

September 2011 Newsletter

*“By all these lovely tokens, September days are here, With summer’s best of weather
And autumn’s best of cheer.” - Helen Hunt Jackson, September, 1830-1885*



*“September: it was the most beautiful of words, he’d always felt, evoking orange-flowers,
swallows, and regret.” - Alexander Theroux, 1981*

September Home Maintenance Checklist

School is back in session and mornings are crisp, making this a great month for tackling home projects.

- Check Gutters-I love cool weather and the changing colors of the leaves; however, I do not love cleaning gutters but it has to be done. Use good ladder smarts. Wet gutters are slick and can cause a fall quick so be careful. Check your down spouts for clogs and extend drains away from the structure.
- Add weatherstripping/caulk to doors and windows
- Keep mice out-The rule is simple if you can fit a nickel through a hole in your soffit, vents or exterior walls, mice and bats can fit too. Seal, fill or add screens to keep the critters out.
- Insulation- Look for an even layer with a thickness of at least 8-11 inches. To save money on utilities, consider having 11-16 inches of insulation.
- Inspect roof- As the hurricane season begins, a roof inspection becomes more important. As wind blows and hail falls be sure to inspect your roof to prevent problem leaks. Call a qualified professional for help.



Since Football Season is here, we decided to share two great recipes perfect for watching the game!

Buffalo Chicken Dip

Ingredients: 1 pkg. (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened, 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, 1/2 cup ranch salad dressing, 2 cans of Premium Chunk Chicken Breast in Water, drained and shredded, 1/2 cup hot sauce, and tortilla chips.

Directions: 1.Heat the oven to 350° F.
2.Stir the cream cheese in a 9-inch deep dish with a fork or whisk until it’s smooth. Stir in the dressing, hot sauce & cheese. Stir in the chicken. 3.Bake for 20 minutes or until the chicken mixture is hot and bubbling.
Stir before serving.



Cajun Lemonade

Ingredients: 2 cups light rum, 1 (12-oz.) can frozen lemonade concentrate (thawed), 1 teaspoon hot sauce, 1 (1-liter) bottle club soda (chilled) and crushed ice

Garnishes: sugarcane sticks, lemon slices

Preparation: Stir together first 3 ingredients. Add club soda just before serving. Serve over crushed ice. Garnish, if desired.



As We Look Back

“9/11 began with horror and proceeded to pain and loss, taken by the sacrifice and service as America answered the call. Frankly, I can’t even remember being angry; however, the lasting memory of 10 years of war remains. Today I pray: Bring peace to our soldiers, Honor our wife’s, and Restore our homes. Grant sweet dreams to our children and help us to honor sacrifice with service and love for those that gave all. God Bless America” - Chris Rose, Veteran

What’s Wrong With This Picture?



- A. Incorrect counter lever
- B. Incorrect bearing point
- C. Missing ledger or joist hanger
- D. Both B and C.

Answer D.

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