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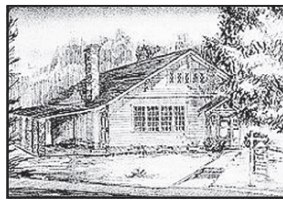
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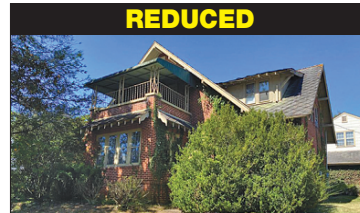
12155 ARBOR STREET, MEADOWVIEW - A very well maintained brick ranch in the village of Emory. Many possibilities for this property: a large family with space for children and pets; an in-law area in the lower level; convert the lower level into a rental unit; or just lots of space for one or two people. Beautiful hardwood floors, cozy kitchen with appliances; double lot with mature trees and flowers; advantages of the near-by Emory & Henry College; one mile to I 81; short drive to Abingdon or Glade Spring; located on a dead-end street. MLS #93313



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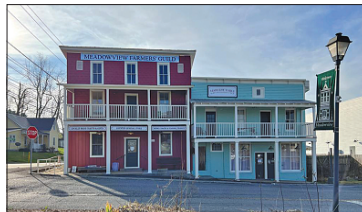
TBA FOLEY GAP RD - BRISTOL VA - Exceptional property located near the village of Mendota and the newly opened Mendota Trail. This beautiful tract has over 9100 feet of river frontage on the North Fork Holston River; perfect for fun activities such as kayaking, fishing or tubing. There is a total of approximately 165 acres with 55 acres being open tillable land and the remaining is woodland. Multiple building and/or camping site possibilities or use as your new vacation property. Great for hunting. Old barn, with electrical service, currently on the property. MLS#89145



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\$395,000

13180 MEADOWVIEW SQUARE, MEADOWVIEW - Formerly the Harvest Table Restaurant and Gift Shop situated in the heart of Meadowview with approximately 6227 square feet total. Property was completely renovated in 2007 and is in good condition inside and out. All restaurant fixtures remain, including kitchen equipment, dining tables and chairs, etc as do some office type furniture. There are many unique decorating and construction features in this charming 100+ year old building. MLS#85060



SOLD

\$229,000

TURFWAY LANE, ABINGDON VA - Nice 1000+ square foot townhouse with two bedrooms, two baths. Located in The Downs which is just minutes from downtown Abingdon. This home is ideal for a first time home buyer or someone looking to downsize. Other amenities include granite countertops, some hardwood floors, nice back deck and a one car garage which provides easy access to the house. Call today! MLS#92704



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22456 BREEZY POINT DR, ABINGDON - Property was sold before print. For comp purposes only. Lakefront living at its finest! This one owner A-frame style home has three bedrooms and two full baths. Interior has custom handcrafted woodwork throughout the entire home. Family room has a floor-to-ceiling wood burning fireplace. Panoramic lake and mountain views from your 3.9 acre lot! There is a one car garage under, an exterior balcony and a wraparound deck. House was built on a solid concrete foundation. MLS #92234



