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Dear Reader,



March brings with it a sense of renewal and loads of reasons to shake off the winter doldrums, get out of the house and enjoy the sunshine! Don't forget to Spring Forward for Daylight Savings Time on March 10th. And be sure to wear a bit o' th' green for St Patty's Day on the 17th. Spring officially begins March 20th and Easter pays an early visit this year on March 31st.

Spring is also an excellent time to assess your home's value or begin a home search. Call or e-mail. You'll find our doors thrown wide open and our service as fresh as spring air!

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Calendar:

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Spring Forward 1 Hour

* Mar. 10th - 2AM *

St. Patricks Day

* Mar. 17th *

First Day Of Spring

* Mar. 20th *

Easter Sunday

* Mar. 31st *



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Articles For March 2013

Recipes!

The Flavors of Spring

Jump into spring with Grandma's Easter Sunday Ham, Crispy Fresh Spring Salads, St. Patty's Day Fare and some deliciously quick and easy brown bag ideas. Wait! We forgot to tell you about the cupcakes! Oh well, you'll have to dig in to see those!



More: [Spring Fresh Salads!](#)



More: [Grandma's Easter Sunday Ham](#)



More: [St. Patrick's Day Irish Beef Dinner](#)



More: [Asparagus and Shrimp Stir-Fry On Noodle Pillows](#)



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More: [Crazy For Cupcakes!](#)



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Fresh Air

Color 101: Pick Your Palette

It's about time to shake off winter's cold and breathe in some fresh spring air. That goes for your home as well. We have some great color palette and makeover ideas along with tips for designing a garden, finding a perfect table and sprucing up your front entryway. All here and all for you!



More: [Find The Perfect Table](#)



More: [6 Tips For Designing A Stunning Garden](#)



More: [10 Great Front Entry Ideas](#)



More: [15 Minute Makeovers](#)



More: [3 Steps To A Great Spring Lawn](#)

Consumer Corner

5 Online Tax Scams To Avoid In 2013

With Income Tax season rolling in we thought it wise to look at new information on 2013 tax scams to avoid. And how will the new rules on mortgages affect you? Finally, on the tech front, two items caught our attention: the predicted increase in cyber attacks against smart phones and the buzz behind the new photo fad kids are wild about - Instagram. That and much more await your magic click!



More: [Smartphone Cyber Attacks To Grow In 2013](#)



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Health & Wellness

This month H&W touches on a variety of topics including studies showing therapy dogs benefitting kids with autism. And of no surprise to some, the Mediterranean Diet again has shown itself to be good for the heart. And for pet owners, help is on the horizon for cats afflicted with arthritis. That and more in Health and Wellness!



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Study Says
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"First chair for a most persistent girl."

When I was a girl, my grandmother would often play her violin to me. I remember wanting to grow up to be able to play like her.



She began teaching me on my sixth birthday. I was excited just to make any kind of sound that resembled music, but frustration soon set in. After a few weeks, I told her that I wanted to give up. She said the choice was mine and gently lifted the violin from my hands. But after only a few days of not holding my violin I was ready to continue with my lessons. Grandmother handed me the instrument from its case and we proceeded. That incident replayed itself over the years until my first audition with the youth symphony. As I prepared for the audition, my grandmother handed me a photograph of her sitting on the front row of violins with the Metropolitan Symphony. On the back of the photo were written the words, "First chair for a most persistent girl."



My grandmother passed away years ago, but that picture remains in my violin case. I look at it every time I remove my violin to take my place with the Metropolitan Symphony-on the front row.