



THE COMFORT ZONE

FALL/ WINTER 2013 - 2014



(ALMOST) FREE FAMILY FUN!

- **Jazz on George:** A free jazz concert featuring costumes, drink specials, door prizes & more! Oct. 26, from 1 pm to 6 pm.
- **Veteran's Day Parade:** Hosted by the Wayne County Veteran's Association. Nov. 11 at 11 am.
- **Shop the Block:** Friday, Dec. 6. All Day in downtown Goldsboro.
- **Goldsboro Christmas Parade:** Downtown Goldsboro. Dec. 7, from 4 pm to 6 pm.
- **Horse-Drawn Trolley Rides:** Tuesday evening horse-drawn trolley rides on Center Street! Enjoy the lights! Free admission! Dec. 3 – 17, from 6 pm to 8 pm.

KEEP THE COLD AT BAY

With all of the beautiful weather that Eastern North Carolina has seen recently, it's hard to consider that winter is just around the corner. The latest prediction from the Farmer's Almanac is calling for an unseasonably cold and wet winter, and that typically means higher utility costs. However, there are some simple steps you can take to winterize your home and save money at the same time.

Let the Sun do the Work – Keep the curtains and window shades open on the south side of your house, and close them at night. During the day, the sun will help heat your home; and by closing the curtains at night, you can keep the warm air inside.

Seal drafty areas – Seal cracks and gaps around windows and doors. A couple of tubes of caulk and a roll of weather-stripping material are relatively inexpensive, and the weather-tight seal they create can mean extra savings on your heating bill.

Avoid Space Heaters – Space heaters are very inefficient, and they can pose a significant fire hazard. Keep a couple extra blankets handy, and cuddle close with your loved ones and family on those particularly cold evenings.

Check & Replace Your Filters
Air filters can quickly become clogged with dirt and dust; this can cause your system to work a lot harder than it needs to and can reduce the overall airflow in your home. Ideally, you should replace your filters every three months.

Use Ventilation Fans Wisely
According to estimates from the Department of Energy, a kitchen or bathroom ventilation fan can remove all the warm air from a home in just one hour. Make sure to use those fans sparingly, and remember to turn them off as soon as you're finished.

PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE IN A GINGERSNAP CRUST

Prep Time: 30 min. | Bake Time: 90 min.

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups gingersnap cookie crumbs
- ¾ cup ground hazelnuts
- 3 tbsp brown sugar
- 6 tbsp unsalted butter, melted
- 3 (8 ounces) packaged cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 ½ cups canned solid pack pumpkin
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ⅓ cup maple syrup
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- ¾ tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp ground allspice
- 4 eggs

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9-inch spring-form pan. Using a fork, combine gingersnaps, hazelnuts, 3 tablespoons brown sugar and melted butter. Press mixture onto the bottom and two inches up the sides of the pan to form the crust. With an electric mixer, beat cream cheese and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Stir in the pumpkin. Mix in the cream, maple syrup, cinnamon, allspice and vanilla. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, mixing until smooth. Pour batter into prepared crust. Bake in the preheated oven for 90 minutes, or until center of cheesecake is set. Allow to cool in pan for 30 minutes, then refrigerate overnight.

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LENDING A HAND

Continuing a tradition of giving back to the community, this September, the Jackson & Sons family donated their time and a little bit of muscle to the Habitat for Humanity home on 208 Erwin Drive. On two consecutive Fridays, the Jackson & Sons crew worked with other area volunteers to help one local family make the dream of owning a home a reality.



KEEP THE WARM AIR INSIDE

In the cold winter months, it's a good plan to create a weather-tight seal around your doors and windows to keep the warm air from escaping outside. But just because your windows and doors are sealed doesn't guarantee that the warm air can't escape from other areas. A leaky duct system can keep the warm air from ever reaching your home. To see how much heat you're losing to possible tears, gaps or improper seals in your duct system, try our Duct System Leakage Test.

With this test, our technician will seal off your register and force air through your system. A computer will give the technician a number of just how much air is lost. We will then give you a full report of the air leakage and give you recommendations on how to best repair the leaks.

Restoring your duct system to its proper seal can do more than help with your home's heating. Sealed ducts also provide an additional level of protection against dust and other allergens.

To make sure your home is fully sealed and ready for winter, contact Jackson & Sons and request our Duct System Leakage Test. Don't wait for the first cold snap, schedule your test today.

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SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT SPOTLIGHT: AIR FILTRATION SYSTEMS

Your home should be a safe place for you and your family to relax, but did you know that the air you breathe could carry dangerous mold spores, allergens and other contaminants? Sealing your house for the cold winter months can actually trap those harmful impurities inside.

Protect yourself and your family, and install an air filtration system. This system will capture contaminants like dust, mold and pet dander, leaving the air in your home safe to breathe and keeping your loved ones healthy. Visit JacksonAndSons.com to learn more about how an air filtration system can protect you and your family all season long.



FALL/WINTER REBATE

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