SOLD

\$93,000

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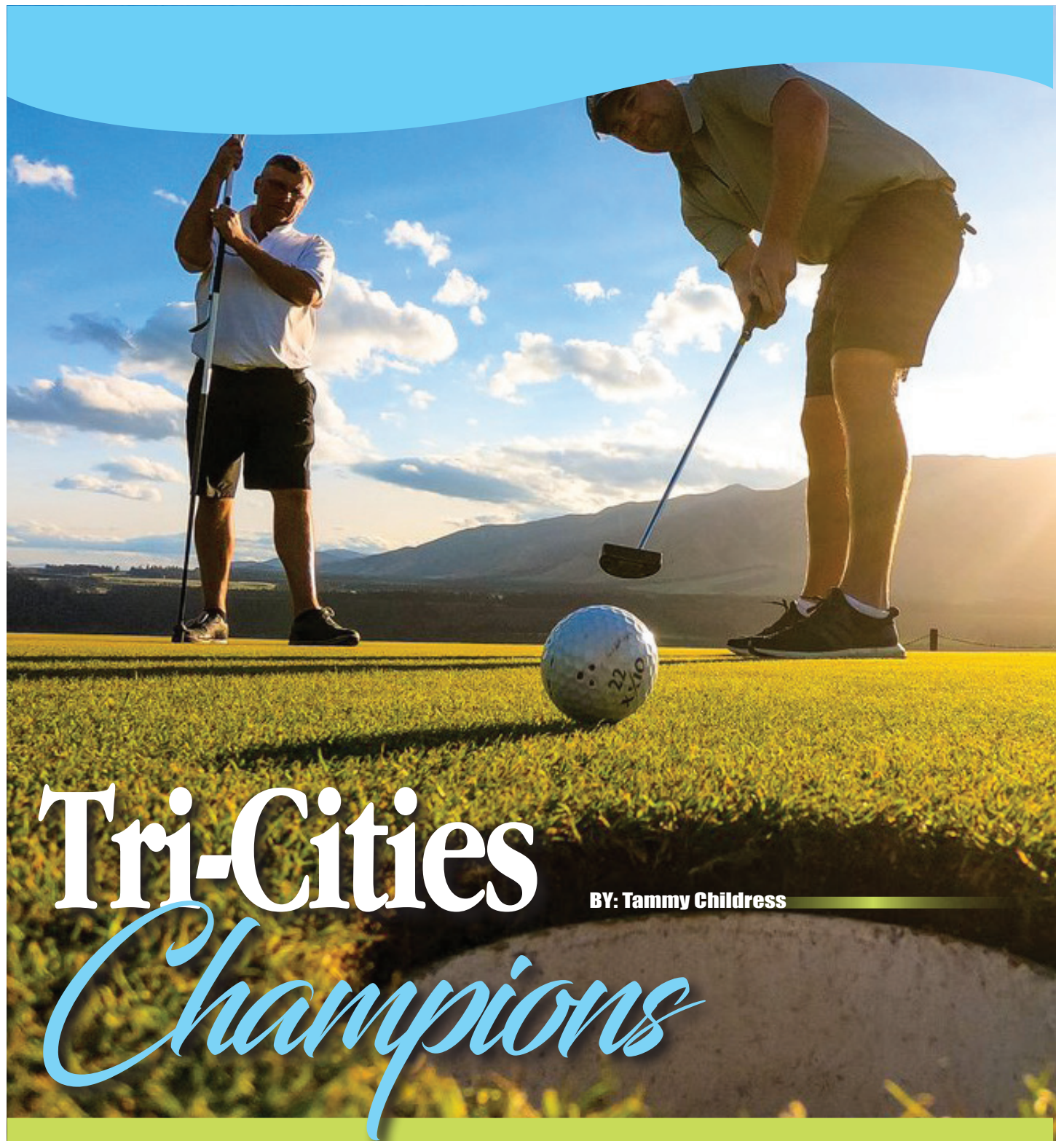
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Tri-Cities *Champions*

BY: Tammy Childress

Tri-Cities Champions is a non-profit/non-paid board member organization which works with individuals with special needs from 5-years-old to 65-years-old. The non-profit, which started six years ago with 26 kids, now hosts 144 individuals.



"It really grew out of a baseball program called the Challengers," said Eric Jenkins, Director of Tri-Cities Champions. "We felt that the kids needed more than baseball, because some of them are not capable of playing baseball so we needed more, a program where we could try any activity that would be good for the kids, that could involve all the children at whatever level they are."

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syndrome, spinal bifida, autism, and turner's to name a few and we want to make sure that every child, regardless of their age or ability has the opportunity to shine doing things that most children do their whole life."

Jenkins said it's important for the kids in the program to be able to experience different activities in a place where they feel safe in an environment where they won't experience ridicule. And in order to fill those needs the organization hosts, among other activities: basketball; baseball; bowling; movie nights at The Pinnacle; trips to the Dinosaur Park; Halloween and Fall Festival Putt-Putt where the kids dress up.

"We're really a place where they feel like they belong, where they're cheered on, feel supported and can feel what it's like to win," he said. "Because all of the kids aren't able to play sports we are looking at ways to give them opportunities to learn musical instruments, pottery, art class and nature walks so they can feel a sense of accomplishment doing an activity that they didn't think

they could do. And all of those things cost money."

Jenkins then told a story about how he and others at the non-profit have helped two blind individuals play baseball and basketball.

