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Here's How To Do It. Today people are looking for ways to improve their homes for better living and more enjoyment. Investing a little time and money will go a long way to transform your home into the pride of the neighborhood.

**Curb Appeal -** Let's begin outside. Mow the grass, pull the weeds, edge the lawns and give the bedding areas the attention and maintenance they deserve. Liven up the planting areas with perennials for substance, and then go for color with annuals. Select a color scheme such as reds and yellows then use it throughout the bedding areas for a well-planned professional appearance.

**Your Home's Exterior -** Addressing your home's landscaping is the first step to improving curb appeal. Next you have to pay attention to the physical structure of your home. You can easily make over your home in a few days time by replacing windows, painting, adding new siding, or replacing an old roof. On top of transforming your home, these improvements will increase the value

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of your home and can greatly improve your home's energy efficiency. This translates into lower heating bills in the winter and lower cooling costs in the summer. Combine these savings with tax credits and rebates and these improvements will pay for themselves several times over while you experience the pleasure and pride of owning a beautiful home.

**Clean Up Your Entry -** Analyze your walkway and repair wobbly cobblestones or bricks. If the sidewalk is cracked get it repaired or replaced? Next turn to your porch. Remove clutter by removing excess plants, kids toys, or old knickknacks.

If you're unsure, remove it. The best bet is to get back to a clean slate with simply a welcome mat and a chair or two. If you've got additional room, a nicely placed plant will make the area look inviting and create an ideal area for after-dinner coffee or a glass of wine.

**Your Main Entry -** One of the most important areas of your home is the main entry. It can set the mood for the homes occupants and visitors. Make your entry room feel comfortable by opening it up and making it feel as big as possible. The first step to this is with the right paint color. Select colors that give the illusion of space and light and even small entry rooms magically seem to double in size. Eliminate clutter, excess furniture, and all unnecessary items from your entry room. Most homes have too much furniture and too many objects occupying valuable space and making living space cramped.

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## email the expert

**Question:** I have a question about ants. We have had a problem with the small, brown ants. We have tried the borax & sugar, and poison, nothing works. Help! - Dennis Johnson

**Answer:** There are several effective tricks to keeping ants away using safe common household items. First off try vinegar. Fill a squirt bottle with plain old cheap white vinegar, and squirt it anyplace you've seen ants (kitchen counters, windowsills, etc) and let it dry. It's non-toxic, won't harm anything, and the smell will go away in just a couple of minutes. Another solution is cinnamon or black pepper. Sprinkle the cinnamon or black pepper where you see ants congregate and watch them scatter. Follow them to where they're exiting - which is the same spot they're entering. Sprinkle the cinnamon or pepper at that spot to keep them from coming back in. It's safe to use in your cabinets, on windowsills, near your pets and kids, around food, etc. If ants still persist try this home made trap: Mix boric acid and mint jelly or peanut butter; spread mixture on a cracker. Punch pinholes in a cardboard box; place cracker inside. Place box in an area where ants cause problems, but away from children and pets. Note: Mint jelly/peanut butter lures the ants, boric acid kills them.

You can email the Expert by sending your questions to <mailto:info@feltonantrim.com>. Please be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is

### THANK YOU FRIENDS FOR YOUR REFERRALS

We cannot thank enough everyone who has referred Felton Antrim Construction Co. to their friends or family this past month. Your kind actions are really what make us a success. While we don't have enough room to mention everyone, here are a few:

Mr & Mrs Jack Green referred the Hills  
Mr and Mrs Swan referred the Carlton  
Family

### Would you like to have the nicest home in the neighborhood?

Do you know we are experts in a variety of home improvement projects? If you're considering a new project for your home, please give us a call. We'll be happy to answer all of your questions and provide you with our expert advice for free.

Here's a list of some of the projects we specialize in:

Kitchen Renovation  
Bathroom Renovation  
Sunrooms  
Room Addition

### Sizzling Summer Decks

□ Planning on installing a new deck or sprucing-up an existing one this season? If so, you're not alone. Decks are still among the most popular home improvements. So, what's hot in decks this summer? Here are some of the top deck trends for summer 2013:

**Railings** - Once merely a functional safety element, railings are now doing double duty as design statements. Railings are often the first thing one notices about a deck, so manufacturers are offering more aesthetically pleasing, architecturally interesting options. Hot railing trends include decorative balusters of aluminum, iron or even cable, glass panels and railing systems that combine materials for durability, as well as visual effect.

**Multiple Levels** - Designers are using multiple levels to create virtual rooms for outdoor use. A main deck might function as living and dining space, while a smaller, lower level addition serves as a kitchen area, and another level might host a hot tub. Multi-level decks facilitate multiple uses and add visual interest to the overall deck structure.

**Indoor Luxuries, Outdoors** - Homeowners want to bring the same luxuries they enjoy indoors outside onto their decks. In response, builders are adding touches like built-in fire pits and fireplaces, full kitchens with professional grade gas grills, spas, built-in benches and cabinets, shade structures and lighting to deck designs.

