

# February

A REAL ESTATE NEWSLETTER

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## PLANNING YOUR SPRING GARDEN

Get Ready to Grow: 3 Tips for Planning Your Spring Garden

## MARKET UPDATE

Market update for your local area

## HOW TO DECORATE IN THE WINTER

Make your home cozy even after the holidays



# GET READY TO GROW: 3 TIPS FOR PLANNING YOUR *Spring Garden*

## 01

### Ditch the trash trees

With any luck, the trees that you plant today will be there for a long, long time. Keeping that in mind, don't grow things that you'll regret one day — like a messy silver maple that drops seeds all over the lawn, or a cypress that will eventually dwarf your house.

When choosing a tree or shrub for your garden, consider the eventual size, form, and habit. Avoid planting anything that has weak limbs or is susceptible to pests and blights, because tree removal is a costly and unnecessary expense.



## 02

### Understand your garden's sunlight

Those little “full sun” and “part shade” icons are on the plant tag for a reason — too much sunlight will burn the foliage and compromise the plant's health, while too little will make it lanky and weak. Choose plants that thrive in your conditions. A spot that receives eight or more hours of direct sunlight is a perfect place to grow vegetables, fruit trees, and most flowers. Part to full shade is ideal for growing plants like perennials, ferns, and small trees that are naturally found in the forest's understory.



## 03

### Invest in your soil

Amend your soil with as much organic matter as possible — either by starting a compost pile or by adding bags of composted manure. This will give it a better texture, a diverse population of beneficial organisms, and more fertility.



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Worked with Billy to purchase a home in Maryland and was super impressed. Billy helped us find a new home for our family and was able to close reasonably quickly to accommodate our move date. Really cool personality as well. Highly recommend!



## FEBRUARY Maintenance *Tips*

- Check caulk and grout in all bathrooms
- Check and refill water softener
- Clean exhaust fans in all bathrooms
- Clean refrigerator coils
- Deep clean all appliances

## Market Update

JANUARY 2025 | PRINCE GEORGE'S, ANNE ARUNDEL AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY

LISTED PROPERTIES	AVERAGE LIST PRICE	AVERAGE MARKET DAYS
1,437	\$475,000	30
SOLD PROPERTIES	AVERAGE SALE PRICE	MONTHS OF INVENTORY
2,199	\$500,000	1.5





# COZY WINTER DECORATING IDEAS YOU CAN KEEP UP ALL SEASON LONG

The landscape outside might look bleak and lifeless during cold winter months, but your home doesn't have to. Incorporate plants into your winter decorating to make rooms appear livelier and more cheerful. Choose varieties with sculptural leaves, such as the popular fiddle leaf fig tree, for a naturally striking accent.

Give your bedroom a quick style update and prepare it for the cold-weather season by layering in textured bedding, throws, and pillows. Winter room decors, like this luxurious velvet throw and soft faux fur bed pillows, turns a bedroom into a cozy refuge from harsh winter winds. These small accents are easy to swap out again when temperatures start to warm up again.

Avoid the winter blues by infusing your spaces with pops of cheery color. A bright throw or a few boldly patterned pillows will help ensure your neutral spaces don't look stark and cold like the space outside your windows. Brightly colored elements can also last into the spring and summer, so this winter decorating idea makes a savvy investment.

Collect a display of snow-white dishware to bring a hint of winter style into your home. Here, crisp white items stand out against a black-painted background of built-in shelves. Wood accents scattered throughout add texture and dimension to the display.



## Business of the month- Nonna Angela's

Nonna Angela's in Bowie, MD, is a charming eatery where the atmosphere is always lively and inviting. Guests are greeted with warm smiles and a friendly ambiance that makes every visit special. The food is simply delicious, offering a delectable array of authentic Italian dishes made with fresh ingredients and time-honored recipes. A must-try for anyone in the area!