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HAPPENING Around Town

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More than any other time of the year, December is when many families gather to celebrate their faith, whether they are Christian, Jewish, or Muslim. Other traditions are observed, as well. For decades, families have made it a point to experience Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" performed by Charleston Ballet and accompanied by our West Virginia Symphony Orchestra. This classic is often a sell-out.

Charleston is blessed with extremely talented musicians. Local treasure, and nationally acclaimed jazz pianist, Bob Thompson, continues to delight audiences with his annual holiday "Joy to the World" concert at the Culture Center. "Qiet" a hometown band that mixes rock, jazz, punk, and gypsy music will perform their holiday show at the Clay Center for the first time this year. The contemporary Christian music band "Mercy Me" brings their Christmas concert to town, as well.

There is nothing that puts us in the Christmas spirit like a walk through the outdoor market at Capitol Market. The aroma of pine wafts through the freshly cut trees, wreaths, and other holiday greenery. Or, take a hike around the WV State Capitol grounds and check out the breath-taking lights and decorations there. On each side of the Kanawha River, the residents along the river bank do a spectacular job of lighting up their homes. It is fun to just drive down Kanawha Blvd. after dark and take in the show.

Fall is behind us, winter is upon us, and if the weather forecasters are to believed, a ton of snow will be upon us, too! So, enjoy a hot drink, cozy up to the fire, and take it easy for a while. Until next year, Happy Holidays!

Dec. 8:
"Joy to the World",
Bob Thompson's Jazz Concert, 8pm, Culture Center, admission: $25 advance and $30 at the door.

Dec. 8-11:
"A Ghost Tale for Dickens", Children's Theatre of Charleston, Charleston Civic Center, admission: TBA

Dec. 9,10:
"The Nutcracker", performed by Charleston Ballet and WV Symphony Orchestra, Clay Center, times and admission varies.

Dec. 11:
"Mercy Me- It's Christmas", 6pm, Municipal Auditorium, admission varies

Dec. 15:
December ArtWalk: Michelle Waters Blanket Fort, 5pm, Uncork and Create 901 Quarrier St., admission: FREE

Dec. 15:
Downtown Charleston ArtWalk: 5pm, participating organizations, admission: FREE

Dec. 15:
"Om for the Holidays" Open House Celebration: 6pm, Yoga Power, LLC, 601 Morris St., Suite 302

Dec. 15:
"Light Up the Levee", 6pm, Haddad Riverfront Park, admission: FREE, canned food donations are appreciated.

Dec. 16:
"Christmas with Qiet, featuring Crystal Bright & the Silver Hands", 8pm, Clay Center, admission: $15 in advance, $20 at the door.

Dec. 17:
"Jingle Bell Run/Walk 5K", 8:30am, Columbia Bldg., 1700 MacCorkle Ave. S.E., admission varies

Dec. 23:
"Ugly Sweater Party! w/ MMITM & Miniature Giant", 9pm, Empty Glass, 410 Washington St., admission: $7

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Looking Back
...AT THE BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHERDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

By: M. Lynne Squires

Sacred Heart is the more commonly known, shortened moniker for the Basilica of the Co-Catherdral of the Sacred Heart. The earliest Catholic Church in Charleston, it was first referred to as the Sacred Heart parish. In October of 1974, it became the co-cathedral, and in 2009, Sacred Heart was elevated to a Minor Basilica.

But what of the building that houses the people of Sacred Heart? A church is comprised of people, but the building housing the people provides a congregation's home. In lieu of a sanctuary, the first Mass celebrated in Charleston took place in the Kanawha County courthouse in 1836. By 1866, led by Father Stenger, Sacred Heart's early congregations celebrated mass on the second floor of the B. Wards store on Front Street, the forerunner to present day Kanawha Boulevard.

August 1, 1866 marked the establishment of the Sacred Heart parish by Bishop Whelan of Wheeling when he purchased the property in downtown Charleston on the corner of Quarrier and Broad Streets. The parish was comprised of sixty-three families from Kanawha, Fayette, Clay, Nicholas, Putnam and Boone counties. He also purchased three and a quarter additional acres adjacent to the Quarrier Street property extending from Virginia Street to Lee Street.

A two story brick building served as the parish's church and a school. By 1885, Father Stenger began raising money for a new church building. The parishioners as well as some of the towns prominent Protestants provided financial assistance to the funding of a new church. H. B. Lowe was selected as the architect, and six hundred dollars was spent for plans and specifications for the new building. By 1892, the congregation had grown to eighty-four English families and fifty-six German families, with a school enrollment of ninety students. The congregation celebrated the first Mass in the present church following its completion in 1897.

