

HELPFUL HALLOWEEN HINTS

Halloween: the night your door bell continuously rings and noise and strangers may frighten your pets.

Maybe you found the *cutest* costume for your pet! That doesn't mean Fido will enjoy wearing it!

As much as your dog or cat may beg for some of your Halloween candy remember that chocolate can be deadly to animals.

Candy wrappers can get stuck in your pets digestive tract and make them extremely ill.

Large dogs can have lethal tails! They can clear a coffee table when they get excited so don't leave any lighted candles where they could be knocked over by a wagging tail ...or a curious cat.

www.Halloween-safety.com has even more tips and information about Halloween safety.

And for the curious humans you know the website has offers links to answer: Ever wonder how to pick that perfect pumpkin? Or how to carve it? How long to keep it? When and why did people first decide they needed to impale a sharp object into a large squash in order to create a design to celebrate Halloween? Want more pumpkin information? Be sure to visit: pumpkin carving101.com

For carving patterns go to www.spookmaster.com



AUTUMN HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS

Test your garage door opener monthly to ensure that it reverses when its sensor beam is interrupted.

Vacuum your clothes dryer's exhaust duct. For fire prevention, replace plastic vent ducts with rigid sheet-metal ducting.

Check and, if necessary, replace furnace filters quarterly or as recommended by the furnace manufacturer.

Clean leaves and debris from the condenser of your central air conditioner...and then clean your gutters.



At least once a year, vacuum the refrigerator coils underneath and behind the appliance.

Have your fireplace chimney inspected and cleaned annually.

Test all GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) outlets monthly.

Scrub and store your outdoor furniture and tools.

Refresh your porch by sweeping; refresh pots with fall flowers.

And don't forget to test your heating system, make necessary repairs to your roof and siding, install weather stripping and caulking where necessary, and check your sprinkler system, hoses and outdoor faucets to make sure they are ready for the approaching cold weather.

OUR EXPERIENCE IS YOUR ADVANTAGE!

Because your home is one of your greatest investments, you need the knowledge and experience of people who care about you and your goals when buying or selling a home. We have extensive experience selling traditional equity, short sale and bank owned homes. You can count on us for all of your real estate needs!

A REFERRAL IS SENDING SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT TO SOMEONE YOU TRUST!

By the way...if you know of someone who would appreciate the level of service that we provide, please call us with their name and number. We'll be happy to follow up and take great care of them!

If you have any questions about real estate, just give us a call.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER...

- October 7: Loomis Eggplant Festival. Downtown Loomis
- October 7-8: Giant Pumpkin Festival. Elk Grove
- October 7-8: Big Crush Harvest Festival Amador
- October 13-14: Oktoberfest. Turner Hall, Sacramento
- October 14: Antique & Vintage Market. Sutter Street, Folsom
- October 15: Palladio's Fall Festival <http://gopalladio.com/events/>
- October 21: Machado's Apple Festival 100 Apple Lane, Auburn
- October 21: Auburn Community Festival <http://www.auburncommunityfestival.com>
- October 20-22: Safe Halloween – In Space Fairytale Town
- October 21: Oktoberfest. Vernon Street Town Square, Roseville
- October 28: Trick Or Treat in Historic Folsom. Sutter Street, Folsom
- October 28: Halloween Haunt Safetyville USA

SOLID GROUND... SOLID RESULTS

This year we have closed escrows on forty transactions and currently have thirteen listed and/or pending properties.

In this month's newsletter you can read why it is important to call on us to help you to achieve your real estate goals.

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