

Real Estate Now

A monthly Newsletter keeping you up to date on the Real Estate Market



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Here I Go!

Special points of interest:

- * Getting Started
- * Home Buyer Credit
- * Remodeling?
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April Dates

April 1- April Fools Day

April 4- Easter

April 15- Income Taxes DUE!

April 22- Earth Day

April 30- Last day for

Home buyer tax credit

My Journey into Real Estate actually began with a wrong turn. My Grandfather was a builder. Originally from North Carolina, he had made his way to Michigan to learn to build houses and there met my Grandmother. On his way back to North Carolina, he made a wrong turn and found Kingsport. It being mildly developed at the time, planted the family here and we've had our hands in housing ever since.

When I was younger, I remember riding in the car with my brothers and us playing the house game. As we rode along, we would alternate in choosing the

house that we would potentially live in always waiting on the perfect house to one up the last choice. Real Estate has always been in my blood. Now as my mother is an investor in Keller Williams of the Tri-Cities, the timing was perfect for me to start my journey.

I'm excited about the potential open to us in the area. Even in the first 3 months of this year, we have outpaces many of the numbers from all of last year. So the housing market in east Tennessee is in a healthy state and poised to expand greatly in the coming years.



That's me looking good!

Looking forward to serving all of you with any kind of Real Estate needs you may have.

Check out my website www.jmwrealestate.com

-John Mark

Home Buyer Credit

As most of you may know, the government extended a tax credit of up to \$8,000 to first time home buyers and \$6500 for qualified home owners.

To get this credit you have to be purchasing your first home. It is either \$8k or 10% of your purchase price of the home. So if you buy a \$60,000 home you'll

only get \$6k. This expires on April 30.

If you are looking to buy, now's the time. If you have a contract on a home before the 30th you will still qualify for the credit.

For more info check out the government website

<http://www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com/>



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Remodeling? What can you get back?

It's spring season and many people are looking to put their home on the market, or simply remodel their home. Either way, spring and summer are times for the projects around the house. Before you start with that project, let's look at the immediate return on your investment. Not all projects are equal. Below you'll find a breakdown as to what changes my return to you the quickest.



For our region, here's the average return on investment for some common projects:

Bathroom remodel	94.1%	Roofing replacement	70.4%
Deck addition	76.1%	Master suite addition	88.7%
Window replacement	79.2%	Major kitchen remodel	85.1%
Attic bedroom	79.9%	Basement remodel	75.6%
Family room addition	77.3%	Sunroom addition	73.9%

What's on the Menu?



Greek Penne and Chicken

Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) package penne pasta
- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cut into bite-size pieces
- 1 (14 ounce) can artichoke hearts in water
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- salt to taste
- ground black pepper to taste

Directions

1. In a large pot with boiling salted water cook penne pasta until al dente. Drain.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium-high heat melt butter, add onion and garlic and cook for 2 minutes. Add chopped chicken and continue cooking, stirring occasionally until golden brown, about 5 to 6 minutes.
3. Reduce heat to medium-low. Drain and chop artichoke hearts and add them, chopped tomato, feta cheese, fresh parsley, lemon juice, dried oregano, and drained penne pasta to the large skillet. Cook until heated through, about 2 to 3 minutes.

Season with salt and ground black pepper. Serve warm.

Amount Per Serving Calories: 685 | Total Fat: 13.2g | Cholesterol: 94mg

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