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Local Realtor Talks Natural Gas Benefits When Home Selling

Tara Bethune of Re/Max Property Central in Scottsboro has been a Realtor for five years. A resident of Fyffe, Tara has lived in DeKalb County her entire life and knows the community inside and out.

She's dedicated to helping her clients find the home of their dreams. As a Realtor, she's seen the advantages of listing a home that has natural gas service.

"You don't have the hassle of having to check your propane gas levels and natural gas is more affordable," she said.

She said tankless water heaters are always a great selling point because you never run out of hot water. In addition, she said the DC Gas crew and employees are always accommodating.

"DC Gas has amazing customer service to all new and existing customers," she said.

Tara added she loves being a Realtor. "It is such a rewarding job, assisting my customers with one of the most important purchases that anyone can make."



**Tara Bethune, Realtor®
Re/Max Property Central**

Tara is married to Jason Bethune, and they have two children, Emma Grace and Riley Bethune.



Prep for Storm Season

Batten down the hatches as severe weather season is on us. Use these quick tips to help prepare.

When severe weather threatens, you don't have to turn off the gas at the meter. In fact, DC Gas strongly recommends customers never attempt to turn off their natural gas at the meter. Unless natural gas service is interrupted during a storm, your natural gas appliances should continue to operate normally.

✓ If the electricity goes out, gas appliances that operate with an electronic igniter will need to be lit manually. Have matches on hand.

✓ If something smells like rotten eggs, act fast. Leave the property immediately and call 9-1-1 or DC Gas at 256-845-3731. An odorant has been added to your natural gas supply so it is more detectable in case of a leak. And it smells like rotten eggs.

✓ Hunker down during a storm and wait until the storm passes to check for damage. After the storm, be aware of potential natural gas hazards. Leave the property and call 256-845-3731 if you suspect a leak. We monitor this line 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.



Know What's Below and Call Before You Dig

It's Springtime, and that means time for backyard projects, gardens, and handyman jobs. But before you pick up the shovel, **call 8-1-1** to see what's in the ground.

Alabama One Call at 811 provides critical information to contractors and utility workers on where lines are located and the protocol for reporting an incident should one of our lines be hit. Natural gas pipelines can be found everywhere and there are hundreds of miles of underground lines in the DC Gas service area.

Make the call. Give utilities two to three days to respond and mark underground utility lines. Then respect the markers.

Mix it Up with Spring Grilling Recipes

Grilling season doesn't start when summer begins. The first warm day has locals ready to take the party outdoors. So, break in that new gas grill (or bust out the old one) with delicious recipes to make every occasion special this spring.



Jack and Coke Baby Back Ribs

Take a favorite drink and use it for your next barbecue.

Ingredients:

- 1 Liter of Coca-Cola (not diet)
- 1 large onion, quartered
- 6 cloves of garlic, peeled and smashed
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon whole black peppercorns
- 2 racks of baby back ribs (about four pounds)

In a large pot, add the Coke, onion, garlic, leaves and peppercorns. Add the ribs and a bit of water to submerge them. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer, turning the ribs occasionally until it pulls from the bone (about one hour).

Sauce Ingredients:

- 1 cup of Jack Daniels whiskey (or 1 can of Coca-Cola)
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp dry mustard
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp fresh ground black pepper

Put the ingredients in a sauce pan and simmer over medium-low heat for 20 minutes. Stir often. The sauce should thicken up. Remove from the heat and let it cool for 15-20 minutes.

Preheat the grill to high.

Remove the ribs from the pot, pat them dry and season with salt and pepper, then brush the sauce on the ribs. Grill, turning often until charred on the outside, 7-8 minutes. You can serve with extra sauce.



Grilled Chicken & Veggies in Foil

Ingredients:

- 8 sheets of heavy-duty aluminum foil, each large enough to wrap around one chicken breast
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce
- 1 zucchini, sliced into thin rounds
- 1 red, green, or yellow bell pepper, cut into strips
- 8 asparagus spears
- salt and fresh ground pepper to taste
- extra virgin olive oil

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Place two sheets of foil on top of one another. Place chicken breast on the sheet, season with salt and pepper. Brush each chicken breast with 1-2 tablespoons of barbecue sauce. Divide the vegetables and place equal amounts around each chicken breast, also seasoning the veggies with salt and pepper.

Drizzle a little olive oil on the chicken and veggies. Fold the sides of the foil over the chicken, covering the chicken and veggies completely and seal them. Put them on the preheated grill rack and cook for 20-25 minutes or until done, turning once. Chicken is done when thermometer reads 165F. Be careful removing the foil from the grill as it will get quite hot.

Appliance Spotlight

Check out gas appliances available now at DC Gas.



The **Broil King Baron S420 Pro** gas grill, listed at \$719, has 630-square-inches of cooking space, including a stainless-steel warming rack. The grill has four stainless steel Dual-Tube™ burners. The electronic ignition system makes it easy to light. It's perfect for making use of your outdoor space with springtime grilling.



The **Rinnai tankless water heaters** with a built-in pump are next-generation products. The RUR 199 and RUR 160 indoor and outdoor models are available. The Wi-Fi capability means you can use a Smartphone or Alexa to have the system pre-heat water for a bath or shower. These units use Thermo-Circ 360 technology which means your water heater can supply hot water faster without adding an additional line. An enhanced design makes these water heaters easy to operate and easy to service. Tankless water heaters lower energy bills, save space, and pump-up home value. Wait less and waste less. Call 800-239-5606 for pricing information.