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Community CALENDAR

For a complete list of events and meetings searchable by date, category and location go to www.The-Reporter.net and click on calendar.

Thursday, April 11

Adult Grief Support Group: Helios Care adult grief support groups are free monthly drop-in groups open to all members of our community 18 and over. Groups are facilitated by staff specifically trained in grief and loss. Attendees have a safe and confidential place to focus on understanding the grief process, making sense of the strong emotions, and learning from other community members. Groups are free and open to all adults. Please call (607) 432-5525 to register. Visit HeliosCare.org for more information and resources. Clark Sports Center 124 Co Road 52, Cooperstown, NY.

Dine Out for a Cause: Dazzo's Kitchen is hosting a Dine Out for a Cause day. A percentage of the proceeds go to benefit Hospice & Palliative Care patients of Helios Care. Dazzo's Kitchen 42 River Street, Oneonta, NY.

Saturday, April 13

Camp Forget-Me-Not: Camp Forget-Me-Not is a free day camp, open to school-age children and teens (K-12) who have lost a loved one. This camp is facilitated by Helios Care grief professionals. Registration is required and lunch is provided. Register thru (607) 432-5525, www.helioscare.org/events or at rod.roberts@helioscare.org. NY State Power Authority 1378 State Route 30, North Blenheim, NY.

Crock Pot Cook Off: Our Crock Pot Cook Off is back in action! At the Bovina Community Hall from 6-9pm Come ready to taste and vote for your favorite crock pot! You can also be a contestant. If anyone is interested in participating as a contestant you can email Taylor (taylor@heavenmainstreet.com) with the type of dish you plan to make (meat entree, veg entree, side, or dessert). Anyone under 16 can enter a special kid's dessert category. The only rule is that it has to be cooked and served in a crockpot. Non-Bovinians are welcome to participate. Please feel free to pass the form along to anyone you think might be interested. Bovina Community Hall County Route 6, Bovina Center, NY.

Sunday, April 14

The Southern Tier Chapter of the Nam Knights will host breakfast buffets: The Southern Tier Chapter of the Nam Knights will host a breakfast buffet at the Walton Vet's Club, 10 Park Street, to fund their charities and causes that they champion and donate to locally. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, coffee, tea, orange and apple juice. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 per person.

Tuesday, April 16

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Caregiving Support Group: This group will connect caregivers with others, identify local resources, and create strategies for self-care. If you are caring for someone who is seriously or chronically ill and would like to join this support group, please call us at (607) 432-5525 to register. The United Ministry of Delhi 1 Church Street, Delhi, NY.

Dine Out for a Cause: Brooks' House of BBQ is hosting a Dine Out for a Cause day. A percentage of the proceeds go to benefit Hospice & Palliative Care patients of Helios Care. Brooks' House of BBQ 5560 State Highway 7, Oneonta, NY.

Thursday, April 18

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Saturday, April 20

2024 Daffodil Jazz Brunch: 2024 Daffodil Jazz Brunch amidst 100,000 daffodils at the home of Tom Morgan and Erna McReynolds in Franklin to support Helios Care. It's a day of jazz by the Rob Hunt Trio and delicious cuisine prepared by Dee Hazlett. Every dollar you contribute goes directly to support the expert care provided to patients and families served by Helios Care. \$70.00 Single/\$130.00 Couple. Register by April 13th at www.helioscare.org/events or by phone 607 432-6773. Home of Tom Morgan & Erna McReynolds Otego Street, Franklin, NY.

Sunday, April 21

Einav Yarden, piano (Bach, Schumann, Haydn): On Sunday, April 21 at 3PM, Friends of Music of Stamford, NY launches its 2024 season with a chamber concert by pianist Einav Yarden. Ms. Yarden has received praise for her impressive solo performances in New York City and throughout Europe, as well as orchestra engagements under conductors including Sir Neville Marriner, Leon Botstein, Fr?d?ric Chaslin, Stefan Blunier, Aldo Ceccato, Mendi Rodan, and Simon Halsey, among others. For her Stamford engagement, she will play works by Bach, Schumann, and Haydn. This event is generously hosted by the First Presbyterian Church at 96 Main Street, Stamford, NY. Admission is by donation at the door; the suggested donation is \$12 per person, \$6 for seniors & students. There is no charge for those under age 13. Cash or check only; no reservations or advance sales. Visit <https://friendsmusic.org/> for more information about this concert and the rest of the Friends of Music 2024 season. First Presbyterian Church 96 Main Street, Stamford, NY.