Following Father Stenger's death in 1900, the Capuchin friars constructed a new rectory and made additions to the church building in the first few years of the new century. A pipe organ was installed in the sanctuary in 1905. A marble high alter and German stained glass windows were added in 1909. Finally, 1911 saw, and heard, the addition of three bells in the church's tower. In 1948, the old pipe organ was replaced with an electronic organ. Weekly bingo was started to raise money for a new pipe organ.

Sacred Heart opened a new school building in 1920, and in 1922 began the first high school classes. The church bought and renovated a building to house the high school grades in 1927. The new high school was constructed and consequently opened in 1941 and was renamed Charleston Catholic High School. The grade school was remodeled in 1942.

The 1950's brought more growth and renovations to Sacred Heart. 1950 and '51 brought interior renovations. The rectory was completed in 1952, and 1958 saw the completion of a new convent. Also in 1958, new pews were installed.

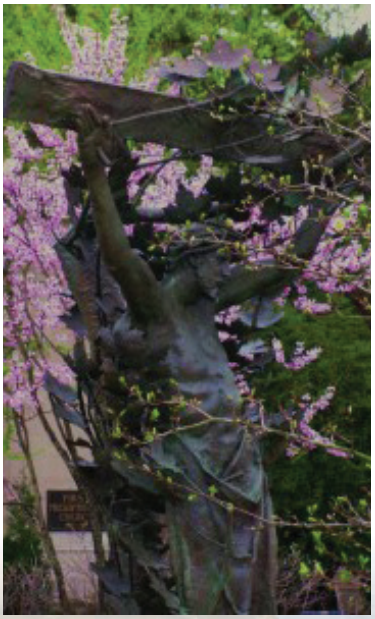
Growth continued and the 'church' became a cluster of buildings to serve the needs of the congregants. In 1974, Pope Paul VI renamed the Diocese of Wheeling as the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and Sacred Heart became a Co-Catherdral for the Diocese. In 1980, Father Edward Sadie became the cathedral rector. It was in the 1980's that the cathedral underwent major renovations, both interior and exterior. The stained glass was cleaned and repaired. A 58-rank pipe organ was installed. The building was carpeted and air-conditioned.

Although the face of Sacred Heart remains the building on Quarrier and Broad, the campus covers a much larger area, including a grade school, day care, high school, parking lots, an apartment complex for the elderly, church offices and apartments for parish clergy. On November 9, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI raised Sacred Heart to a Minor Basilica.

October of this year, marked the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of Sacred Heart Co-Catherdral. A month long celebration was held, culminating in a celebration of Mass and a celebratory reception on October 30, 2016.

The Catholic Church also celebrates the Year of Mercy in 2016. Called for by Pope Francis in March of 2015, the Year of Mercy concluded in November of 2016. As Catholics around the world celebrated opening of 'doors of mercy,' so too did Charleston's historical Sacred Heart.

Next month, Looking Back will profile St. John's Episcopal Church.



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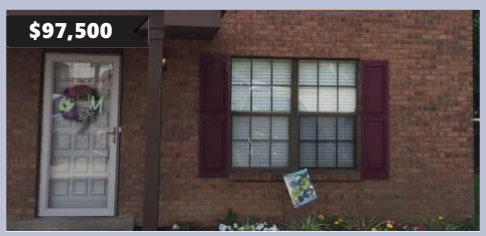

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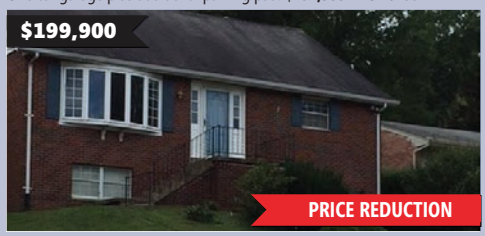

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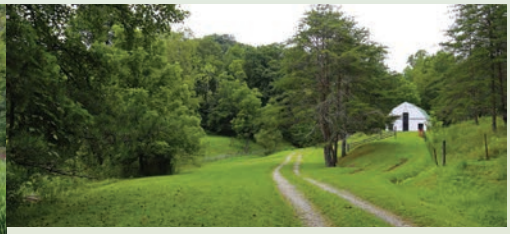

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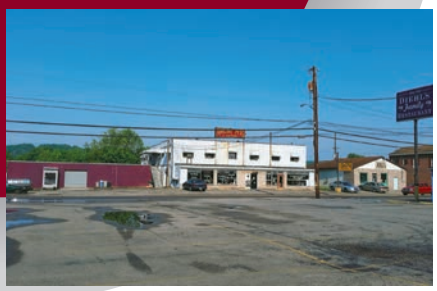

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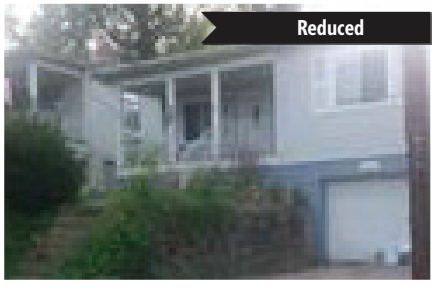

