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A Note from Leslie

I love summer! I may be in the minority, but I look forward to summer days of working in the yard. On a day off, you're likely to find me tending to my vegetable garden or adding a new retaining wall to my landscaping. It's a nice contrast to the work I do day-to-day. But even if you'd rather spend your summer days in the pool or visiting museums, it's still a good idea to devote some time and thought to your outdoor spaces. Maybe you want to create a relaxing atmosphere for those barbecues and other festivities or maybe you're starting to get your house in shape for a fall or spring sale. Perhaps even more importantly, you can prevent some minor problems from developing into major ones.

Here are some considerations to get you started:

- What plants or trees do you want to add to your landscaping this year?
- Does the lawn condition need to be improved?
- What trees and hedges need to be trimmed or removed?
- Where is fresh mulch needed?
- What fencing or retaining walls need to be replaced, refinished, or added?
- Does the deck need stain or damaged wood need to be repaired or replaced?
- What concrete cracks, settling or discoloration need to be corrected?
- Does the blacktop need to be replaced, repaired or sealed?
- When was the condition of the roof and gutters last assessed?
- Do the roof plumbing boots need to be replaced?
- Is the brick mortar free of cracks?
- Is the chimney cap showing signs of rust or deterioration?
- Do wood trims and siding have soft spots and swelling due to water damage?
- What windows and doors need to be replaced, painted, or new seals added?

Here are some additional tips for home sellers:

- Don't leave garage doors open.
- Don't keep cars parked in driveway.
- Don't leave toys and sports equipment in front or side yard.
- Don't neglect lawns, garden beds, shrubs and dead tree limbs.
- Do add floral color, and lots of it.
- Do freshen or replace door handles, light fixtures, house numbers and mail box.
- Do clean the doors, sidewalks, porch, windows, and exterior furniture regularly.



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CALENDAR

- June 20 Happy Father's Day!
- June 25, 5 pm - 8 pm Jungle Boogie Series at St. Louis Zoo
- June 30, 7:30 pm Missouri Botanical Garden Whitaker Music Festival
- June 6, 7 pm Summer Concert at Faust Park
- July 9, 1 - 4 pm Native Plant School at Shaw Nature Reserve

* Please call or visit the website to confirm open house dates as they are subject to change



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