Wednesday, April 24

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Wednesday, May 1

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BMR HOLDING COMPANY OF DELAWARE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/18/24. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, P.O. Box 39, Halcottsville, NY 12438. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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**VILLAGE OF DELHI
LEGAL NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the organizational meeting of the Village of Delhi Board of Trustees for the 2025/2026 fiscal year will be held on April 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Village Hall, 9 Court Street, Delhi, NY 13753.

Pamela Ferguson
Village Clerk

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Notice of Formation of Kaufmann Mechanical L.L.C.. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/29/2024. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Henry Kaufmann: 21 Elk Creek Road Apt 3 Delhi NY 13753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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No. 2 Fuel Oil- 6000-gallon tank wagon

Bids shall be submitted on forms provided by the Village. Information for bidders and bid forms can be obtained at the office of the Village Clerk. Bids will be for the period of June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated: April 2nd, 2024

Lisa A. French
Clerk-Treasurer

**DELAWARE COUNTY
INVITATION FOR BIDS
LEGAL NOTICE**

PROPAANE

SEALED BIDS will be received by the Village of Sidney, Civic Center, 21 Liberty Street, Sidney, NY 13838 until 11 am, Friday, May 10, 2024, for delivery to our 6 locations for heating source as follows:

PROPAANE - 27,000 QUANTITIES

Information for bidders and bid forms can be obtained at the office of the Village Clerk. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities of the bids.

Dated: April 2nd, 2024, Lisa A. French
Clerk-Treasurer

**DELAWARE COUNTY
INVITATION FOR BIDS
LEGAL NOTICE**

FERRIC CHLORIDE UN2582 (40% Solution)

THE VILLAGE OF SIDNEY will receive sealed bids for Ferric Chloride solution (40% solution) delivered to the Village of Sidney. The quantity of material to be furnished are estimated to be 9000 gallons of Ferric Chloride for the period of June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025, but the Village does not guarantee the purchase of this quantity. Specifications are available at the office of the Village Clerk.

Sealed bids, on forms provided by the Village, will be received until 11 :00 A.M., Friday, May 10th, 2024, at the Civic Center, 21 Liberty Street, Sidney, New York 13838.

The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities of the bids.

Dated: April 2nd, 2024, Lisa A. French
Clerk-Treasurer



**DELAWARE COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Los Campos De Esperanza, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 6/2/2021. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 577 Madison Street 4b Brooklyn NY 11221. Purpose: any lawful

**DELAWARE COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Secondamendmentlife LLC. Filed 3/5/24. Office: Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 1020 Gregory Hollow Rd, Hamden, NY 13782. Purpose: General.

**DELAWARE COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

BESPOKE LUXURY TRAVEL LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 2/26/2024 Delaware Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to ZENBUSINESS INC, 41 STATE ST #112 ALBANY, NY 12207 General Purpose

**VILLAGE OF DELHI
LEGAL NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing on the Tentative 2024-2025 Village of Delhi Budget will be held on April 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Village Hall, 9 Court Street, Delhi, NY 13753.

Elected Officials Annual Salaries as follows:
Mayor - \$8,744.00
Deputy Mayor - \$3,880.00
Trustees (3) - \$3,380.00

Copies of the Tentative Village Budget may be obtained from the Clerk's Office in the Village Hall from 9 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday.

Kimberly G. Cairns
Village Treasurer

**DELAWARE COUNTY
INVITATION FOR BIDS
LEGAL NOTICE FOR
REFUSE PICKUP AND
DISPOSAL BID
VILLAGE OF SIDNEY
2024-2026**

SEALED BIDS will be received by the Village of Sidney at the Office of the Village Clerk until 11:00 A.M., Friday May 10th, 2024, at which time and place the bids will be opened and read aloud for collection and disposal of refuse from Village buildings, parks, and street containers.

Bid documents, including specifications, and bid forms, prepared by the Village Clerk's Office, may be obtained at the Office of the Village Clerk, 21 Liberty Street, Sidney, NY 13838. Bids shall be furnished on forms provided by the Village.

Bids will be for a period of two (2) years from the effective date of award to May 31, 2026.

The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated: April 2nd, 2024, Lisa A. French
Clerk-Treasurer

**DELAWARE COUNTY
INVITATION FOR BIDS
LEGAL NOTICE BIDS ON
SODIUM FLUORIDE, SODIUM
HYPOCHLORITE**

THE VILLAGE OF SIDNEY will receive sealed bids for Sodium Fluoride, Sodium Hypochlorite (12.5%) solution delivered to the Village of Sidney. The quantities of material to be furnished are estimated to be 3,900 pounds Sodium Fluoride, 7,200 gallons Sodium Hypochlorite for the period of June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025, the Village does not guarantee the purchase of this quantity. Specifications are available at the office of the Village Clerk.

