

# HOUSING CORNER



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## What's Inside:

- Maintenance Tips
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## MAINTENANCE TIPS

- Vacuum the grilles on the back of fridges and freezers to remove dust build up and keep them working properly
- Keep your windows clear – Open all blinds, curtains, sheets, blankets, and flags – your windows need air circulation to prevent mold and rot
- Vacuum bathroom fan grille
- Since it's still heating season, you will enjoy cleaner air and more efficiency by

*"A house is a home when it shelters the body and comforts the soul" – Paul Moffitt*

cleaning/replacing furnace filters once a month

- Keep snow clear of gas vents, exhaust & dryer vents and basement windows

## PRE-SPRING CLEANING

- De-Clutter your house – Throw away all unwanted material – this will cause mould and mildew to form especially in crawlspaces and basements
- Take charge of your closets – all closets

- Give away or throw out unwanted items that you haven't worn all winter. Closets have no air circulation and therefore might smell musty when full, or put all your items on storage wars to make a couple bucks
- Make note of any items that need to be looked at when the weather warms up, caulking, scaling vents etc...

## Sump Pumps

- **Plug in your sump pumps**
- In order to work correctly, check your sump pit and pump to ensure it will work, replace and clean if needed
- With spring comes melting snow and rain, do not get caught with a flooded crawlspace or basement

## Next week

- Pre-Spring Cleaning and Organizing
- If anyone would like to see any information in the next newsletter submit to Shannon at the Band Office