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<http://www.houselogic.com/>

On February 16, the National Association of Realtors® launched HouseLogic, a new, comprehensive consumer Web site about all aspects of homeownership. [HouseLogic](#) helps homeowners make smart decisions and take responsible actions to maintain, protect and increase the value of their homes.

The free Web site helps homeowners plan and organize their home projects and provides timely articles and news; home improvement advice and how-to's; and information about taxes, home finances and insurance. Registered users can save relevant information, create to-do lists and set project reminders. The Web site can also be customized for individual homeowners depending on how handy or ambitious they are regarding home projects; how much money they want to spend or save; where they live; and their priorities, such as increasing the value of their home or improving their neighborhood.

HouseLogic also empowers homeowners who want to get more actively engaged in shaping community life and advocate neighborhood and homeownership issues that matter most to them. The site provides users with the tools and know-how to effect change and address concerns, like establishing a neighborhood watch program, building a community playground, or participating in city or county planning efforts.

Putting Your House Up For Sale? Get These Essential Tips



If you want to get the best price for your house, it's essential to prepare it for sale. Homes that have been "staged" go for a lot more money... and sell much more quickly, too.

To give you a head start, get my free guide, "50 Essential Tips to Prepare Your Home for a Speedy, Top-Price Sale."

Just call me at 843-368-1510 and I'll send it right out to you.

You or Your Family

Moving? How Safe is the Neighborhood?

This is one of the toughest questions a Realtor can receive because Fair Housing Laws curtail the answer. Buyers are for the most part directed to find the answers on their own.

At some point in time you need to look around and do the old 'gut check'. Walk around the neighborhood. Are the sidewalks in good repair? Are street signs there and in good repair? Are there broken lights in the street lights? Are the neighbors' yards well maintained? Are the streets properly maintained or are there lots of potholes? These may sound somewhat simplistic, but when there is pride and maintenance of neighborhoods they are good barometers of safety.

Certainly today's technology provides several great tools through the internet. Most every local sheriff's website contains information on the area's sexual offenders. Additionally you can go to sites such as <http://www.familywatchdog.us> and from the National Neighborhood Watch <http://www.usaonwatch.org/>

There are ways to get the information, but it still in large part comes down to the gut—what is it saying? You cannot get enough information to aide the decision, but as always it is the consumers decision. Do your homework or make sure a family member does. Always be an 'informed consumer'.

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Full Service—Full Time

Silver Anniversary for the Hilton Head Island Wine & Food Festival

March 1st through the 15th marks the 25th anniversary of this fantastic event.

Island chefs have created a unique menu of food experiences while at the same time introducing visitors and guests to some of the island's most captivating locations. Choose to attend a wine and food pairing dinner at a private home or to enjoy a traditional Gullah story-telling feast at the Coastal Discovery Museum or to spend time learning about wine while attending a cooking class.

The Wine Centered Women return in 2010 with a three-day series of events (11th thru 13th) that would appeal to any wine and food lover (female or male). The series includes an intimate cooking demonstration in a Resort Quest beach-side home and

a unique spa experience and packaged admission for the grand and public tastings...as well as a festive and interactive experience that transpires on site at the Public Tasting & Auction.

On March 13, at the Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn 12 noon - 4:00 p.m. \$40 per person General Admission; \$60 per person Premium Admission (admit at 11a), one of the East Coast's largest outdoor public tastings kicks off which includes: Farmers Market, Pie Baking Contest, Wine and Food Tasting, Silent & Live Wine Auction, Slightly Used Cook Book Sale, Outdoor Gourmet, Wine Centered Women, Men Drinking Beer, Hospitable Waiter's Race, Bartender Challenge, Travel/Food Bloggers Lounge, Relaxation Station.

For more information call
800.424.3387

Wondering How Much Your Home is Worth?

If you're wondering what's happening to prices in your area, or you're thinking about selling your house, I'll be able to help.

Just give my office a call for a no-fuss, professional evaluation.

I won't try to push you into listing with me or waste your time.

I'll just give you the honest facts about your home and its value.

And maybe I'll also give you the "inside scoop" on what's happening in the housing market near where you live!

Just give my office a call at 843-368-1510 to arrange an appointment.



Since 1996 Hilton Head has hosted an International Piano Competition and this year is no different. There are twenty competitors this year with the finals being held March 15th at 7:00pm at First Presbyterian Church. For more information go to <http://www.hhipc.org>

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