Sealed bids, on forms provided by the Village, will be received until 11:00 A.M., Friday, May 10, 2024, at the Sidney Civic Center, 21 Liberty Street, Sidney, New York 13838.

The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities of the bids.

Dated: April 2nd, 2024, Lisa A. French
Clerk-Treasurer

**DELAWARE COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Law Office Of Benjamin Osborn PLLC. Filed with SSNY on 3/8/2024. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: 63 Fiddlers Elbow Rd Margaretville NY 12455. Purpose:Law

**DELAWARE COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

ALLYSON HARES LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 2/9/2024 Delaware Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to ZENBUSINESS INC. 41 STATE ST #112 ALBANY, NY 12207 General Purpose

**DELAWARE COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of Erika Miller, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/21/2024. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Erika Miller: 74 Main St. Ste. G Delhi, NY 13753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**TOWN OF MEREDITH
NOTICE OF MEETING**

Due to lack of quorum, the Town Board Meeting on April 9th, 2024 is POSTPONED until April 16th, 2024 at 7:00PM located at the Meredith Town Hall.

Dated: 4/4/2024
Sheilah Burnham Town Clerk,
Town of Meredith

**DELAWARE COUNTY
NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Lew Beach Cemetery Corporation will hold its annual meeting on Monday, April 22 at the Beaverkill Valley Firehouse, Lew Beach, NY at 7 pm. Judie DV Smith, Secretary, 607-498-6024.

**DELAWARE COUNTY
INVITATION FOR BIDS
LEGAL NOTICE BIDS ON
DRY FLOCCULENT
STAFLOC 6639 OR SIMILAR
fg (55 LBS)**

THE VILLAGE OF SIDNEY will receive sealed bids for Dry Flocculent delivered to the Village of Sidney. The quantities of material to be furnished are estimated to be 16-20, 55lbs bags of Dry Flocculent for the period of June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025, but the Village does not guarantee the purchase of this quantity. Specifications are available at the office of the Village Clerk.

Sealed bids, on forms provided by the Village, will be received until 11:00 A.M., Friday May 10th, 2024, at the Sidney Civic Center, 21 Liberty Street, Sidney, New York 13838.

The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities of the bids.

Dated: April 2nd , 2024, Lisa A. French
Clerk-Treasurer

**DELAWARE COUNTY
INVITATION FOR BIDS
LEGAL NOTICE
THE BID FOR
GASOLINE AND DIESEL
FUELS**

SEALED BIDS will be received by the Village of Sidney, Sidney Civic Center, 21 Liberty Street, Sidney, New York 13838 until 11:00 A.M., Friday May 10, 2024, for furnishing by self-service dispensing unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel to the Village of Sidney for use in vehicles and equipment of the Village of Sidney as follows:

Unleaded Regular Gasoline - 13,000 gallons estimated
Unleaded Plus Gasoline - 2,000 gallons estimated
Unleaded Super Gasoline - 20 gallons estimated
Diesel Fuel - 8,000 gallons estimated
Kerosene for Diesel Blend - 1,000 gallons estimated

Bids shall be submitted on forms provided by the Village. Information for bidders and bid forms can be obtained at the office of the Village Clerk.

Bids will be for the period of June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025.

The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Lisa A. French
Dated: April 2nd, 2024, Clerk-Treasurer

**DELAWARE COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

Notice of Formation of 51 Walnut LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/29/2021. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 51 Walnut LLC: PO Box 391 Binghamton NY 13902. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**DELAWARE COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF
A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY**

MI CASA BELLA LLC. Filed: 2/6/24. Office: Delaware Co. Org. in NC: 05/16/2018. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to : 212 Fairfield Ln, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. Foreign add: 6135 S Park Dr., Ste 510, Charlotte, NC 28210. Arts. of Org. filed with Nc Secy Of State, 2 S Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC 27601. Purpose: General.

**DELAWARE COUNTY
LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF TREADWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NOTICE is hereby given by the Treadwell United Methodist Church, also known as Methodist Episcopal Church at Croton, NY, also known as Methodist Episcopal Church, formerly, known as East Franklin Methodist Episcopal Church, (collectively, the "Church") that the Church intends to dissolve, and the Church intends to petition the Supreme Court of Delaware County at Delaware Supreme Court, 3 Court Street, Delhi , New York 13753, on or about April 17, 2024 or as soon thereafter as such petition may be heard, upon the petition of the majority of the Trustees of the Church, for an order directing the dissolution of the Church pursuant to New York Religious Corporations Law Section 18. Any questions or comments regarding this petition may be sent to: The Treadwell United Methodist Church, c/o Maggs Law Offices, PLLC, 110 Baldwin Street, Elmira NY, 14901. Any such communications must be received by April 10, 2024. Dated at Elmira, New York, on the 18th day of March 2024.