"I've stood behind them held the bat and and help them swing," he said. "Then a volunteer will help them run the bases, it's really something for them to experience. And when they play basketball we tap on the rim of the basket so they know where to aim. It might take them a few times to get a shot in but when they do the whole place celebrates with them."

In order to fund the organization's programs Tri-Cities Champions is hosting a 4 Man Scramble Gold Tournament on June 15, 2024 at Bristol Country Club Golf Course located at 6045 Old Jonesboro Road, Bristol, Tennessee.

"The price is \$500 per team and so far we have about 16 teams signed up," Jenkins said. "Our biggest need for the event right now are sponsorships."

The sponsorship range from Platinum at \$1,500 to Bronze at \$200. Jenkins said he appreciates the



support from all the players, sponsors and volunteers but wants people to know that everything goes to the kids.

"I feel like it's important for those who donate to our organization know that all the dollars go directly to our kids," he said. "All of the staff and our six board members serve for free so our fundraiser, community donations and volunteers are key to keeping Tri-Cities Champions going. There is no cost for any family or child. The cost of jerseys, hats, trophies, equipment are covered by our fundraiser and community donations."

Jenkins went onto say that he's hoping as people become more aware of Tri-Cities Champions they will see the value the organization brings to the community.

"I feel that Tri-Cities Champions helps the public as much, if not more than it helps the participants," he said.

"Unfortunately, the public is sort of blind to the abilities of children with special needs. And when we have programs in the public arena it shows people that these kids have a place in society. We're starting to see a big difference in how our kids are viewed because of what we're doing and how we're doing it."

He added that the organization is hoping to see more young people volunteer.

"Besides our parents and our board, we have volunteers from Tennessee High, John Battle High School, Emory & Henry College Women's Basketball, Virginia High, Travel Ball Teams, and some companies that volunteer too," Jenkins said.

"I'd love to see more of our schools get involved in volunteering. We can take kids from 12-years-old up. It's a great opportunity for them to learn how they can become involved in the community and open their eyes to the world of special needs."

To volunteer or to enter an individual in the program or to donate contact Eric Jenkins at tricitiechampions@gmail.com or send a direct message on the organizations FaceBook page at Tri-Cities Champions or call 423-845-0898. ♦



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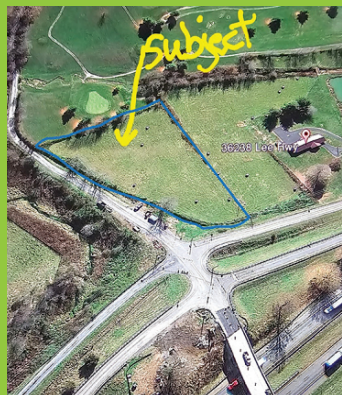


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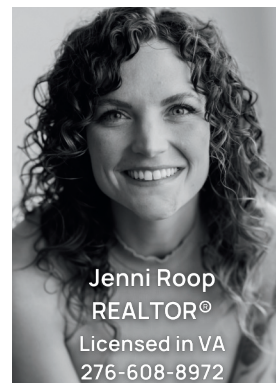
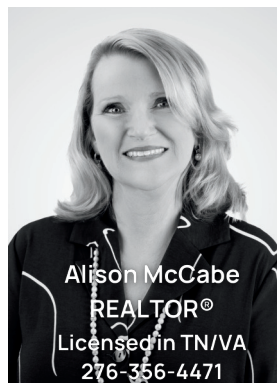
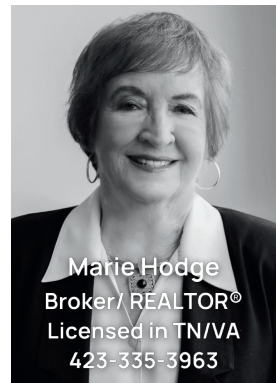
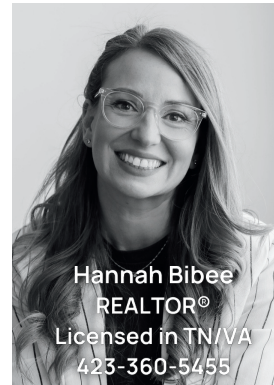


