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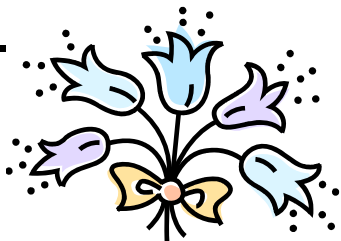
## MOTHERS DAY

A Mother loves right from the start.  
She holds her baby close to her heart.  
The bond that grows will never falter.  
Her love is so strong it will never alter.

A Mother gives never ending Love.  
She never feels that she has given enough.  
For you she will always do her best.  
Constantly working, there's no time to rest.

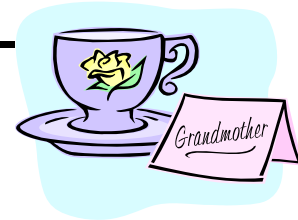
A Mother is there when things go wrong.  
A hug and a kiss to help us along.  
Always there when we need her near.  
Gently wipes our eyes when we shed a tear.

So on this day shower your Mother with Love.  
Gifts and presents are nice but that is not enough.  
Give your Mother a day to have some peace of mind.  
Be gentle, be good, be helpful, be kind.  
Happy Mothers Day.  
~By Carol Matthews~



## AND GRANDMA'S TOO...

"While we honor all our mothers  
with words of love and praise.  
While we tell about their goodness  
and their kind and loving ways.  
We should also think of Grandma,  
she's a mother too, you see....  
For she mothered my dear mother  
as my mother mothers me."  
~Author Unknown~











"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."

~George Washington

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# May 2008 Calendar of Events Northern Virginia & Points South

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>  Birthday Helen King	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Pet Fiesta Reston Town Center 11-4 703-689-4699 
<b>4</b> Jazz Festival Fairfax City Hall 703-352-2787 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Charter Day Merchant Park, Dumfries 11-3
<b>11</b> Mothers Day  Birthday Ceileidh Schwab	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Charity Marketplace Clifton Town Hall 9:30-5	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Heritage Day Town of Purcellville 11-4  McLean Day Lewinsville Park 11-5
<b>18</b> Birthday Jason Dunphy  Anniversary Steve & Cindy Bauchman	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Strawberry Jubilee, Great Country Farms Bluemont 540-554-2073
<b>25</b> Strawberry Jubilee Continues 	<b>26</b> Memorial Day  Jazz Festival 1-7 Fort Ward Park Alexandria	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Birthday Jose Reymundo	<b>31</b>



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# ASHLEY'S ACTION PAGE

No matter where you go or what you do you can't get away from hearing one of two things. All people are talking about these days are gas prices and the housing market. You would think in a publication like this I would want to talk about the housing market but I think you get enough of that already. I want to talk about gas and more importantly gas prices. We all know that gas prices are zooming sky high with no ceiling in sight. Do you remember when a gallon of unleaded cost \$1.25? These days, it's more important than ever to stretch your dollars at the gas pump. Here are 10 gasoline buying tips to help do that.

- 1) **Shop around.** Prices vary among stations that sell the same brand. If you have a favorite brand, find a station that sells that brand cheaper. Prices between brands can vary. So you can save money by switching brands.
- 2) **Use a gasoline credit card.** Some give a 5 to 10 percent rebate on purchases.
- 3) **Buy gas in the morning.** Gas is denser during the morning when temperatures are colder. Gas pumps measure and charge by volume not density. You'll be getting more solid fuel rather than vapors for your money.
- 4) **Buy gas from a busy station.** Busy stations refill their underground tanks often. Slower stations don't. Therefore, their tanks may have stale contaminated gas. Older fuel is poorer on fuel economy and performance.
- 5) **Turn the nozzle.** Twist the gas pump nozzle 180 degrees when done. This can add up to an extra four ounces to your tank.
- 6) **Stop using high octane gas.** High octane gas costs more than regular. If your car isn't pinging, use regular unleaded. You'll save up to 20 cents per gallon.
- 7) **Avoid topping off.** The pump needs time to draw out the full amount. It doesn't get it when you Top-off. You pay extra for these short bursts of fuel. Wait until your tank is at least half-full before you fill it up.
- 8) **Avoid stations that just refilled their tanks.** The refilling of underground tanks stirs up particles that lay at the bottom. If these particles get in your gas tank, they can cut the fuel efficiency of your car.
- 9) **Pump your own gas.** Use the self-serve rather than the full-serve pump. Full-serve gas costs more. You save money pumping the gas yourself.
- 10) **Tighten the gas cap.** Twist the cap until you hear it click. That prevents gas from evaporating and escaping.

