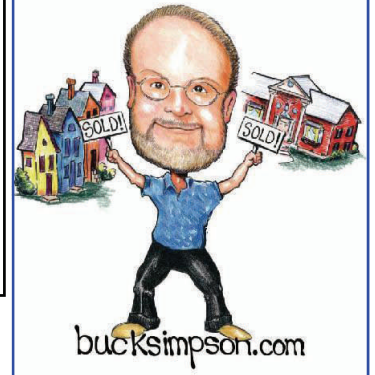




# Buck Simpson ENTERPRISES



Your Neighborhood Real Estate Newsletter for June, 2009

## More Money Please....

This is the bank asking for more bailout money from the government. The credit card companies are in the taking mode as well. What you don't know is that the credit card folks have been caught doing these: Changing the due date on your payment WITHOUT notifying you in advance. So, you pay the bill and all of a sudden, your rate goes up. Dramatically. You call to find out why and they say it is because you were late. You say you weren't. Then look at your due date on the statement. Yep, they changed it and you're late. New interest rate. Too bad. The card companies are now going to charge more in annual fees, higher interest rates and more charges to the stores that accept the credit cards. I have an idea! Pay cash. Remember cash? That green papery stuff... the silver round things...? Or your debit card. Stiff the credit card companies into better behavior. Now I know this may not work for some but keep a watch on your credit card statements for changing rates and dates.

## Real Estate Update

The market is coming around here... some prices are going UP... yes I said UP! There are more foreclosures coming up but the short sales are becoming the predominant sale now. The numbers are encouraging... more homes under contract with fewer homes on the market. Hang in there homeowners... potential buyers... get jiggy with it!! Times a wastin'

### I eat so you don't have too....

Big K & I stopped by the local Quizno's for the Torpedo special. I had a coupon for a get one free with purchase deal. Skip these. It was nasty. It is basically a footlong hot dog bun with marginally tasting meat. The sauce was a red wine (poor quality) vinegary substance that was so gross I didn't finish the sandwich. I like Quizno's but this was awful. Stay away. I will be reviewing other delights as time and space permit.

### Websites...

Here's a few new ones... **GAZELLE.com** & **MYBONEYARD.com** will buy old items you don't want. Computers, monitors, cell phones, etc. Check it out! **CELLFORCASH.com** is another one I have used. Care about the environment? Go green when eating out. **DINE-GREEN.com** will find you a "green" restaurant so that you will feel good about eating there. Skip Quizno's..... Got an odor problem? **SCOE10X.com** has a product that is awesome for removing odors such as cat urine, dog smell, etc. Really did a number on a car that had a cat stuck in it overnight...

*Super shoutout to Tara & Prashanth!  
New townhome in Herndon! Thanks  
Teresa S. Thanks to all that get me  
those valuable referrals. Keep them  
coming...*

## Timber....

Need a tree taken down? Some bushes cleared out? I got a guy... Shane at Brennan's Tree Service is awesome. Competitive prices and fabulous service, Brennan's will do a very good job. I have used him as well as a number of others folks I know. All good! Contact him at 703-218-8003 or [brennanstreeservice.com](http://brennanstreeservice.com). Tell him Buck sent ya' !!

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The biggest room

is the room for improve-

## **The Garbage Disposal...**

Ever wonder about the mostly unseen item in your kitchen? Well, there are a bunch of notions that are just plain untrue. You cannot "sharpen the blades" by grinding up ice cubes. Frozen water will never beat sharp steel cutting bars. And running the disposal with hot water will burn out the motor. No, it will not. Running it with no water will not burn out the motor. It would have to run a long time to do so. Now, here's a tip: about once a month, take out the contents of your ice trays or ice maker container, run hot water down the sink and then turn on the disposal. Then pour in the ice cubes and run until all ice is gone and then for about 3 minutes after that. What this does is loosen the debris and gunk in the disposal and flush it down the drain. Next take your used box of baking soda from the refrigerator (remember that tip a while ago) and with no water running pour the box down the disposal. Turn on for a brief flip of the switch. Leave for about an hour so that the baking soda will deodorize the disposal. Then clear with cold running water. Do this once a month and you will have no worries regarding the disposal. Don't forget the dryer vent either! And those smoke detector batteries and furnace filters.

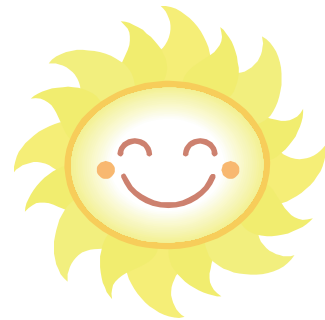
## **Consumer Alert !!!**

If any of you have trouble sleeping and have that worn out spring style bed.... I just purchased my SLEEP NUMBER bed and am waiting to have it delivered and set up. I will report back on it. Paul at the SLEEP NUMBER bedstore in Fair Oaks Mall was great. Stop by to try out the bed and see what number you are. Top floor and great service so far. Go Paul. BTW... my number is 35....

Don't forget to go to Celebrate Fairfax Days by the Government Center in Fairfax. June 5-7th. I will be there at 6pm on Sunday to reclaim all the leftover food for the homeless shelter in Centreville. Great time for the kiddo's!!

**Happy Father's Day !!  
Do something special for  
the big guy...**

**First day  
of  
Summer  
June  
21st**



# **Have a great summer !!!**