

# Sechrist Construction and Remodeling, Inc.

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In the event that you should take on damage from a water pipe failure or an extreme storm this year, call Sechrist Fire & Water Damage Restoration. In your emergency we will be there in a flash! We provide a variety of services designed to support you and help reduce the total damage restoration efforts. We will stop the water flow and dry out the damaged area. We will board up your property to protect it from vandals. We will tarp the roof to protect the property from the elements. We will work with the insurance company on your behalf. We will work with you from the beginning until the end to restore your property back to its original state. Call on Sechrist Fire & Water Damage Restoration for your home emergency needs.

Life is short, smile while you still have teeth.



## Prospect Creek, Alaska

Just about now, its July and its HOT and sweaty! Let's cool off with thoughts of winter in magnificent Alaska.

Alaska has many claims to fame, from the tallest mountain in North America to being the largest and most uninhabited place in the USA. It's no surprise that the last frontier is also home to the coldest place on the planet.



The tiny town of Prospect Creek is positively a unique place in an isolated location just below the Arctic Circle. The elevation of Prospect Creek is just about 643 feet above sea level and its located at mile 135 off the James Dalton Highway. It has a subarctic climate and consistently bares the coldest winters in history, some at -80 degrees!

In the past, Prospect Creek was home to numerous mining expeditions. In 1974, this remote location served as a full base camp to house around 27,000 people who came to work on the Trans Alaskan Pipeline. However, just a handful of years later, in 1977 when the pipeline was completed, the entire camp became a relative ghost town overnight.

Did you say you were HOT and sweaty right now? Just remember, Prospect Creek, Alaska has been recorded as the coldest place on earth with -80 degree temperatures in January. Im feeling cooler ALREADY!

## T-I-M-B-E-R!!!!!!

What does timber framed mean? A timber framed home, porch or entry way is the sort that uses a frame structure of large posts and beams that are joined with wooden pegs. The walls of the structure are posi-

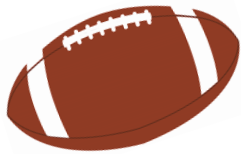
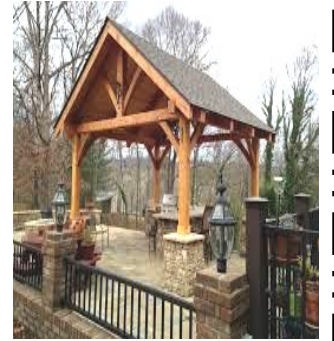


tioned on the outside of the timber frame, leaving the timbers exposed for visual effect. Timber framing is custom handcrafted, rustic, but elegant in the same breath. It is strong, old and so well-established that they used to just call it building.



The timber frame knows no limit to design and style. Build a rustic back porch roof extension over decking, a pergola, create a screened in timber framed porch, or even timber frame your inside living room area. Timber framing floor

plans can accommodate any style of home. A timber home can take on a casual or rustic mountain style, an ornate Victorian style, the classic New England home or even a barn type style. Good materials used to timber frame should be locally sourced and natural. Use reclaimed beams or multiple hard woods with good color to erect striking timber frames that will last for hundreds of years.



*“The most valuable player is the one who makes the most players valuable.”*

Peyton Manning



## Summer - The Best Season Ever

Ah, sweet summertime! Finally, warm sunshine and longer days to linger outside. Because summer is a great time to enjoy the outdoors, look no farther than your own backyard for the simplest of summer pleasures. Now is the time to transform your own patch of green into a summertime haven for kids and a place for parents to enjoy downtime as well.

Play corn hole and lawn Scrabble to keep the entire crew entertained. Hang backyard string lights to add instant charm to any outdoor space. Dining outside under twinkly lights will quickly become the new norm, as you cook more meals on the grill and watch the kids play and grow.

Stir up some refreshing summer drinks to cool off in the summer heat and get the ‘ole crank ice cream maker out for a rigorous work out and a frigid summer treat. Transform a stock tank into a relaxing swimming pool. Its an affordable way to cool down in the privacy of your own backyard and its portable. Nap in the hammock or play board games at the picnic table. Invite friends in for a delicious picnic and pool time. Take a chance on the tire swing and swing away the afternoon.



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# Email the Expert

**Q.**— Recently, we decided to replace our kitchen countertops. I was not aware that there were different edges to choose from. Which edge should I choose?

**A.**— Whether you are installing stone, a solid surface or laminate, the following three edge styles will serve you well.

**Single Bevel:** The surface is marked by its sharp 45-degree angle on the top side. It looks like you spent a lot of money on your kitchen even though, the cost is often comparable to the double-eased style.

