

HGRBS Homeowner's Guide Series No.19

Homeowners Safeguarding Full Enjoyment Of Holidays

This is the nineteenth installment for the new ongoing HGRBS nonprofit series offering resident-friendly information for home defense. This is particularly so for our increased protection against corrupt building tradespersons working in the home remodeling, repair, and improvement industry.

***Overview**

“No doubt, when the holiday seasons are at the door - or even upon us, a major shift occurs for many of us. Whether that is towards exhilaration or disturbing anxiety, there is a noticeable increase in our state of emotion. For those of us who experience the brighter side of expectation, we become more liberal in our approach. ”

*From “Holidays & The Frauds Who Can Ruin Them,” sec. Preview, Page 1, HGRBS”

Yes. It is greatly apparent that as we approach our holiday seasons, many of us experience a “spike” in our level of great expectations. On the overall, at this time of year, we are more inclined to share our joy with others at different heights of benevolence. Whether Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, or Christmas, it is automatic for quite a few of us to let our guards down by being “kinder.” This goes hand-in-glove with raising our expectations towards others being comparably more inclined to share our feelings. That is to say, we expect others to be equally enthused to join us in the celebrations.

This includes trusting businesses we patronize to support our goals for making each holiday enjoyable beyond measure. We rarely expect them to work against that - but - sometimes it happens.

In this nineteenth installment of the HGRBS Homeowner's Guide Series, we are going to consider having the best upcoming events we possibly can. This can happen when we place our better judgment above doing things without it. If our decisions potentially will impact everyone at home, then we can have the best time of our lives being sure those choices are well made.

Focus

There is no doubt that as holiday seasons beckon us to participate, there is a special fervor to get everything right. We want to be certain each one is as enjoyable and memorable as they can be. To this end, we may consider it extremely vital to “look before we leap.” In other words, just because a business is offering very special initiatives to “help” us get the most out of events we have set up, we may not want to take it for granted.

We may want to seriously consider is whether patronizing them will be in our best interest. Although they appear to support our finest wishes, that does not necessarily make it so. Unfortunately, this also goes for corrupt contractors who are most skilled in convincing homeowners to count on them on our special home needs for the holiday. They are not known to suddenly become “decent” during this time. If anything – more unscrupulous. In fact, even the “least” experienced among them know that the atmosphere is ideal for homeowners to be more open to suggestion i.e. most apt to be persuaded to hire them.

*A special point: This immoral sector of the building trades Do Not simply “pop up” for the holiday season – they are always around. But they become more vociferous.

For example, just last August (2021) a building tradesman working in the capacity of a home improvement contractor, was arrested and charged with multiple cases of defrauding homeowners (see “Reference Box”). Reportedly, it appears that this wayward individual promised work on condition he was paid large advance sums of money. He was able to cajole them, including a number of seniors, into trusting him to make good on his promised work. There is no indication of this individual keeping his word. Apparently, he had not begun. In colloquial vernacular, one would say he was a few cuts above “cold-blooded.” If the account is correct, he collected funds, then disappeared without having the decency of starting. There are quite a few as dishonest. Some will at least start – before suddenly becoming inaccessible – “forever.” They love holidays. Given the predation of the contractor highlighted here – if he was released pending further legal proceedings – what do we think he would be doing in advance of Halloween, Thanksgiving, and/or Christmas? Perhaps nothing different than others of this low-grade of contractor-type. We may want to thorough check out each one to ensure our holidays will be far better than they otherwise may have been.

***Conclusion**

There is a very special homeowner’s guide which offers invaluable tips for doing the best we can to ensure full enjoyment we expect for our holiday season: “Holidays & The Frauds Who Can Ruin Them.” It is a free download. There is no sign-up policy for accessing it. The link for this helpful booklet is available below in the “Reference Box.”

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***Holidays & The Frauds Who Can Ruin Them**

<https://www.hgrbs-flagship.com/resident-strategic-studies.php>

Kansas City Contractor Arrested and Charged With Consumer Fraud

<https://ago.mo.gov/home/news/2021/08/20/kansas-city-contractor-arrested-and-charged-for-consumer-fraud>

Contractor Accused Of Abandoning Projects Arrested On Multiple Felony Charges

<https://www.8newsnow.com/news/local-news/contractor-accused-of-abandoning-projects-arrested-on-multiple-felony-charges/> (different case but same potential for ruining our holidays).

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