defense against the elements. In addition, features such as exterior columns and architectural detailing can articulate the style of your house.

To read the entire article, [click here.](#)

Spring Tips to simplify your life:

Spring has sprung and now it's time for a fresh start in your chaotic home. Start this new season of rebirth with a rebirth of your own by following these ten ideas for a simpler, less cluttered life.

1. Clutter no more.

Clutter drains your energy and makes it difficult to find what you need when you need it. To declutter your home, attack each room systematically, beginning by removing anything that doesn't belong in the room and taking it to the room it should live in. Then go through the room, boxing up for donation, anything that is not giving you joy or value. Rather than thinking that you're seeking things to let go of, pretend you are shopping in your home for things to give to someone else.

2. Change the flow of a room

After a while, you begin to not see how much you have in the way of décor items in your home. You keep adding new items without removing any of the old items. Begin by removing all the décor items in the room until all your flat surfaces are clear. Dust the furniture while it's empty. Then put only half the items back, boxing the other half up to store. Then, after the holidays, you can pull out the decorative items you stored, and box up the other half. By rotating your décor, you declutter and you are able to enjoy seeing "new" things every six months.

3. Kitchen clutter

The kitchen is the heart of most homes and tends to collect clutter. [Generated by www.PDFonFly.com](#)

cabinets and drawers. Take a weekend day and empty each cabinet, evaluating the items within. Whatever you don't use at least once a year, donate

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From our home to yours,

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