**Double Eased Edge:** It is a slightly ‘softened’ square that alleviates that hard, sharp edge typically seen on laminate countertops. It adds an upscale look to a small kitchen.

**Double Roundover:** It is curved along the top and bottom for an even finish. This edge is universally flattering for any kitchen as it offers a sophisticated touch that is safe for kids and easy to clean.

If you have a question you would like to ask, EMAIL THE EXPERT by sending your question to [steve@sechristconstruction.com](mailto:steve@sechristconstruction.com). Please be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is required to answer your question.

## Soft as Old Linen

Until more recently, this product was used every day without even realizing its importance. Often times, the only moment this product is thought about is when suddenly there is no access to it—which just happened more recently. This product is packaged toilet paper.

In 1890, Irvin and Clarence Scott of the Scott Paper Company of Philadelphia revolutionized toilet paper. They put toilet paper into perforated rolls and began to individually package these rolls for mass sale.



During this very conservative era it was “unmentionable” to talk about toilet paper which made it difficult to advertise and market it. However, people had a desire for better hygiene and toilet paper slowly fit into the consumer market. It was not until 1903, however, that it was marketed

as Scott Tissue because previously, the Scott’s did not want to soil the family name with such a “lewd” product.

Today, we wouldn’t think of going without toilet paper. In the 1950s and in 1973, stories of people hoarding toilet paper became common for various reasons. Should we add the year 2020 to the history of hoarding toilet paper?

A lot of work went into making toilet paper and marketing it to become what it is today. Sometimes it is the simple things in life, such as toilet paper, that are missed the most when they aren’t available.

Thanks to Irvin and Clarence Scott for perfecting and getting this product out there for the rest of us. Just make sure you put the roll on the dispenser facing the right direction!



## Fire & Water Damage Restoration

Fire and water damage restoration is the act of cleaning and restoring property as well as personal belongings that have sustained smoke, fire or water damage. The goal of damage restoration services is to salvage damaged items and restore your home so that it can once again be inhabited.

**Water Remediation**— Did you have water flood an area in your home from a pipe burst or a bad water shut off valve. The water flow may have effected the ceiling, walls and flooring. Water remediation is the complete process of water cleanup, which includes water removal, drying items and structures and then moving items back. We use specialized equipment such as commercial grade dehumidifiers, high-velocity air movers and water extractors. Call us in the emergency. We can help!

**Flood/Storm Cleanup**—Flooding means that water from the outside has moved inside. Flood water is considered contaminated and most people will need professional help in removing, sanitizing, and drying the areas which were affected. Mold growth can start to grow in as little as 72 hours. And water damages left to dry on their own are likely to lead to mold growth. It spreads easily and quickly, therefore, it is important to react quickly if you experience water damage or observe mold growth. Favorite places mold likes to thrive are in attics, basements, bathrooms, ceilings, crawl spaces, kitchens, and laundry rooms-anywhere there is moisture. During the warmer weather it is especially good to check on these hidden areas to make sure the area is dry and mold is kept at bay.

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## From My Desk:

It has been several months since the coronavirus disease declared a pandemic. In spite of the unique challenges that this COVID-19 has created, we have been diligently working through this time period to reach our goals on our current construction projects.

There has been major fallout from the pandemic shut down. Manufacturers are behind on their case loads and businesses are scrambling to get product back out on the shelf to sell. Construction companies have not been left out. We have also been caught in the supply and demand law as well.

We will continue to work toward the same goal and that is to have a satisfied customer with a completed project. Thank you for your trust in our services.

*Steve*

## GREEK BURGERS

### Ingredients:

- 1 lb ground beef
- 2 oz feta, crumbled
- 1 t dried oregano
- 2 t diced red onion
- 2 cloves garlic, grated
- 1/2 t black pepper
- 1 6 oz container of plain greek yogurt
- 1 cucumber
- 2 T fresh dill
- Salt to taste
- 4 buns

Combine beef, feta, oregano, half of the garlic and black pepper in a large mixing bowl. Form into 4 patties.

Prepare the tzatziki: Peel cucumber and grate it. Combine yogurt, cucumber, 1 remaining garlic and dill. Season to taste with salt. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Grill burgers over medium flame for approx. 5 minutes on each side. Serve with rolls, lettuce, red onion, and tzatziki.



**Green Tip:** If you are doing a staycation this summer set the A/C at 76 degrees, cook outside, turn the cable TV off, go to the library, visit flea markets, plant a garden and travel short distances to see places around where you live that you haven't ever been to.

**Enjoy!**