**DELAWARE COUNTY
NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DELAWARE
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA STRUCTURED SECURITIES ACQUISITION TRUST 2018-HB1,

-against-
GREG BRAMPOS A/K/A GREG MCCUBBIN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF CONSTANTINE J. BRAMPOS, ET AL.
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Delaware on November 1, 2023, wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA STRUCTURED SECURITIES ACQUISITION TRUST 2018-HB1 is the Plaintiff and GREG BRAMPOS A/K/A GREG MCCUBBIN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF CONSTANTINE J. BRAMPOS, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the DELAWARE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3 COURT STREET, DELHI, NY 13753, on April 24, 2024 at 11:00AM, premises known as 269 MAIN STREET, HOBART, NY 13788; and the following tax map identification, 68.20-2-4.

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE IN THE VILLAGE OF HOBART, TOWN OF STAMFORD, DELAWARE COUNTY, STATE OF NEW YORK
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: EF2022-59. Scott Russell, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

**VILLAGE OF HOBART
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Hobart Board will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 15th at the Community Center located at 80 Cornell Avenue, Hobart, N.Y. for the proposed 2024-2025 Tentative Budget. Any interested individual of the Village of Hobart is entitled to be heard upon said budget at such public hearing. A copy of the tentative budget is available at the clerk's office during regular business hours for inspection by interested persons.

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**DELAWARE COUNTY
FORECLOSURE NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DELAWARE
T-ZONE HEALTH, INC.,
Plaintiff,

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
Index No. EF2022-425

Assigned Judge:
Hon. Brian D. Burns

Supreme Court Justice

-against-
CATSKILL VENTURES, LLC, ALLAN E. WOLF, JR., INC.

D/B/A WOLF COMMERCIAL BROKERAGE,
ALLAN E. WOLF JR., INC., PROFIT SHARING PLAN,
FRANCINE GREEN, JCI CAPITAL, LLC D/B/A JCAP
GLOBAL CO., REBECCA ZILENZIGER,
NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & FINANCE,
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,
CHRISTOPHER MOONEY,

"JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES",

said names being fictitious parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants.

In pursuance of an Order Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered the 31st day of January, 2024, I, the undersigned, Referee in said Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale named, will sell at a public auction to the highest bidder at the Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court Street, Delhi, New York 13753, on the 30th day of April, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of that day the premises known as 3845 Brush Ridge Road, Middletown, New York 12430.

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN, COUNTY OF DELAWARE, STATE OF NEW YORK, (SBL #265.-1-17) BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS A METES AND BOUNDS PROPERTY, directed by said Judgment to be sold.

APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT \$502,800.83 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS.

The premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Terms of Sale.

Marvin D. Marshall, Jr., Esq., Referee
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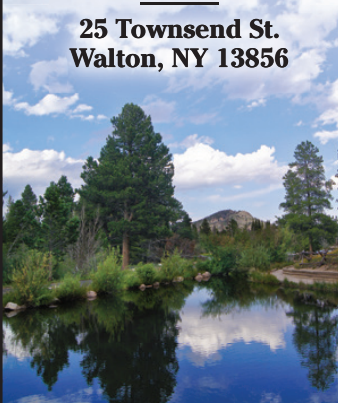
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Give your living room a new vibe

An “out with the old, in with the new” mentality can extend to people’s visions for their homes. A home in need of repair or renovation can serve as a catalyst to take inventory of personal style and help make interior spaces reflect one’s unique vibe.

A living room can grow stale over time and often serves as a catch-call for clothing, blankets, gadgets, and other items. Upon recognizing a living room has seen better days, individuals may decide it’s time to give the space a new vibe. That transformation can start with these strategies.

Organize first

Clutter frequently is the culprit behind a living room that may not give off the vibe individuals desire. As families grow and people add belongings, space may be at a premium. Less is more has never been a more important concept. Remove extraneous items before purchasing new furniture or transitioning to a new design. You may even want to remove everything and start from scratch before reintroducing desirable elements to the space.

Seek the assistance of professionals

Some people are adept at decorating and designing spaces. But just as you wouldn’t perform your own medical procedures, you should leave jobs like inte-



rior design and renovations to the professionals. Hiring a professional interior designer and contractors can really bring a living room together in ways homeowners may have never imagined. These pros can build off of your ideas and truly create a space that may be worthy of a magazine spread.

Promote wellness

You may want to consider adding natural materials in the design to promote well-being. Eco-friendly furnishings, raw fibers and organic textures will create an environment from sustainable choices. Plenty of plants also can create a welcoming environment that helps you surround yourself with positive energy and the items you love.