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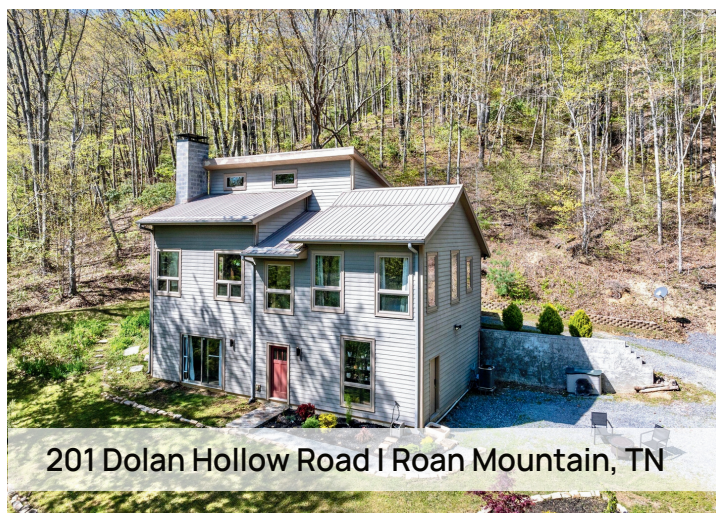
72 Fairway Drive | Bristol, TN

6 Bed | 4 Full 1 Half Bath | 5,232 SqFt

This beautifully renovated home is located on the 6th green of Tennessee's oldest golf club. It has been updated to reflect today's living yet retains some of the original design elements such as the wood ceilings, stone fireplaces and skylights. The first floor is an open contemporary space with two large living rooms, a dining area and a large eat in kitchen. This kitchen is the center of this home with a complete renovation that includes custom Omega Alder cabinets, two wall ovens, five burner gas range, two sinks and large island. The adjacent butler's pantry/laundry area includes a second dishwasher, ice maker and sink. Two bedroom suites are on the main level. The Primary suite is a large room with a stone gas fireplace and a completely remodeled bathroom and two custom closets. The second main level bedroom suite is a combination sitting, bedroom and fully remodeled bathroom and custom closet. This suite is a convenient spot for an in-law suite, visitors with small children or older children returning home. The second floor has two bedrooms and a completely remodeled bath with double sinks. The lower level has walk out capability to the golf course and patio area. This level includes a bathroom, two bedrooms (one currently used as a study), a recreation space and a wet bar. A large storage area contains a second laundry area with a sink, built in shelving and a workshop space. An over-sized basement level garage with potential for a variety of uses adjoins the lower level patio.

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Tips When *Hiring a Contractor*



Contractors perform important work for millions of homeowners every day. Home improvement projects are complicated undertakings, and the experience of skilled contractors can ensure jobs are completed on time and within homeowners' budgets.

Homeowners have undoubtedly heard horror stories from neighbors about projects that have gone awry. Projects can go sideways for a number of reasons, but a skilled contractor can help homeowners navigate such situations





successfully. That underscores how important it can be to find the right professional for the job. The following are some tips homeowners can consider as they look to hire a contractor.

➤ Identify which professional you need. Some contractors are of the jack-of-all-trades variety, but many specialize in a particular line of work. It's important that homeowners identify which type of contractor they should work with prior to starting a project. This requires homeowners to define the goal of the project (i.e., new wood floor installation), which can serve as a springboard into finding the right type of contractor.

➤ Prioritize building safety. Safety should be the utmost priority for homeowners and contractors alike. Prior to hiring a contractor, homeowners should identify any safety restrictions that might be enforced by local governments and take note of all the permits necessary to get a job done. Homeowners can then discuss those restrictions and permits as they interview contractors. Projects that do not adhere to code are illegal and can compromise homeowners' ability to sell their homes in the future. So it's vital to work with contractors who are familiar with local codes and aware of which permits are necessary to ensure a project can go forward.

➤ Insist on written estimates. Handshake agreements offer no protection to homeowners or contractors, so estimates indicating what will be done and how much the project will cost should be provided. Homeowners should insist on receiving written estimates and interpret an unwillingness to provide one as a significant red flag.

➤ Know your rights. Laws vary by region, but in general homeowners have a right to a written contract and contractors are obligated to provide a copy of that contract signed by both parties. That contract must be provided prior to the start of the project. The contract should provide a detailed account of the work that will be done, as well as a timeline indicating important dates that components of the project will begin and be completed. The contract also should detail materials and who is providing them. Details regarding payments, guarantees and warranties also should be cited.

