



## April 2020 - The Sharper Focus

Thank you for reading our newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to touch on general ideas and helpful topics as they relate to living in a common interest community. We hope you find this information useful.

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## Advertising Directory

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## The Benefits of Spring Cleaning

With all of us being at home for the time-being, this might be your year to do a deep-down spring clean.

There are a lot of surprise benefits to spring cleaning!

The words "SPRING CLEANING" are written in a playful, multi-colored font. Each letter is a different color, including shades of blue, purple, yellow, and red. The letters are bold and have a slight shadow effect.

- It helps alleviate allergy and asthma symptoms. Cleaning up pollutants like dust, pet dander, dirt, mildew, mold, and more will improve your air quality and help out any residents who have allergies. Dust all of your hard surfaces, vacuum your carpet (especially under the furniture), sanitize your hard surfaces (bathroom/kitchen especially), and air out rugs/cushions since soft surfaces attract dust.
- It curbs stress and improves productivity. A cluttered home, especially if you work out of a home office, can negatively affect your focus because of the overstimulation. Buy some organizers if you have a lot of objects without a place to store and get to work on decluttering.
- Try turning on some music while cleaning to help boost your endorphin levels. Music and the result of a clean space has been proven to make people happier.
- Make a pile for the things you no longer need, but are in good condition. The items will all

set to move out to a donation center when they open again.

- A deep clean of your entire home might also alert you to any damages or things that need to be maintained. It's always better to stay on top of those issues so that they don't get any worse.

Get a "fresh" start on 2020 by improving your mental and physical health with a good clean. If tackling the whole space at once seems too daunting, then take it one room at a time. Your home is your oasis, and it's important to take care of it.

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## When you prefer to have someone else do the leg work...

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## Buying or Selling This Spring?

Whether you're buying or selling your home this year, a home inspection should be at the top of your list.



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## Pets and Living in an HOA

Sunshine and getting outside for a walk are things we are all doing more of these days and that includes our pets.

Just a few friendly reminders to be sure to pick up after your pets during this season. As more people are out walking due to the closure of many local gyms, it's more important than ever to be diligent about picking up pet waste. The rainy weather in April also make pet waste more of a hazard for all.



We encourage you to also keep your pet on a leash to ensure the safety of all in our communities.

If this spring is the time to adopt a new pet once the local shelters are up and running again, then make sure you review your association's governing documents for restrictions on the types of pets, breed, or size you can have in your home. There might also be a limit on how many pets are allowed.

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## Things to Do During the Stay at Home Order in Minnesota

If you're watched enough TV and gone on all the walks you care to for the day, you're probably looking for other ways to pass the time.

We've pulled together a list of a few ideas to keep your entertained during this unprecedented time.



### Facebook Live Concerts

Musicians around the country are moving their "gig" online using resources like Facebook Live. Download the MySet app, choose the music styles you enjoy and you'll find an assortment of Live music most nights. You can request songs and tip the band using the app.

### Virtually Visit a National Park

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/trip-ideas/national-parks/virtual-national-parks-tours>

### Take A Virtual Field Trip

This is a large list of places to visit.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vTbUBsKt4U5tR-eXC8b2bogrvjrVIEBI8OJlesNPw6b7BRScYRuyXIaSAVicl\\_q52BI4SqrK4\\_HVQCw/pub](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vTbUBsKt4U5tR-eXC8b2bogrvjrVIEBI8OJlesNPw6b7BRScYRuyXIaSAVicl_q52BI4SqrK4_HVQCw/pub)

We have this list helps fill a few hours for you during the next few weeks.

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## Need Help Renting and Managing a Townhome or Condo?

### Think Advantage Home



A sister company to Sharper Management, Advantage Home helps homeowners and investors manage their single-family residences.

Since your Association is already affiliated with Sharper Management, renting your home through Advantage would have extra benefits you wouldn't find in another property management company. Those benefits include:

- A thorough understanding of Associations
- Information sharing regarding governing documents, rules, and regulations is efficient between Sharper and Advantage Home - Advantage is literally right down the hall
- The Sharper Management maintenance staff is already familiar with your Association's property
- Our emergency response team is fast and effective

If you or someone you know is interested in renting their townhome or condominium, have them contact [jeff@advantagehomemn.com](mailto:jeff@advantagehomemn.com).

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