Light it up

One of the easiest ways to transform a room’s vibe is to utilize lighting. Change draperies to allow more natural light to shine

in. Consider additional windows or skylights if yours is a particularly dark home. If you desire to create a more vivid or cozy ambiance, use a combination of accent, task and supplemental lighting in the space so there are no dim corners.

Create an industrial or urban vibe

Industrial-chic design celebrates the bones of a building. It’s what makes city lofts so appealing, with their exposed beams and brick. Even those who live in suburbia or out in the country can give a living room this look with subtle nods to the style. Unadorned windows, clean lines on furniture, oversized, gallery-style art, and metal accents can add touches of this popular look to your home.

Revamping a living room doesn’t have to be difficult. With an idea in place and some professional touches, an entirely new vibe can be achieved.

Improving storage in common areas



Increasing storage capabilities at home is a popular goal among many homeowners and renters. Despite how much space a person may have at home, there’s often a desire to have more or maximize the areas that are there. According to the Self-Storage Almanac, there are an estimated 51,206 storage facilities operating in the United States today, and MJ Partners Self-Storage Update says 11.1 percent of households currently rent at self-storage facilities. IBISWorld indicates the Canadian self-storage industry has grown at an average annual rate of 3.1 percent over the last five years.

People often turn to external storage facilities to house their belongings when space is at a premium at home. Others may focus their organization energy on closets, garages and basements to free up room. But common areas around the home also can provide additional sources of storage. Common areas are locations where people come together for activities.

Living room/family room

Living rooms and family rooms are areas of the home where people spend many hours. These tend to be multifunctional spaces where people entertain, lounge and even enjoy movies or gaming. Possibilities in these living spaces that can create extra storage include furniture that serves double-duty. For ex-

ample, a storage ottoman adds decorative appeal but also can be filled with board games or books. Cabinet-style TV stands may not be as streamlined as mounted versions, but they’re ideal places to stash games, remote controls and other accessories.

Entryway

An entryway or mudroom can quickly succumb to clutter. When organizing such a space, think about the needs of the household. A storage bench will be a place where everyone can sit to put on shoes, and then stow footwear underneath when not in use. A wall-mounted rack can hold the current season’s jackets or sweaters, as well as purses or backpacks for easy access. A shelf with some hooks can store keys or hold a basket to store the daily mail.

Hallway and closet

Closet organization systems can be the unsung heroes in closets utilized by multiple members of the family. These customizable components can be sized accordingly for the space, and then configured as needed with a balance of shelves and hanging racks. An out-of-the way nook or long hallway can be enhanced with a bookshelf to hold photo albums or that library that only continues to grow as new reading material is acquired.

Homeowners can make common areas more functional with the addition of storage.

What to know about reseeding or replanting your lawn

Spring marks the return of flowering plants and warm weather. And homeowners know that spring also ushers in the return of home renovation season.

Homeowners undoubtedly have an extensive list of projects on their to-do list this spring, and that may include helping their lawns and gardens recover after a long winter. Unpredictable weather, which can include drought and excessive rainfall and everything in between, can take its toll on a lawn. In certain instances, the best solution may be planting new grass. But homeowners can consider these tips before they begin the process of reseeding or replanting their lawns.

• **Scarify the lawn.** Scarifying a lawn can help to create a clean slate, but the timing must be right. Various lawn and garden experts, including those at BBC Gardeners’ World Magazine, recommend scarifying in spring or early autumn. But don’t jump the gun when scarifying in spring by scarifying before the lawn has started to grow after a dormant winter. Scarify when the soil is a little wet and the grass is once again actively growing. Scarifying can remove any lingering weeds from last season and also pull up any moss that might have taken hold over the winter. Without weeds and moss to contend with, freshly planted seeds are in better position to thrive.

• **Work with a landscaping professional.** Homeowners with manageable lawns can likely scarify their own lawns with a relatively inexpensive plug-in scarifier. However, scarifying can be a strenuous physical activity, particularly for homeowners with large lawns. In such instances, homeowners can benefit from working with a qualified landscaping professional. Such a professional can scarify the lawn and subsequently reseed or replant new grass. The latter task is not so simple, as the lawn care experts at Scotts® note that choosing the correct seed is a vital part of reseeding or replanting a lawn. Choosing seed may sound sim-

ple, but it’s a potentially complex decision that requires knowledge of the existing grass, including when to plant it. Certain grasses are best planted in spring or early fall, while others are best planted in summer. A qualified landscaping professional can identify the existing grass and plan the seeding or planting around this important detail.

