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HOME SWEET HOME eNewsletter

Dear Reader,



All hearts come home for the holidays because home is truly where the heart resides. The Holiday Season in America is all about long held traditions rooted in faith, family, culture, and celebration. And great food of course!

As families and friends gather together to celebrate we would like to pause for a moment to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a happy, blessed and safe holiday season.

See you in 2014!

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Happy New Year!

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Articles For December 2013

Recipes!

Christmas Tradition and Holiday Warmth!



The Christmas Holiday Tradition connects us to our past and to one another. And what better way to connect with friends and family than over a holiday meal? Whether you say Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays or both, the food is delicious and the company is warm when we gather with those we love over the traditional holiday table. So, have a bit of everything and enjoy! It's that magical, "most wonderful time of the year!"



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Your Holiday Home!

11 Easy Holiday Decorating Tips



All hearts come home for the holidays. Decorating your home for the Christmas not only warms its décor, but everyone's mood as well. A cozy fire with family and friends gathered together makes everyone feel right at home!



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7 Things Every Homebuyer Should Know



Did you know that you can monitor major retailer discounts year round? Monitoring those discounts might be especially useful this holiday season. We also offer many ways to say "Thank you" to our military men and women, many who cannot be with their families for the holidays. Please don't forget them. Also, our annual home winterizing checklist and tips on winning a bidding war on a home. All that and more in Consumer Corner!



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Health & Wellness

Wonder how you'll ever make it through the holidays? We offer a survival guide to help you. In addition, we offer suggestions on how to go healthy not hungry during this most wonderful time of the year and tips on keeping man's best friend safe. Be well. Stay healthy. Savor all the goodness the season brings.



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THE CHRISTMAS SONG

(Chestnuts Roasting By an Open Fire)

First recorded in 1946 by the great Nat King Cole this song was written ironically during a blistering hot summer by Mel Torme and Robert Wells in order to "stay cool by thinking cool".

Nat King Cole would later re-record the definitive version in 1961 using stereo and a string arrangement. It is the most performed Christmas song in the world in addition to being a timeless classic with lyrics that still touch the heart.

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire
Jack Frost nipping at your nose
Yuletide carols being sung by a choir
And folks dressed up like Eskimos

Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe
Help to make the season bright
Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow
Will find it hard to sleep tonight

They know that Santa's on his way
He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh
And every mother's child is gonna spy
To see if reindeer really know how to fly

And so I'm offering this simple phrase
To kids from one to ninety-two
Although it's been said many times
Many ways, Merry Christmas to you