**My Quote of the Month: Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.**

## **My Featured Listing of the Month:**

**8021 Horseshoe Cottage Cir. Lorton, VA 22079**

**Price: \$425,000.00**

**A Gorgeous home perfect for private homebuyer or investor. This 3 Bedroom, 2 full Bath , 2 half Bath home has every option and upgrade. Hardwood floor on main level, huge Master Bedroom with walk-in closet and luxury bath with jetted tub, Corian counters in kitchen, intercom, alarm system, surround sound, wood blinds throughout and fireplace in Rec. Room. The fenced yard with deck backs to trees. Short Sale!**



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# ACTIVE LISTINGS



**16330 Taconic Circle  
Dumfries, VA 22025  
\$225,000**

Great 3 Bedroom end unit condo conveniently located just minutes from 95, Commuter lot, Omni bus and shopping. This home offers 2.5 Bathrooms, Eat-in Kitchen, formal Dining Room, wood burning fireplace in Living Room, Deck, Patio and a fully fenced rear yard for added privacy. No Exterior Maintenance is required for this home and the Condo Association is going to replace all of the windows this year!



**4371 Ensbrook Lane  
Woodbridge, VA 22193  
\$250,000**

Immaculate townhome with new paint, carpet, flooring, and updated ceramic tile in the bathrooms. With 3 finished levels, landscaped lot and fenced rear yard, eat-in kitchen, large Family Room, fireplace with glass doors, Master Bath and it's convience to schools, shopping and commuter bus stop, this home is perfect.



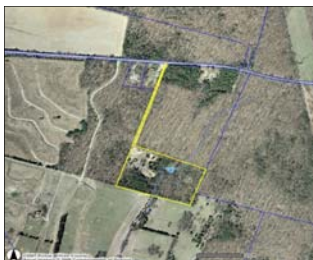
**13881 Napa Drive  
Manassas, VA 20112  
\$525,000**

A rare and unique 4 Bedroom 3.5 Bat home on 2.64 acres in central Prince William County. This well maintained home has a private landscaped lot and deck in the rear. It features 2 Master Suites, 3 car garage and 2653 sq. feet of living space. This home is a Must See!



**7112 Token Valley Road  
Manassas, VA 20112  
\$1,150,000**

11.5 Acres in central Prince William county off Hoadly Road. Acres are divided by Hoadly Road. To the north we have 4 acres and to the south 7.5 acres. Potential for rezoning to multiple lots. Currently zoned A-1 surrounding lots SRR. Water available at road.



**13551 Warrenton Road  
Catlett, VA 20119  
\$285,000**

This 10 acre lot is ready for your custom home. A builders dream. Come experience this quiet serene area. This lot is zoned A-1 and has not been perked. It contains a small pond and a 1 bedroom, 1 bath cabin being sold as is. Long easement allows your new home to sit away from the road, providing tons of privacy.

# FOR RENT



**12658 Dara Drive #302  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
\$1200/mth**

This wonderful 3rd floor end unit condo is located very close to Historic Occoquan and the Occoquan River. It backs to the trees and calming stream and features 3 spacious bedrooms and 1 1/2 bathrooms with large balcony. All rooms are cable ready. Laundry room is in building on lower level. Gas, water, trash and basic cable are included in the rent. Small pets accepted. Very close to Rt. 123 and I-95. Available immediately.



**1506 George Mason Drive #1  
Arlington, VA 22204  
\$1,200/mth**

This 1 Bedroom Garden style condo has an updated Bathroom and will have new carpeting and kitchen cabinets for it's new tenant. Gas, basic cable, trash, air conditioning and water are just some of the Amenities included.

“God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers.”

