

Show us that Smile and win \$100!

As a Veridian homeowner, you can win \$100 in our Photo Contest. Just send us your best photos of life in or around your home. In addition, two runners-up will each receive \$25. What we really want to see are photos that represent your lifestyle, and all the fun you have with your family and neighbors. The winning photos will be published in the next issue of this newsletter. So come on homeowners, pull out those cameras and show us your smile! Send entries to:

BY MAIL Photo Contest, Veridian Homes
6801 South Towne Drive, Madison, WI 53713
EMAIL Photo@veridianhomes.com
ONLINE Become our fan and submit them on Facebook

ENTRY DEADLINE IS MAY 17, 2010!

RULES:

- 1 Photos must be taken inside or in the yard of a home built by Veridian Homes, Don Simon Homes or Midland Builders.
- 2 A current resident of the home must submit the entry.
- 3 Label back of the photo or email with your name, address and neighborhood.
- 4 Veridian Homes staff will select the winners.
- 5 Entries must be submitted by May 17, 2010.
- 6 Prizes will be awarded by June 1, 2010 and the winning photos will be published in the Summer 2010 Newsletter.
- 7 Photos will not be returned, so please keep a copy for yourself.
- 8 By submitting your photo, you give Veridian Homes the right to use your photo in future marketing materials.



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Spring 2010 Maintenance Newsletter

Here's to flourishing flower gardens and lush green lawns. To golden retrievers and friendly black labs. Here's to knowing the couple down the street by their first names. To community, kinship, and a sense of belonging. To a big, shady oak tree that moonlights as a swing. Here's to building a home in a place that's safe and sound.



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Interior Spring Maintenance Checklist

- After the first year, have the air conditioner checked and serviced by a professional. A fully charged AC unit will operate more efficiently.
- Test smoke detectors, replace batteries and vacuum around the face covers. Also replace thermostat batteries.
- Check your carbon monoxide detector. Make sure the batteries are fresh, and monitor the continuous and/or peak level read out function. Replace old units every three to five years.
- To maintain wood and prevent cracking, apply wood moisturizer to all doors, cabinets and wood trim work.
- Inspect and repair any caulk around bathtubs, sinks and showers. Use a quality, low VOC latex caulk.
- Monitor the relative humidity with a hygrometer. You should maintain an indoor relative humidity of 30 to 35 percent. This can be controlled by using exhaust fans, air conditioning and a dehumidifier.
- Change your furnace filter.
- Vacuum the coils on the rear of the refrigerator to allow maximum operation capabilities.
- Change or clean your range hood filter to avoid grease and food accumulation.
- Pour at least five gallons of water into the sump pump crock to force the sump pump to run to maintain the seals on the pump. Verify that the sump pump extension is connected at the exterior of your home.
- Pour approximately one gallon of water in your basement floor drain to prevent sewer gas from entering the home.
- Visually inspect attic insulation making sure it is adequate and level.

Did you close on your home after November 1, 2009?

Escrow projects such as, lawn, exterior paint or concrete will be completed, weather permitting, according to the date specified in your Escrow Completion Agreement. Please refer to your Acceptance Agreement for additional information.

Veridian News

Tour Our Brand-New Furnished Model Homes. The hardwood floors and gourmet kitchen. The custom cabinets and stainless steel appliances. The craftsmanship, the detail, the beauty. Experience it all for yourself at our two brand-new furnished model homes located in Grandview Commons and at our newest Veridian neighborhood, Verona's Cathedral Point. Visit our website for driving directions.

\$6,500 Current Homeowner Federal Tax Credit. There's never been a better time to purchase a new Veridian home. Not only do interest rates remain low, but good old Uncle Sam is lending a helping hand. If you've lived at your current residence for five or more consecutive years, you might be eligible for a tax credit of up to \$6,500. Just sign a contract by April 30, 2010 and close before July 1, 2010.

Exterior Spring Maintenance Checklist

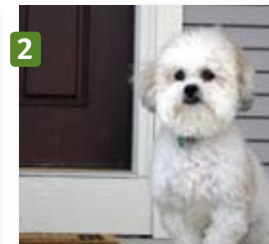
- When enjoying your barbecue, remember to move the grill at least six feet away from your home to prevent vinyl siding from melting.
- Inspect the roof for damaged or missing shingles, loose flashing or missing caulk, all of which could eventually contribute to roof leaks. Replace any damaged materials as soon as possible.
- Inspect air intake and exhaust ports (i.e., dryer vent) to keep them clear of any obstruction such as overgrown shrubbery, grass clippings, insects and birds' nests.
- Check the backfilling around the foundation of your home. If there is settling, this will need to be filled in. Maintain a good positive slope away from the foundation, re-seed with good quality grass seed, and water daily until established.
- Make sure all gutters are clean and downspout extensions are in place and not damaged.
- Seal your exterior concrete driveway, garage floor and sidewalk with quality concrete sealer. We recommend EverClear available at Hatch Building Supply.
- Caulk any cracks in sidewalk, garage floor, driveway and patio. This will prevent moisture from accessing the cracks next winter and freezing, which could potentially cause the cracks to expand.
- Check the exterior faucets (sillcocks) for frozen pipe damage. This would be caused by failure to remove hoses from the faucets during winter freezing months or by not turning off the water.
- Check all the window screens for any holes that may allow insects to enter the home.
- Clean out window weepholes.
- To touch-up the paint on your mailbox post, contact Diamond Vogel Paint at (608) 222-7722, and ask for latex stain BT-1504, color MTM beige 255 VZ 2039.
- Trim trees and shrubs that may contact the siding or roof.
- Clean any lint that may collect in the exterior dryer louver unit vent cover.
- Check weather stripping on doors and repair.
- Check batteries in garage door remote and key pad.

If you do not feel confident in performing any of these duties, please contact a professional.

Congratulations Winter Photo Contest Winners



Submitted by Brandon Broe



Submitted by Bridget Chang



Submitted by Jan Salupen

See back for details on how to enter your favorite photo.