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July Events

Independence Day – July 4

Honey Mustard Grilled Chicken

- 1/3 cup Dijon mustard
- ¼ cup honey
- 2 tbs mayonnaise
- 1 tsp steak sauce
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

1. Preheat the grill for medium heat.
2. In a shallow bowl, mix the mustard, honey, mayonnaise and steak sauce. Set aside a small amount of the honey mustard sauce for basting, and dip the chicken into the remaining sauce to coat.
3. Lightly oil the grill grate. Grill the chicken over indirect heat for 18 to 20 minutes, turning periodically or until juices run clear. Baste occasionally with the reserved sauce during the last 10 minutes of cooking.

(from allrecipes.com)

Planning a beach trip?

Only take the necessities:

- ❑ Your swim suit
- ❑ Quarters for the meter
- ❑ Sunscreen for your winter skin
- ❑ Chapstick — your lips can burn, too!
- ❑ Your camera to document evidence of summer
- ❑ Beach chair for lounging
- ❑ Beach towel for laying out and catching some rays
- ❑ Beach umbrella for shade
- ❑ Sunhat for more shade
- ❑ Sunglasses to fortify your sunhat
- ❑ Sandwiches and fresh fruit
- ❑ Cash for an afternoon ice cream
- ❑ A good book
- ❑ Music
- ❑ A sweatshirt in case the sun is also on vacation
- ❑ Ice chest
- ❑ Beer or other refreshments
- ❑ Shovel and buckets for sand castles
- ❑ Recreational board of your choice (surf, skim, boogie)
- ❑ Volleyball for the sand
- ❑ Bicycle for the boardwalk
- ❑ Firewood for after dark
- ❑ Marshmallows to roast over the firewood
- ❑ Your children (optional)

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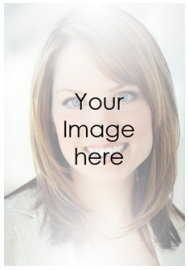

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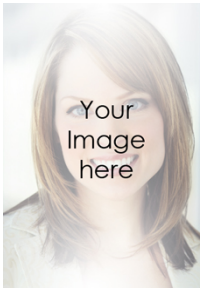

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Save money on cooling costs

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For your HVAC unit

- **Shade the unit**: Use a tarp, install a fence or plant some vines or shrubs to cool the unit up to six degrees.
- **Tidy up**: Clear away all plants, grass and debris within two feet of the unit.
- **Replace the filters**: Replace or clean washable air filters every month during the summer.
- **Take your temperature**: Adjust the temperature on the thermostat by a single degree - it can save up to nine percent of your utility costs.

For your home

- **Stay moderate**: Install a programmable thermostat and set the HVAC to 78 degrees when you're in the house and 85-88 degrees when you're out.
- **Use ceiling fans**: Ceilings fans are inexpensive, come in a variety of styles to suit your home and will make you feel five degrees cooler.
- **Light it down**: Interior lighting produces heat, so use natural light during the day if you can. Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs which produce a fraction of the heat and cut energy use up to 12%.
- **Chores are cool**: Cooking and cleaning create heat. Save the laundry and dishes for the coolest hours of the day.

Your July Maintenance Tip

Need to cool your home? Consider installing a whole house fan. Whole house fans are an alternative type of home cooling unit. They come in two main construction models: belt-driven, and direct-driven. Direct-driven fans are cheaper, but tend to be noisier than belt-driven fans.

Q: How does it work?

A: Simply open up a few windows and switch the fan on! The fan draws in cool air from outside and moves it through your home to create a breeze. Hot air in the home gets pushed up into the attic where it is ventilated. An additional attic fan can be paired with the whole house fan to push hot air out of the attic more effectively.

Q: Why should I add a whole house fan?

A: A whole house fan can be paired with your air conditioner to reduce your monthly cooling cost. It won't replace air conditioning on those sweltering summer days. It will, however, work very efficiently to get cool air from the outside into your house. The added aeration will freshen up your home by forcing out odors and indoor pollution.