**New Shapes** - Piano-shaped, arrowhead and even oval shapes are appearing in back yards across the country. Modern materials, improved building methods and the creativity of designers and homeowners have permanently changed the shape and size of the great American deck. For added pizzazz, you can incorporate a pattern, such as herringbone or checkerboard, into the deck surface.

**Composite Materials** - While some homeowners prefer wood, composite materials continue to gain popularity. Not only are they durable and often eco-friendly (as many of them are made from recycled materials), composites can now mimic the much-loved look of wood.

## this month in history

Norwegian explorer Ronald Amundsen (1872-1928) was born near Oslo. He was the first to sail from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean via the Northwest Passage. He discovered the South Pole in 1911 and flew over the North Pole in a dirigible in 1926. In June 1928, he flew from Norway to rescue survivors of an Italian Arctic expedition, but his plane vanished.

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Your Kitchen... Is For Living - Today the kitchen is the most popular room in the home. You can't truly have a dream home without investing properly in your kitchen. Outdated appliances, cabinets, flooring, countertops, and layout all contribute to an overall feeling that the entire home is outdated. Take stock of your kitchen and identify which of these items need attention. Your kitchen can make or break your homes style so make sure to use a professional, in the end it will make all the difference in the world.

Your Bathroom is Your Sanctuary - This is also a room where the touch of a professional is important and like your kitchen, outdated materials, color, and layout can make your bathroom extremely uncomfortable and can severely decrease the overall enjoyment of your home. Sometimes quick fixes are all you need. Fresh paint, new tile, updated shower or bathtub, new fixtures, but when you find that you have more than one of these items it's time to consider a complete remodel. Today bathroom remodeling is a lot more cost effective than ever before and you'll be amazed at how an updated bathroom will improve your every day disposition as well as the value of your home.

If you'd like to discuss transform any part of your home, give us a call today. You'll be delighted at how easy it is to get started.

Chinese dragons have a horse's head and a snake's body. Chinese dragons are divided into Heavenly Dragons, Earthly Dragons and Dragons in water. The dragon is regarded as the symbol of the Chinese nation and can be seen everywhere in its culture. Chinese dragons have five toes, while Korean dragons have four toes. How many toes does a Japanese dragons have?

- A. Three
- B. Five
- C. Six
- D. Nine

The first correct answer faxed to (fax number) or emailed to (email) will be this month's winner of 2 Movie Passes at (local theatre)!

### LAST ISSUE'S TRIVIA WINNER

**Felton Antrim Construction Co.** is pleased to announce last issue's Trivia Challenge winner. **Lonnie Bates of Tempe!** Lonnie was the first person to correctly answer this question:

The first portable MP3 player was released 12 years ago and held up to 8 songs.

Which company was behind this music-playing marvel?

**Answer: Saehan**

## WE WELCOME OUR NEW FRIENDS INTO THE [FELTON ANTRIM CONSTRUCTION CO.](#) FAMILY

We believe in treating all of our customers like family, just ask any of our longtime customers. We are excited to welcome each of our first time **Felton Antrim Construction Co.** customers. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and hope to see you again very soon. Here are just a few of the new members of the family.

- John & Roxie Reagan of Phoenix
- Pete & Deborah Higgins of Mesa
- The Rodriguez Family of Laveen
- Sandy St. John of Surprise Referred by Lance Thompson

## REFER YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY AND GET A \$50 HOME DEPOT GIFT CERTIFICATE

Many of our customers "find" us as a result of word of mouth. This simple, yet gracious, act by our customers has allowed us to be successful. For this generosity, we offer our gratitude and a token of our appreciation through our Referral Reward Program!

### Here's how:

1. Simply refer someone to our services by sharing our name, phone number, email or by giving them this newsletter.
2. Ask them to mention your name.
3. When your referral becomes our client we will automatically mail you a \$50 **Home Depot** gift certificate

When you refer your friends, neighbors or family, you've helped our business grow. Offering you this reward is our way of letting you know just how much we appreciate your actions

Remember to tell your friends to mention your name whenever they use our services!

### WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING...

"From start to finish we felt like our project was in good hands. Our only regret is that we didn't have this done while our oldest son was still living at home with us. Thanks to you though, we can still enjoy it with the other children."

- Tony & Patty Dawson

## Sudoku Puzzler

The Rules of Sudoku ( sūdoku<sup>2</sup>)

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution.

			6	8	1
6	2		8		
	8	5		7	4 6
2			6	3	5 7
4	8				1 3
	3	7	4	2	
8	5		9		3 6
			3		7 9
3	9		2		

For the solution to this issue's Sudoku Puzzler, email us at [info@feltonantrim.com](mailto:info@feltonantrim.com)

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## Green Tip

### Use a rain barrel to water your plants, lawn and garden

Place a large bin or barrel under your rain gutter downspout to collect water. You will reduce the amount of storm water that runs off of your property into overburdened sewer systems and you will also save money on your water bill!