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Greetings of the Season

December Greetings



At Whalen Restoration services, we appreciate all of our clients, agents, adjusters, town building departments, vendors, and construction tradesmen. We know that you work hard all year to provide services that we just could not do without. Your efforts throughout the Cape Cod area improve the lives of everyone that you encounter, and we hope the same can be said of us.

Many of you have referred a project to us; reviewed an estimate from us; assisted us with a permit application; inspected one of our projects; trusted us with emergency services, remediation, or reconstruction at your property; helped us in completing a project; paid us for a job well done.

Merry Christmas
 Joyeux Noel
 Feliz Natal
 Buon Natale
 Nollaig Shona Dhuit
 God Jul
 Happy Hanukkah
 *Wesolych Swiat Bozego
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 Feliz Navidad
 Glaedig Jul
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 Happy Kwanzaa
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Thank you for allowing us to help...and though it's been said many times, many ways, "Merry Christmas to you."

December Recipe--Potato Fudge



Yummy fudge

Ingredients:

3 squares unsweetened chocolate
 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
 1/3 cup mashed potato
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 pound confectioners sugar

Directions:

Melt chocolate and butter over hot water making sure no water gets into mixture. Add potatoes, salt, and vanilla to mixture in bowl away from heat. Mix well. Blend in sugar, and mix thoroughly. Knead until smooth. Press into 8" square buttered pan. Cool and cut. Makes 1 1/4 pounds.

Note: Nuts may be chopped and added to mixture while you are kneading the sugar into it.

Baby, It's Cold Outside!

Protecting your property is not always easy. Surviving a New England winter takes a bit of effort.

It's not winter yet, and it almost feels as though fall has not quite arrived. When the force of winter lands at our door, we might be a bit shocked.

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to prevent the problems of damage due to frozen pipes and fire.

Hire a house watcher to make frequent inspections at your property while you are away.

Keep the heat in your home above 60 degrees--even when you are not home.

If you are going away for just a few days or if you will be away for a season, shut the water off at your home.



Brrrrr! I need some cocoa.

If temperatures fall below freezing, open the vanities or cabinets to your bathroom and kitchen sinks--even if you are living in the house.

Make sure your home is properly insulated--this means attics, basements, crawl spaces, pipes.

Shut off outdoor showers, faucets, and valves.

Hire a plumber to drain and winterize your seasonal property.

Make sure your smoke detectors are working.

Make sure your heating system is properly maintained.

Be careful with fireplace fires and the disposal of ashes.

Don't use your grill in the garage.

Check the electric lights on your Christmas tree, on your house, and on your outdoor decorations.

Minimize any circumstances that could result in water or fire damage. Be safe from worry during the holidays!

Spelling It Out!

Take some time to relax during the holiday hustle and bustle.

Remember to listen to some favorite Christmas music.

Experience a favorite holiday movie and share it with a child.

Entertain and enjoy your own party.



Isn't this the prettiest tree ever?

A Whalen Of A Good Contest!



Won't you please give?

1. Name the unusual ingredient in this month's recipe.
2. Name an easy way to prevent a water loss when you leave your home for a vacation.
3. Name The Salvation Army's annual Christmas program that is

supported by the Cape Cod MAIW chapter.

4. Name the celebrity White House visitor who discussed the war on drugs with President Richard M. Nixon.

5. Name the date when George Washington crossed the Delaware River.

The first three callers with the correct answers will be going to dinner on Whalen Restoration Services. Call us at (508) 760-1911 with the correct answers, and you will win a gift certificate to a local restaurant. Remember, only one winner per office allowed. Winners are eligible to participate again after three months.

Congratulations to the winners of last month's contest: Carol Cremmen of Lawrence-Carlin Insurance Agency in Falmouth, Martha Findlay of Olde Cape Cod Insurance Agency in Hyannis, and Regina O'Brien of Arthur D. Calfee Insurance Agency in North Falmouth. The correct answers were November 9, 1965, \$26,000,000,000.00, Initial Public Offering, 1620, Thermofogging.