• **Prepare to water the lawn.** Watering is vital to the long-term success and health of freshly planted grass seed. Scotts® urges homeowners to keep the top inch of soil consistently moist, but not soggy. That requires a daily commitment, and setting a multi-function hose nozzle or sprinkler to the mist setting once per day

or more if it’s hot outside can increase the chances grass will grow in thick and strong. Scotts® recommends keeping the top two inches of the soil moist until the new grass reaches a mowing height of roughly three inches. Once that benchmark has been reached, watering frequency can be cut back to about twice per week, but now the soil should be deeply soaked instead of misted. The soaking will help roots grow deep into the soil.

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One way homeowners can keep their lawns looking lush and green is to aerate the turf when the need arises. Aerators perforate the soil with small holes. These holes allow air, nutrients and water to penetrate all the way to the roots, helping them grow deep and strong. Deep, strong roots are essential to healthy, lush lawns. While aeration can help many lawns, not every lawn will necessarily need to be aerated. Lawns that get heavy use, such as those that are often played on by children or pets, will likely benefit from periodic aeration. Feeling the lawn also can help homeowners determine if it needs to be aerated. Lawns that dry out quickly or feel spongy may be overcome with thatch, which can prevent lawns from getting the air, water and nutrients they need to thrive. Lawn care professionals recommend aerating lawns that contain thatch that is more than one-half inch. Thatch also can foster grub infestations, provid-



ing another benefit to removing it and aerating a lawn. When to aerate depends on the type of grass. Homeowners should consult with a lawn care professional about the best time to aerate their particular lawns, but it's generally recommended that cool-season grasses be aerated in early spring or fall, while it's best to aerate warm season grasses in late spring.

A rundown of 3 popular flooring materials

Even though it's underfoot, flooring can set the tone for how a room or even an entire home is viewed. Perhaps that's one reason why flooring generates such strong opinions when homeowners look to refurbish or replace their floors.

Homeowners now have more choices than ever when considering new flooring for their homes. The following rundown of three popular flooring options can help homeowners as they try to decide which material best suits their homes.

1. Hardwood floors

Hardwood floors might once have been a relatively straightforward option, but homeowners may now choose between solid wood flooring and engineered wood flooring. According to The Home Depot, engineered wood flooring provides the look of solid wood flooring without the high maintenance of such floors. Engineered wood is made and created with the use of wood strands, particles, fibers or veneers of wood that are forged together with adhesives. Each engineered wood flooring plank is composed of several layers of plywood or fiberboard with a solid wood veneer on top, which is how it can provide the look of

solid wood flooring. Solid wood flooring planks are made from a single piece of hardwood. Each type of flooring has its pros and cons, and homeowners who prefer hardwood floors are urged to speak with a flooring professional about the features that make these options unique from one another.

2. Laminate floors

Laminate flooring is another engineered flooring product. But unlike engineered wood flooring, laminate flooring does not utilize real wood and many people can recognize that the moment they step on a laminate floor. Flooring is such a vital and heavily trafficked component of a home that it's typically best to leave installation to a qualified professional. However, homeowners who prefer the DIY route should know that laminate flooring is viewed as among the easiest types of flooring for DIYers to install.

3. Vinyl flooring

The experts at Good Housekeeping report that vinyl flooring is the fastest-growing category of flooring. The Home Depot notes that vinyl flooring is made from plastic and usually consists of acrylic, PVC and similar polymers. Luxury vinyl tile is thick



and durable, and it's often noted for its likeness to solid wood. Vinyl tile also is considered a versatile flooring option, as The Home Depot notes it can be purchased in planks, sheets or tiles. The Home Depot advises homeowners to consider the thickness range when mulling their vinyl flooring options. Thickness ranges between four and 40 millimeters, and a thicker layer is more resistant to water, scratches and stains.

Homeowners will be confronted with a variety of options when considering a flooring project for their homes. The right option for a given home may come down to a host of factors, including cost, look and durability.

Tips to make a yard less attractive to ticks

Backyards are ideal places to spend warm afternoons soaking up some sun. Lazy days in the yard are a big part of what makes warm weather seasons like spring and summer so appealing. But those afternoons can quickly go off the rails when an unwelcome visitor makes its presence known.

Ticks can be found throughout the world, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that only a select few types of ticks transmit bacteria, viruses

and parasites, or pathogens, that cause diseases in people. But even if the number of tick species that transmit diseases to humans is relatively low, ticks that can infect humans are a notable threat. Such ticks carry pathogens that the CDC notes can cause a number of diseases, including Bourbon virus, Ehrlichiosis and, of course, Lyme disease, among others.

Human beings can come into contact with ticks in their own backyards. But humans can take

various steps to make their lawns less welcoming to ticks.