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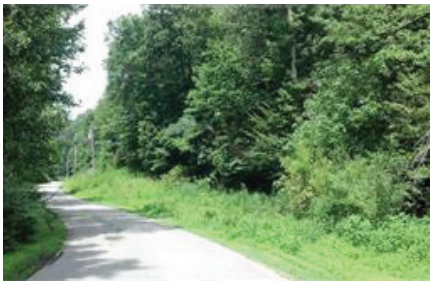

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After completing 4 years in the Marine Corp I served 23 years with the Charleston Police Dept and retired as Lieutenant. I locked my retirement in place to work on getting to the next financial level quicker. I did a short stint with Dept of Defense as a Homeland Response Force Terrorist Scenario Planner and in the interim studied to get my real estate license. I first acquired my real estate license in 1989, and again in 2000 after letting them laps while pursuing other interests.

Through the years, I have served on many community boards like Daymark, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Planning Commission, Church of the Nazarene, and Board of Zoning & Appeals, while being a member of several organizations like Rotary, Masonic Lodge, and FOP.

I've always had that entrepreneurial spirit which led me to setting up production and manufacturing for a piece of patented fitness equipment; which was a $250k lesson in that you have to have feet on the ground in China for quality control. I could go on and tell you about my published book Hook Line & Single, my music career, and fishing tournaments, but this is our first date.

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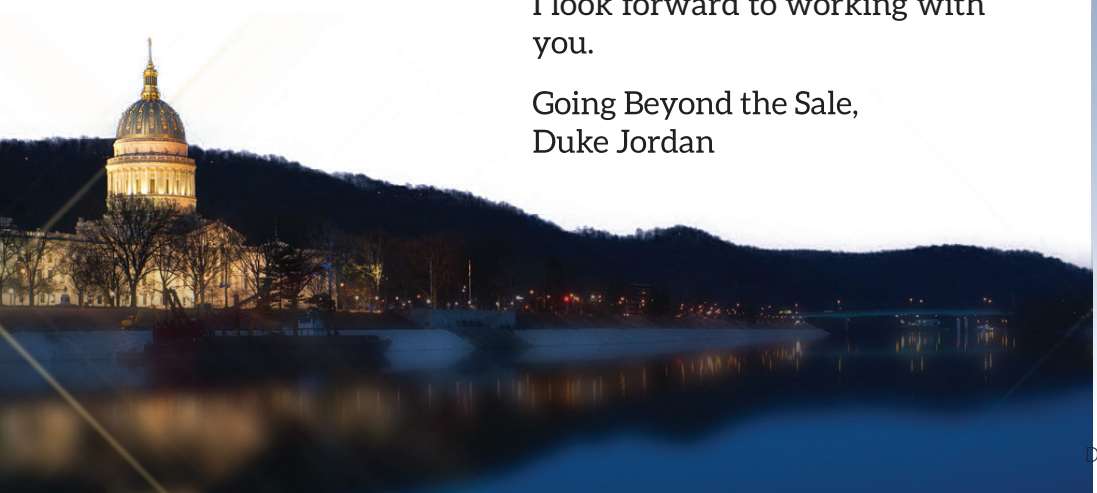

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SHOULD MY GUTTERS BE PROTECTED? DO GUTTER GUARDS REALLY WORK?

The Fall Season is upon us, which means Pumpkin Pie, Great Football, and Leaves Everywhere. If your like me no matter how hard you try you can never keep your yard or driveway completely free of leaves. If your yard is full of leaves there is a pretty good chance your gutters are as well. Unless you have gutter protection. Most gutters when installed do not have gutter protection because it cost a little more to install.

If your house is surrounded by trees you can guarantee those leaves will end up in your yard, your driveway, and yes your Gutter. Cleaning leaves is an annual mess for any homeowner with deciduous trees. If your lucky enough to have evergreen trees, cleaning needles from your gutters is an ongoing process—all year long. Even if you're not in a heavily wooded area your gutters will build up with muck from shingles, dirt, twigs and etc.

And like me many homeowners don't like getting up on a ladder to clean gutters or hate the idea of paying someone to clean them out.

If I were you I would look to add gutter protection especially on those areas of the gutter that have the most potential to get leaves in it. At Building & Remodeling Warehouse we have various options from gutter guards, gutter screens, and gutter mesh that can all do the trick. We have respected gutter contractors as well to help you install to keep those leaves out of those gutters.

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Avoiding the fla la la la flaws this Season!

One of my favorite considerations I share with a client is the "FOLDING CHAIR". We work hard to design a workable solution for the dining room or the family's living area. The everyday seating needs are a priority. I always ask about maximum seating as well! And, here's why!