➤ Do not pay in cash. Some contractors may suggest that the project will cost less if they're paid in cash. However, home improvements should never be cash transactions. Cash does not indicate proof of payment, which can be problematic if a dispute arises.

Contractors help homeowners turn dream projects into reality. Homeowners can employ various strategies to ensure they find the right professional for their home improvement project. ♦



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Tricks to Trim your utility bill

A rapid rise in the cost of living will undoubtedly prove to be one of the major stories of 2022. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, energy prices rose by 41.6 percent in the 12-month period that ended in June 2022, marking the highest 12-month increase since April 1980.

The significant spike in energy costs is somewhat misleading, as the BLS considers motor fuel prices, which rose more than 60 percent in the 12-month period ending in June 2022, part of the energy category. However, during that same period, electricity prices rose by nearly 14 percent while natural gas prices increased by 38 percent. Both of those increases were more significant than the more publicized rise in food prices, which rose by right around 10 percent.

Families need to eat and many professionals now must return to in-person work after years of pandemic-related remote working, which means they must confront higher fuel costs. That leaves little room to save money in those areas. However, there are ways for families to reduce home energy costs without adversely affecting their quality of life.

◆ **Run appliances during off-peak hours.** According to the United States Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the best time to use appliances in a home is when overall electricity use is low. Though this time changes depending on the season and can vary based on geography, the DOE and the EPA both note that after 9 p.m. and before 9 a.m. are generally

the off-peak hours in most areas.

◆ **Strategically use your shades and blinds.** The energy providers at ConEd estimate that about 40 percent of unwanted heat comes through windows. Strategic use of curtains, shades and blinds can keep heat out on hot days, thus allowing homeowners to turn the thermostat up on their air conditioning units in summer. Opening curtains, blinds and shades on winter mornings and afternoons will allow more sunlight in, allowing homeowners to control heating costs more effectively.

◆ **Reorganize your refrigerator.** There are plenty of contradictory strategies regarding how best to store foods in a refrigerator so the unit consumes as little energy

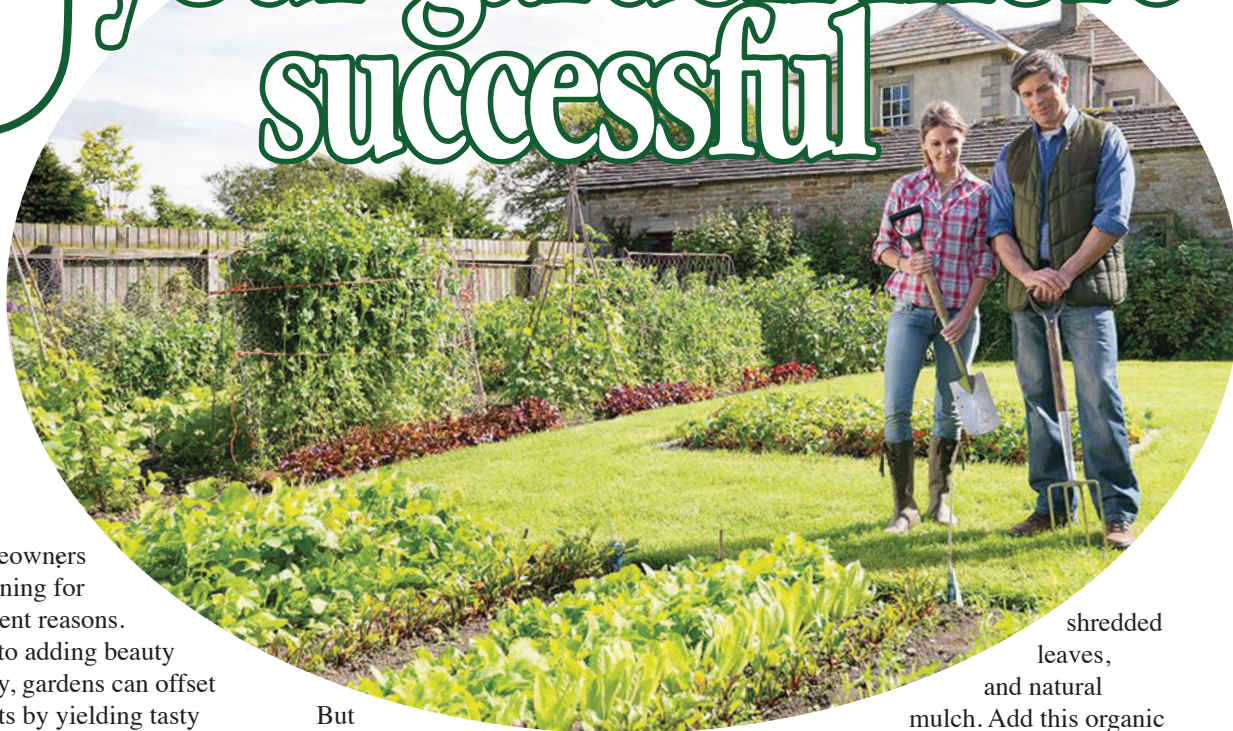
as possible while still keeping foods fresh and chilled. But various energy providers, including ConEd, recommend that consumers avoid packing a fridge too tightly. By allowing cold air to circulate within the refrigerator, the refrigerator won't need to work as hard, and thus consume as much energy, to keep foods cool. It's important to note that the opposite should govern how the freezer is packed. Packing frozen items tightly in the freezer will help the refrigerator work a little less hard.