- **Cut your grass short and keep it that way.** Black-legged ticks are transmitters of Lyme disease, which the CDC notes is the most common vector-borne disease in the United States. Lyme disease also poses a growing threat in Canada, where data from the Public Health Agency indicates human-reported Lyme disease cases increased from 144 in 2009 to more than 2,100 in 2022. Black-legged ticks do not like environments that are dry and hot, so short grass makes lawns less attractive to this type of tick. Consumer Reports advises homeowners who have let their grass grow a little too high (around five or six inches) to bag their clippings when cutting the grass. Lots of clippings on the grass can provide a respite from the heat for black-legged ticks.

- **Create a tick barrier if your property abuts woods.** Woods provide a cover from summer heat that black-legged ticks



crave. So properties that abut the woods may be more vulnerable to these unwanted guests than yards that do not border woodlands. A barrier of dry mulch made of wood chips between a property and a bordering wooded area can help repel ticks, who won't want to settle in often dry, hot mulch beds.

- **Plant with infestation prevention in mind.** Some plants

can help to repel ticks because they boast certain characteristics that ticks cannot tolerate. The fragrances, textures and oils of plants like garlic, mint, lavender, marigolds, and others create less welcoming conditions for ticks. Homeowners can speak with local garden centers for advice on tick-repellant plants that can thrive in their particular climate and on their properties.

- **Remove yard debris.** Piles of wood, leaves and brush can make for good conditions for ticks that transmit disease. After raking leaves and gathering brush, discard the resulting piles immediately.

These measures will not necessarily prevent all ticks from establishing themselves on a property, so individuals are urged to inspect their bodies and the bodies of their pets after a day in the yard.

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8 steps to a more functional kitchen

A kitchen is often the most utilized room in a house. Meals may be prepared, cooked and often eaten in kitchens, and the room is often utilized as a homework spot or a makeshift place to pay bills and stay on top of household needs. By enhancing the organization and functionality of the kitchen, homeowners can enjoy these popular spaces even more.

Homeowners have increased their spending on home improvements in recent years. According to the Joint Center for Housing Studies for Harvard University, project spending rose to \$472 billion in 2022 from \$328 billion in 2019. It's estimated consumers will have spent \$485 billion by the end of 2023. Kitchen renovations were the most popular upgrade and accounted for the highest budgets in 2021, according to Houzz. When the time comes to renovate a kitchen, homeowners can take steps to make these spaces more orga-

nized and therefore functional. Here are eight tips to creating a more functional kitchen.

1. Increase storage, and then invest in more. Make the most of corner cabinets and other potential dead spots in a kitchen. Various products can be used to organize awkwardly angled or shaped areas. Kitchen designers also can work with you to reconfigure cabinets and kitchen layouts.

2. Organize utensils and dishes around the sink/dishwasher. Rather than traversing the kitchen to put clean dishes away, make loading and unloading the dishwasher that much easier by locating commonly used items next to and above it. Similarly, place frequently used saucepans, baking dishes and other items near the oven or food preparation area.

3. Utilize drawer and cabinet organizers. Make a place for everything in the kitchen. Take out all items and see what you need

and use all the time. Then coordinate storage around those items so everything fits perfectly. Pull-out shelves and Lazy Susans also can facilitate access.

4. Add shelves to cabinets. If you can afford to have a custom-built kitchen, by all means design cabinets according to preference. If you're using standard cabinets, you may have to reconfigure shelves and spacing to fit the items you have. This also will help you maximize cabinet space.

5. Organize the garbage. Have a pull-out drawer or cabinet to store trash bins. Separate compost, trash and recycling needs.

6. Create continuity in the room. Many open concept homes will have kitchens open up to another room in the home. Mirror the design scheme from elsewhere in the house, and make sure that the flow between spaces is not obstructed.

7. Create a beverage station. A beverage station can minimize the time needed to make a cup of tea or coffee or for the kids to grab juice or chocolate milk.

8. Have a workspace in the kitchen. Whether paying bills, making a grocery list or leaving notes for the family, a dedicated workspace can add more function to the room. Be sure there is task lighting nearby and ample overhead lighting to ensure that all kitchen needs are illuminated properly.

A more functional kitchen can make this already popular space even more so.



Ideas to repurpose a formal dining room

Formal dining rooms are no longer a must-have among home buyers. Reports on the decline of the formal dining room appear to have been premature, as many real estate professionals have noted that some clients still insist that a home must have such a space. However, many agents also report low demand for formal dining rooms.

Beauty is indeed in the eye of the beholder regarding formal dining rooms. Buyers and homeowners who see these rooms as unnecessary can consider the many ways to transform them to better suit their needs.