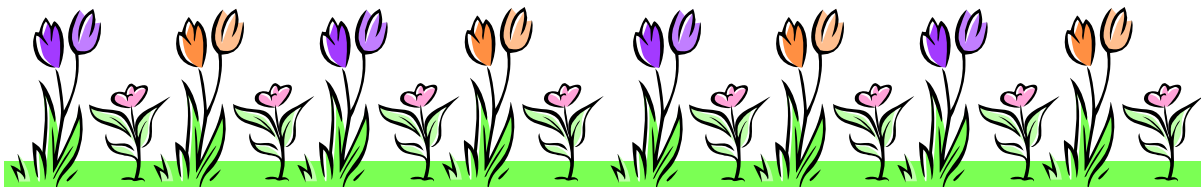
~Rudyard Kipling

“A mother understands what a child does not say.”

~Author unknown

“Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs...since the payment is pure love.”

~Mildred B. Vermont



**Preferred Professionals**

- **Mortgage Company**
- George Mason/Kim Ramey 703-551-4177
- George Mason Mortgage/Timur Tunador 703-705-6360
- Prosperity Mortgage/Mig Bernier
- **(se habla espanol)** 703-986-5700
- **Tree Service**
- Tree Bark/Vinny Resch 703-690-6064
- **Home Inspector**
- Home Diagnostics, Inc./Bill Meininger 703-583-0967
- **Peterson Chimney Sweeps & Home Repairs** 703-351-6611
- Eric Peterson
- **Masonry Construction/Painting & General Home Repairs** 703-675-0068
- Martin Alvarenja
- **Cleaning**
- Guadalupe Quinteros 571-722-9608
- Rosa Villalpando 571-723-5935
- **Title Company** 703-583-2222
- RGS
- **Faux, Murals Interior & Exterior Painting & Wallpapering**
- Michaela Langford 703-680-1483
- **Pleasure Paradise/All Natural Products for Mind, Body & Spirit**
- Michelle Talbot 703-670-0877
- **Heating & Cooling Repair** 703-393-8444
- Weather Chasers
- **Printing Service**
- Ken's Speed Print 703-494-4545
- **Carpet & Floorin**
- Carpet & Floor Outlet (Nadar) 703-494-4747
- **Web Design**
- VASI (Sherri Arnaiz) 703-330-8268
- **Family Portraits**
- Rob Riebe (specializing in children's portraits) 540-288-3828
- **Cleaning Service**
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- cleaningmarias@yahoo.com
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- John O'Meara 703-221-8112

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# CLEANING THE GREEN WAY

Going green can help make your cleaning healthier and less costly! These are just a few ways you can use items you already have to clean the green way.

**Germ Killer**-Ordinary white vinegar is both antibacterial and antifungal. Keep a spray bottle of distilled vinegar near your cutting boards and in the bathroom for quick cleanups. The smell dissipates in a short time.

**Soft Scrubber**-For an all-purpose cleaner that works just about everywhere, measure 1/4 cup baking soda into a bowl. Slowly stir in squirts of organic dishwashing liquid until you have a frosting-like consistency. Use a sponge and a little elbow grease and it's a great abrasive that wipes away easily.

**Window Treatment**-For a great glass cleaner, mix together 1 cup of water, 1/4 cup distilled vinegar and 1/2 teaspoon organic dishwashing liquid. Pour the mixture into a spray bottle and shake. The dishwashing liquid helps cut the waxy buildup on glass and leaves a streak-free shine.

**Unwanted Odors**-To deodorize rugs, sprinkle with baking soda, leave for a little while and simply vacuum. This also works great for getting pet odors out of furniture. Lavender oil, mixed with a cup of water in a spray bottle makes a great air freshener. Not only does it smell wonderful but it has aromatherapy benefits too!





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ask Cherish



DO YOU THINK PRICES WILL CONTINUE TO  
DROP?

SINCERELY, NERVOUS BUYER

Answer:

Well that seems to be the question of the year and maybe even last year. Unfortunately, we can not predict the future but we can look at real estate trends and make predictions from the past. In Prince William County last year 471 homes sold in the month of March this year 579 homes sold that is a 23% increase. 946 homes have gone under contract in the month of March so the numbers should be even better in April. The average sales price in Prince William County \$287,000 compared to the average sold price of last year at \$399,000. There are still 6724 listings still active in Prince William County which means plenty of inventory for first time buyers to chose from. How does this all translate? I believe that the prices will remain stable for the remainder of the year due to the outstanding 13 month oversupply of homes in the current market. I expect to see rising prices next spring as long as these trends continue . So it is an excellent time to buy for anyone.

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