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~ From Our "House" to Yours ~

Christmas Tree Fire Safety

Each year, fire departments respond to an average of 210 structure fires caused by Christmas trees. Carefully decorating Christmas trees can help make your holidays safer.

Picking the tree— If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant. Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the tree— Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1" - 2" from the base of the trunk. Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights. Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit. Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

Lighting the tree— Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both. Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect. Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.

Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas— Get rid of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.



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2017 Carolina Trace Tennis

If you are a tennis player (Beginner, intermediate or advanced) or are interested in becoming a tennis player, then the Carolina Trace Tennis Association is for you.

We have the following opportunities to play:

Ladies drop-in tennis on Mondays and Fridays at 9:00 AM

(times change during the winter)

Contact Carol Martell, Women's Coordinator at 919-498-5654 or Martell6064@gmail.com

Ladies Beginners tennis on Mondays and Fridays at 8:30 AM

(times change during the winter)

Contact Debbie Betts, Ladies Beginners Tennis Coordinator at 919-498-6429 or kdbetts@gmx.com

Pepe Corello also works with the beginner group on skill development and will bring out the ball machine

Men's Tennis—Beginner, Intermediate and advanced groups available

Contact Dan Eastham at 540-529-5101 or dan.eastham@gmail.com

There are also several local leagues for both women and men.

We also have many exciting events during the year that include play and food. Examples are Taco Tuesday on Monday, Wimbledon Event, Sneaks and Cleats (golf, tennis and BBQ) and more! Still the best deal in town at \$20.00 per year per player. Spouses/significant others always welcome.

Oscar Roberto 248-987-8587 President, Dan Eastham 540-529-5101 VP or Liz DiCamillo 919-561-7777 Events Coordinator

*Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year From
Carolina Trace Gated Properties*

Wondering How Much Your Home Is Worth...



How has the price of your home changed in today's market? How much are other homes in your neighborhood selling for?

If you're wondering what's happening to prices in your area, or you're thinking about selling your house, we'll be able to help.

Just give our office a call for a no-fuss, professional evaluation. We won't try to push you into listing with us or waste your time. We'll just give you the honest facts about your home and its value. And maybe we'll also give you the "inside scoop" on what's happening in the housing market near where you live!

Just give our office a call at 919-499-5103 to speak with an agent. Alternatively, stop by the office. The address is on the back page of this newsletter.



Top Trending 2016 Books

THE NORTH WATER

By Ian McGuire

"The North Water, Ian McGuire's savage new novel about a 19th-century Arctic whaling expedition, is a great white shark of a book—swift, terrifying, relentless and unstoppable. [...] Mr. McGuire is such a natural storyteller—and recounts his tale here with such authority and verve—that 'The North Water' swiftly immerses the reader in a fully imagined world. [...] Mr. McGuire nimbly folds all these melodramatic developments into his story as it hurtles toward its conclusion. He has written an allusion-filled novel that still manages to feel original, a violent tale of struggle and survival in a cinematically beautiful landscape."

—**Michiko Kakutani**, *The New York Times*

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

By J.K. Rowling, John Tiffany, Jack Thorne

Based on an original new story by J.K. Rowling, John Tiffany, and Jack Thorne, a new play by Jack Thorne, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* is the eighth story in the Harry Potter series and the first official Harry Potter story to be presented on stage. The play will receive its world premiere in London's West End on July 30, 2016. It was always difficult being Harry Potter and it isn't much easier now that he is an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband and father of three school-age children. While Harry grapples with a past that refuses to stay where it belongs, his youngest son Albus must struggle with the weight of a family legacy he never wanted. As past and present fuse ominously, both father and son learn the uncomfortable truth: sometimes, darkness comes from unexpected places.

Winter Gardening Prep.

It is time to prepare for the next season! Have your garden beds ready for next spring!

Make sure you remove much of the fallen leaves and any annuals. This debris can affect your plants next season by allowing diseases to survive the winter and come back next spring. Make sure you cut back your perennials and dispose of any sickly leaves and foliage.



As the season continues to get colder make sure you insulate your cut back perennials by covering them with a layer of winter mulch. This will allow them to survive the winter with minimal damage.

Time to pull and spray! During the colder season it is much easier to rid yourself of pesky weeds as they are more affected by sprays and its best to do so now before they can produce seeds and multiply in the spring!

A Successful Year for CTGP!

Sales have gone up in comparison to 2015 with CTGP agents being involved in over 60% of all home sales in Carolina Trace. This result has led to CTGP receiving 30% more transactions total this year then the last. We would like to thank all Tracers for their support and we wish you all a

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays

Information received from the Fayetteville MLS.



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Ask the Agent: The real estate question of the month.

“What is your job experience in this area?” It may seem like a simple question, but many people don’t ask it. Your agent should have good knowledge of the surrounding area and the market. This will allow you to make the best possible decisions when working with your agent on offers, counter offers, and listing prices or price changes.

<http://www.bankrate.com/finance/real-estate/questions-home-sellers-should-ask-agents-2.aspx>

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The Carolina Animal Rescue and Adoption center is still accepting donations from anyone who is willing to help support their cause, there is a drop-off center right here at CTGP.

Anything from Gift cards to Dog/Cat food to Paper Towels helps!

We thank you for your support. For more information on how you can help please contact us.

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Sudoku instructions: Complete the 9 × 9 grid so that each row, each column and each of the nine 3 × 3 boxes contains the digits 1 through 9. Look for the solution to this puzzle in the next newsletter or go to <http://imgur.com/8Wqu8II> for a picture of the solution.

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Recipe Corner...

Ham and Cheese Sliders...
"Simple but Delicious"

Ingredients

- 24 white dinner rolls
- 24 pieces honey ham
- 24 small slices Swiss cheese
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup miracle whip

Poppy Seed Sauce

- 1 Tablespoon poppyseeds
- 1½ Tablespoons yellow mustard
- ½ cup butter, melted
- 1 Tablespoon minced onion
- ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1.) In a small bowl, mix together mayonnaise and miracle whip. Spread onto both sides of the center of each roll. Place a slice of ham and a slice of Swiss inside of each roll. Close rolls and place them into a large baking dish or heavy cookie sheet. Place very close together.

2.) In a medium bowl, whisk together all of the poppy seed sauce ingredients. Pour evenly over all of the sandwiches. You do not have to use all of the sauce! Just use enough to cover the tops. Let sit 10 minutes or until butter sets slightly. Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes or until cheese is melted. Uncover and cook for 2 additional minutes or until tops are slightly brown and crispy. Serve warm. Note: Sandwiches can be assembled ahead of time. I don't like to do it more than a day ahead because they can get soggy from the mayo mixture.

<http://www.the-girl-who-ate-everything.com/2010/04/ham-and-cheese-sliders.html>

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