• Playroom: Parents of young children know that kids have a way of taking over living spaces in a home. If the living room has been overtaken by toys, homeowners can consider converting their formal dining room into a kids' playroom. Formal dining rooms tend to be spacious places that can accommodate a large dinner table, a bar and a buffet table. That means there's ample space for a kids' toy chest, bookshelf, crafts table, dollhouse, and more.

• Home office: The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way many modern workers go about their typical workday. Millions of workers now work from home at least a few days a week if not full-time. When the pandemic began, that led to a space crunch, particularly in homes with more than one working adult. Workers who have been using the formal dining table as a desk for years can now fully commit to repurposing the room. One factor to

keep in mind is whether or not the room will need a door. Some formal dining rooms already feature pocket doors or even French doors, but many do not offer any such privacy. A door installation could increase the price tag associated with repurposing the room, but the end result could be well worth the additional costs.

• Game room: A large formal dining table might be similar in shape and size to a pool table, but pool players will need some space around a pool table to ensure they aren't putting holes in the surrounding walls each time they pick up a cue stick. If pool doesn't tickle homeowners' fancy, then a room devoted to gaming, complete with a flat screen or two on the wall and some new gaming chairs, can be a great way to repurpose the space. Modern parents often play video games alongside their children, making this a great way to create a fun

and family-friendly space in the home.

• Reading room: Devoted bibliophiles may aspire to turn their formal dining rooms into spaces tailor-made for curling up with a good book. Book lovers often lament they lack the space to display all of their books, so this idea can provide the perfect solution to that problem. Replace existing furnishings with some bookcases and a comfortable reading chair and then sit back and crack open a good book. Homeowners who want to go the extra mile can convert the room into a traditional English library, complete with wood-paneled walls, a fireplace, a floor globe, and leather furniture.

There's no end to what can be done when homeowners decide it's time to convert their formal dining rooms into spaces they're likely to use more often.

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Tips to revitalize a garden this spring

Gardening is a rewarding hobby that pays a host of significant dividends. Many people love gardening because it allows them to spend time outdoors, and that simple pleasure is indeed a notable benefit of working in a garden. But the National Initiative for Consumer Horticulture notes that gardening provides a host of additional benefits, including helping people get sufficient levels of exercise, reduce stress and improve mood.

With so much to gain from gardening, it's no wonder people look forward to getting their hands dirty in the garden each spring. As the weather warms up, consider these tips to help bring a garden back to life.

• Discard the dead weight. Winter can take its toll on a garden, even in regions where the weather between December and early spring is not especially harsh. Discard dead plants that have lingered into spring and prune any perennials that need it. Branches that fell during winter storms also should be removed at this point if they have not previously been discarded.

• Test the soil. Soil testing kits can be purchased at local garden centers and home improvement retailers. Such tests are inexpensive and can reveal if the soil needs to be amended to help plants thrive in the months to come.

• Mulch garden beds. Mulching benefits a garden by helping soil retain moisture and pre-

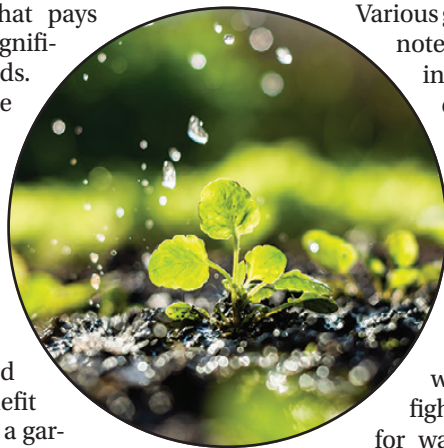
venting the growth of weeds.

Various garden experts note that mulching in spring can prevent weed seeds from germinating over the course of spring and summer. That means plants won't have to fight with weeds for water when the temperature warms up. It also means gardeners won't have to spend time pulling weeds this summer.

• Inspect your irrigation system. Homeowners with in-ground irrigation systems or above-ground systems that utilize a drip or soaker function can inspect the systems before plants begin to bloom. Damaged sprinkler heads or torn lines can deprive plants of water they will need to bloom and ultimately thrive once the weather warms up.

• Tune up your tools. Gardening tools have likely been sitting around gathering dust since fall. Serious gardeners know that tools can be expensive, so it pays to protect that investment by maintaining the tools. Sharpened pruners help make plants less vulnerable to infestation and infection. Well-maintained tools like shovels and hoes also make more demanding gardening jobs a little bit easier, so don't forget to tune up your tools before the weather warms up.

It's almost gardening season, which means gardeners can start on the necessary prep work to ensure their gardens grow in strong and beautiful this spring.



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