◆ **Turn off the lights.** Estimates from the U.S. Energy Information Administration indicate that electricity for lighting accounts for around 10 percent of electricity consumption in homes. A concerted effort to turn off lights in rooms that aren't being used can help consumers save money.

Rising utility bills are compelling millions of people to seek ways to trim their energy consumption. Thankfully, there are many ways to do that without upsetting daily routines. ◆



6 ways to make your garden more successful



Homeowners enjoy gardening for many different reasons. In addition to adding beauty to a property, gardens can offset grocery costs by yielding tasty produce. They also offer important habitats and food sources for both insects and animals.

While growing a vegetable or flower garden can turn into a rewarding hobby, or even a passion, gardening also can be overwhelming — particularly when the results are less than stellar. Novice gardeners have scores of resources at their disposal, including the advice of gardeners who have made mistakes and learned from them. The following guidance can make home gardens that much more successful.

1. Start small.

You may have visions of an expansive garden growing rows of crops or acres of flowers.

But it is smart to start small and build on what you find successful, which includes plants that thrive in your lawn and garden.

This also is beneficial if you are unsure of vegetable yields. Several blooming plants producing bushels of crops can be overwhelming, especially if you can't get to harvesting or cooking them in a timely fashion.

2. Assess the soil.

Plants need nutrient-rich soil to encourage extensive root systems and produce strong, hardy plants, according to the gardening resource GrowVeg. Nourish soil with organic matter, such as manure, compost,

shredded leaves, and natural mulch. Add this organic matter in the off-season to give it enough time to be incorporated into the ground before spring. You can have your soil tested for pH and other characteristics that make it friendly or averse to plants at a local garden center.

3. Arm yourself with knowledge.

Do you know how deeply to plant



seeds
and how far
apart to space plants?

Are you aware of the sunlight
needs of certain flowers or plants?

If not, read the packaging and do your research so your plants have the best chance of not only sprouting, but also surviving. Many people prefer to start seedlings indoors in late winter and then transfer those plants outdoors when they are stronger and more established.

4. Sit in your yard and observe.

Watch the way the sunlight dances over areas of your landscape. Take note of which areas get the most sun and shade. This will help you plan what to plant and where to plant it. Vegetable gardens tend to need ample sunlight to bear pick-worthy produce. You can give plants a leg up by growing them in optimal conditions.

5. Choose hardy varieties.

Certain plants have been bred to thrive in your climate, including heat-tolerant plants for climates with sweltering

summer sun. Consult with a local gardening center to figure out which plant zone you are in and which plants will do best within that zone.

6. Use rainwater.

Rainwater contains fewer contaminants and additives than tap water, which can benefit garden plants. Collect rainwater in rain barrels and use irrigation systems to deliver it to the garden.

Home gardens can yield many gifts, from flowers to fruit. Beginners can utilize some time-tested strategies to increase their chances of planting a successful garden.



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