Better To Give...

It warms the hearts of many people when the call for help goes out via our Cape Cod Chapter of the Massachusetts Association of Insurance Women. The Salvation Army is once again seeking donations for the Dress a Live Doll Program.



A gift for me?

This program is a holiday tradition for many of us. Once again, Whalen Restoration Services has enthusiastically responded to the call for help. Lisa and Bill Whalen have "adopted" some children. The Whalen donation this year gave the volunteer shopper elves at the MAIW purchase power to buy gifts for ten Cape Cod teenagers.

Martha Findlay of Olde Cape Cod Insurance coordinated the donations and the shopping. Martha told us that her Salvation Army contacts were pleased to have gifts for the teenagers. Babies, toddlers, and younger children sponsored through MAIW always receive clothing and a toy. Teenagers are sometimes a forgotten category during the holidays, so we are happy to provide them with some positive attention and some gifts.

Our wish is that Christmas will be merrier for these teenagers as well as for all the other children who will benefit from MAIW's continued sponsorship of the program. Christmas is always merrier for us when we are able to contribute to such a worthy cause.

Remember, it is never too late to make a difference!

Don't Know Much About History-- December



White House meeting on the war on drugs.

- 9 Massachusetts Rifle Association, "America's Oldest Active Gun Club", is founded. (1875)
- 15 Massachusetts issues the first plastic United States vehicular license plate tabs. (1942)
- 16 Members of the Sons of Liberty disguised as Mohawks dump over 300 chests of tea into Boston Harbor as a protest against the Tea Act. (1773)
- 21 Elvis Presley meets with President Richard M. Nixon at the White House to discuss the war on drugs. (1970)
- 26 Babe Ruth is sold to the New York Yankees by the Boston Red Sox. (1919)



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Christmas Eve crossing, 1776.

December Thoughts

"On the evening of December 25, General Washington in a most severe season crossed the Delaware with a part of his army then reduced to less than 2,000 men in the whole." Mercy Otis Warren, Barnstable writer, dramatist, historian, feminist

"Ah, distinctly I remember it was in the bleak December; And each separate dying ember wrought its ghost upon the floor." The Raven, Edgar Allan Poe, American author

"You sweat out the free agent thing in November, then you make the trades in December. Then you struggle to sign the guys left in January, and in February I get down to sewing all the new numbers on the uniforms." Whitey Herzog, baseball Hall of Famer

Did Nostradamus Meet The Mayas?

Are you in favor of saving time and money? Great!

Here is some information that might help you with planning your post-Christmas shopping on December 26, 2011. For those of you who are super-organized, we offer helpful tips for efficiency and economy for next year's holiday celebrations.



Don't be out there on December 26 buying Christmas cards, wrapping paper, ribbons, gift tags, decorations, ornaments, or similar paraphernalia. Markdowns of 50% or 75% might not be as fabulous as you think they are.

Super-organized? You know who you are! You are out there trolling at the malls the day after Christmas looking for bargains on presents you will give away next year. Stop! Don't do it. Put down that bathrobe. Who cares if it's 60% off? Leave the sweater on the counter. It's almost free? Doesn't matter. Perfume, jewelry, appliances, electronics--leave them in the store.

Now, we are going to travel back in time. The Maya culture existed in Central America (Mexico, Honduras) and is known for developing remarkably accurate lunar and solar calendars, the earliest of which was carved in stone and dates from around 400 B.C.

Nostradamus, born in France, lived from around 1503 to 1566. He was a physician and soothsayer who became known for his predictions, which were written in quatrains form.

However they arrived at their forecasts, centuries and continents apart, the Mayas and Nostradamus both concluded that the end of civilization as we know it would occur December 21, 2012. True? False? Coincidence? Crazy talk?

Do not take a chance. No early Christmas shopping for 2012. Sleep late on December 26 this year. And by the way, you can skip Black Friday next November, too.

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