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# HOME CONNECTION

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## A Note from Leslie

I'm amazed how many past clients and friends are planning home and lawn improvement projects this year. So if you are one of them, it's a good time to think green. There are some great resources out there ranging from information about energy efficiency, recycling, and cleaning products to landscaping techniques and construction design and materials.

For the past year, my husband and I have been engaged in the construction of a new building on our property for additional garage space and a woodworking shop. In the early planning stages, we were fortunate to attend a green event at the Earthways Center. What we learned very much influenced our design and construction. For example, we used insulation made from recycled paper products and installed a radiant water heating system.

I also recently attended a green open house held by the St. Louis Board of Realtors. Three new categories of homes can now be listed and searched for by buyers looking for green homes: Energy Star Homes, LEED Certified Green Homes, and National Association

of Home Builders/GBI Verified Green Homes. If you're considering making a move, and environmental sustainability is part of your criteria, we can make it part of your home search.

My recent experience with my own construction

project and education about green homes has expanded my understanding of the definition of green. For instance, landscaping with native plants and trees, composting, mulching, all of which I have done for years, is considered green. When we built our house with the majority of windows facing south for passive solar heat, but in a spot where they are shaded in the summer, we were green. The geothermal HVAC system which we installed to save money on our utility costs also turns out to be green.

So if today you find yourself wearing green for old St. Pat, perhaps you'll also be reading about green and making your plans to go green, too.

### RESOURCES FOR GREEN LIVING

Low Impact Living: [www.lowimpactliving.com](http://www.lowimpactliving.com)

U.S. Green Building Council: [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)

St. Louis Green: [www.stlouisgreen.com](http://www.stlouisgreen.com)

Earthways Center: [www.earthwayscenter.org](http://www.earthwayscenter.org)

Missouri Department of Conservation: [www.grownative.com](http://www.grownative.com)

## NEW LISTINGS



121 SHAW DRIVE  
Eureka • \$214,900



903 SOUTHERN HILLS COURT  
Eureka • \$499,000



11714 CHANDELLAY DRIVE  
Creve Coeur Area • \$229,900



697 GRAND VIEW RIDGE COURT  
Eureka • \$409,000

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## CALENDAR

- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 27, 1-4 pm Native Landscape Planning, Planting, & Maintenance  
Shaw Nature Reserve
- March 30, 1-3 pm Open House at 697 Grand View Ridge Court
- April 6, 1-3 pm Open House at 11714 Chandellay Drive
- April 13, 1-3 pm Open House at 903 Southern Hills Court

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



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