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## THANK YOU!

Thank you for your business this year. We are very grateful for the confidence you have placed in us to work on your construction projects in 2020 amid all the chaos and disruption of COVID. Here's to a new year ahead!

## BABY, It's COLD OUTSIDE!

Getting ready for the winter months entails more than simply closing up the pool. With the winter season there are more boots, heavy coats and mittens to store.

- Storage, storage, storage is the mantra for a neat and sane home. You can never have too much of it. A mudroom expands your current storage area, providing extra space to keep your things. Not only is it an extra storage space, it is a convenient one too. Instead of opening closets and shelves inside the house to place things in, you simply hang them on low hooks or place them on an open shelf even before you enter the house.
- Better organization and neatness. Without all that stuff coming into the main living area, your home looks neater and more organized. You no longer have to go on a breathless rush to collect things lying around when a guest suddenly shows up. With the improved organization, it becomes easier to find things quickly without wasting time checking under the couches and behind furniture. Provide plenty of cabinets and drawers, shelving, accessible hooks and a bench.
- Less maintenance. It can be tiring to have to clean the house every time people and pets come in, dragging dirt with them. A mudroom provides a place for people to take off dirty shoes and even pets can get a wash before they come into the house.





*"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year . . .*



# Email the Expert

**Q.**— Our in-laws will be downsizing in the near future. What can we do to freshen the home and get it ready for a new homeowner?

**A.**— Whether you are preparing to sell your home or staying put but want to freshen your home's appearance up try the following tips.

- Clean the vinyl siding—it will take years off the exterior
- Repaint the front door and update exterior accents
- Well-maintain the exterior of the home, cut and trim the lawn, freshen up the porch with flowers
- Give a room a fresh coat of paint
- Apply a new backsplash to give the impression of a much bigger renovation
- Upgrade the hardware and fixtures in the bathroom
- Rejuvenate a room by re-decorating it, hang new wall art and install reasonably priced new curtains
- Stage the home by decluttering, removing any personal items and photos and make the home spotless
- Light a candle or bake cookies before a showing—remove odors
- Have the carpets cleaned

**EMAIL THE EXPERT** by sending your question to Steve. Please be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is required to answer your question. **steve@sechricconstruction.com.**

## BUILDING THE DESK

COVID hit and turned things upside down for everyone, including school students and Chai Hansanuwat. Chai's company laid off its employees at the end of April so he figured he would do woodworking to make extra money. That was the plan until he found there was another need to fulfill.

He noticed that his son had several fifth-grade classmates who seemed to be doing their virtual learning on a sofa, a bed or the floor. Without a proper surface to write or type on, they struggled to stay focused. Parents were not able to purchase desks for their at-home students since the pandemic had created a shortage of products in stock. So he posted on social media offering to build a simple desk for anybody who needed one, free of charge.

The response was overwhelming after someone shared his post with a local news station. Eventually he cut the list off at 250 desks to build. But, three weeks later, there were 10 other builders willing to work along with Chai, creating desks for students in the area. Through a GoFundMe account, \$15,674 has been raised to meet the need for building materials and together they have constructed hundreds of desks for students in their local area.



## Life Savers The Candy Mint with the Hole

That hole in the center isn't going to save your life but it is a life saver all the same. Clarence Crane owned a chocolate company but he discovered that his sales suffered in the summer because of the hot weather. In 1912, he began experimenting with various hard candy formulas after he noticed a pill making machine in the local pharmacy. What a novel idea, he thought. Most mints were square-shaped and imported at that time. He began making round mints with a hole in the center. They boosted his summer sales because they didn't melt like chocolate. Thus, the candy mint with the hole was born—the life saver!





***“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”***

***Isaiah 9:9***

## Look for Curb Appeal

Make an older home new again when you add a little pizzazz to the structural design. One major purpose of the ranch style home was to link the outdoors to the indoors. Sliding glass doors and picture windows became a standard way to let in as much light and view as possible while connecting the living space directly to the outdoors. In our journey to bring the outside in, we gave up some other choices.

This older style ranch received a stylish update with this full front porch—extra outdoor living space with a canopy from the elements. The roof line builds an upscale look to the home while the paint contrast directs the eye to the beauty of the transformed home. Peel the old away and make it new again.



***“Often when you think you’re at the end of something, you’re at the beginning of something else.”***

**Fred Rogers**

## FROZEN PIPES

Most of the time your water pipes are safe from freezing, but if they run through any part of the house that isn’t heated or the heating system fails, the water inside can turn to ice. When a frozen pipe breaks in an unheated third floor it can send a torrent of water cascading down walls, flooding floors and soaking furniture and belongings as it makes its way to the lowest part of the building—the basement. In severe cases it can cause structural damage and allow the growth of unpleasant mold to crop up later on.

We are here for you! Call on Sechrist Fire & Water Damage Restoration in your emergency. We offer pipe repairs to get your plumbing back in working order. We have the most advanced equipment to dry the wet areas out and stop mold from growing. Finally, we have the ability to restore your home back to its original likeness. From beginning to end, we can do it ALL.



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### FROM MY DESK:

This is perfect time to tell you that Sechrist Construction and Remodeling appreciates YOU! We are very grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and happiness throughout the coming year.

Steve and the Crew  
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 and Remodeling



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