What is the single most important time when you want the home to show at its best? When the family is in for a holiday visit or the friends have gathered for one of the many celebrations available this time of year! Then due to the lack of planning for more than the immediate needs, we realize we do NOT have enough seating and out comes the folding chair. Design and presentation are now flawed.

A well thought plan is critical for everyday function and must also speak to these exceptions as well!

Another consideration which is always part of my initial conversation with my client. The "kid & pet factor"! Nothing worse than worrying about spills, tears, and injuries when there is a lot of activity as the time of year dictates, we often make poor choices which are doomed.

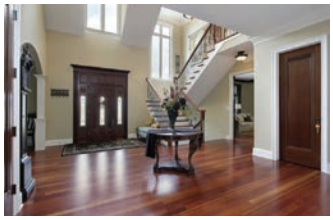
Thinking about immediate needs and long term as well we can often avoid these mistakes. A growing family should consider the performance offered in the fabric selections for upholstery. Better performance in paint selections can help make life easier when the children learn about coloring! And better choices in table edges and display pieces can be made when we think about how the space will be used by young children and the wagging tails of our family pets.

Third consideration in planning a more successful space is simple! Our sense of urgency often takes over as immediate gratification trumps long term goals. The idea that we must have this project completed "ASAP" is one that can be resolved when using a designer who learns what the goals truly are for the project completion.

There's a saying I was once given, "is it more important for this immediate (purpose) or for all the events to come?" This has proven to be a valuable conversation. The importance of making hasty mistakes can often be averted by once again taking advantage of the designer's help!

Next is the consideration of traffic flow. It seems to be agreed that we all end up in the kitchen when friends and family are in our homes! Right? So, making sure that this space "moves well" on an everyday basis is important but additionally is the ability to handle heavier traffic flow. OPEN SPACE concepts have served well this need!

Think about the welcoming experience you hopefully wish to offer as guests first make entry into your space. Is there room to enter and take in the home? Is there a comfortable amount of space so one does not immediately feel trapped? How about enough room to take off coats, gloves, scarves, and even those winter boots? Again, have a plan! For example, often the coat closet is limited or already full of needs for the family. Make sure to offer a location to guests where they will find their outerwear in a "less trafficked" part of the home. Of course, you will always offer to take the items to that location when they arrive. Major traffic areas require more space than secondary and are important considerations to create a comfortable welcoming home environment.



Finally, with the daily life considerations we many times forget to think about what happens when we release the abundant decorations tied into the season. This will sometimes create a challenge when our goal is to host more than the usual crowd! I love it when a client offers... "but that's where I always put the tree!"

This let's me know they are thinking! It's better to know that in our planning stage rather than later in the game!

Bottom line! Be prepared and work from a plan! When the investment to re-work a room or add updates is on the TO DO list, make sure the success you ultimately desire comes from great decisions and guidance!

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Pet coverage is available! Pet owners think of their animals as family. Don't be without coverage for your four-legged companions. Or your feathered friends. Or even your scaly buddies. Veterinarian costs can be considerable if your pet falls ill.

Are you a high-profile or high net-worth individual? If so, the individually tailored concierge plan of coverage includes provisions that traditional plans do not address. White Insurance and Associates can craft a coverage package specific to your needs for concerns such as multiple residences, identity theft, and private collections like art or jewelry. Even kidnap and ransom coverage is available.

What about the boat owners? Again, a vast assortment of coverage options exist. In addition to covering your motorboat, you can add coverage for water skiers, houseboats, catamarans, and yachts. There are policies to cover your boat as well as the trailer, injury to a water skier, hull damage, and the contents of the boat. Boat related premiums are usually fairly low cost, but White Insurance and Associates will find the best coverage at the most economical rate.

A local hot topic this year in the areas surrounding Charleston has been flood insurance, or more specifically the lack thereof. A homeowner's policy does not cover flood damage. Mortgaged houses situated within a 100 year flood plain are required by law to be covered by a federal flood policy. However, if you are outside a high risk area, or you no longer have a mortgage on your home, you are not required to carry flood insurance. In case of a flood situation, having a policy in place, however, can pay for work done to sandbag your home, move furniture and perform debris removal.

So, given these example scenarios, why should you use an independent agent instead of just calling an insurance company on your own and signing up for various policies? White Insurance and Associates' website says it best: "We are Independent Agents in Charleston, West Virginia, free to choose the best carrier for your insurance needs. We do not work for an insurance company; we work for you. We work on your side when you have a loss and follow through to see that you get fair, prompt payment and service. White Insurance & Associates represents a carefully selected group of financially strong, reputable insurance companies, therefore, we are able to offer you the best coverage at the most competitive price."

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