



SHANNON SANDERS



RE/MAX Choice

shannon@shannonshouses.com

Mobile: (615) 478-1534

Between FRIENDS



Using new technology with old-fashioned service!

Mobile: (615) 478-1534, www.ShannonsHouses.com



The Holidays are here, bringing with them traditional holiday gatherings. Need more space to accommodate your growing family and expanding circle of friends? Call me, and I'll help you find the perfect home to meet your needs!

Thinking of selling your home? As an experienced real estate professional, I would like to point out the benefits of adding an Old Republic Home Warranty to your transaction. While the home is on the market, Seller's Coverage provides repair and replacement coverage for your home's systems and appliances. It keeps the home showing well during the listing period, which can result in a faster sale at a higher price. At close, the Buyer's Plan seamlessly takes effect, protecting the buyer against potential unknown after-sale problems. Last but not least, the home warranty provides budget protection from the high cost of home repair and peace of mind for both the home seller and home buyer.

Call me today for more information on the value of an Old Republic Home Warranty.

Now anyone who is buying or selling real estate? Please pass my name on to friends, family, and co-workers so that I can use my skills, knowledge, and background in the real estate industry to help them with their sale or purchase.



Health & Safety The Giving Spirit

Did you know giving back to the community not only benefits others, but can also improve your health? It's what is known as a "helper's high": volunteers report greater life satisfaction and better physical and mental health than non-volunteers.

The holiday season always inspires generosity, and in today's challenging economic climate, there are many non-monetary ways to give back to your community. Check out the ideas below for inspiration, then add a few new ones of your own!

- Donate "gently worn" clothing and coats to a local shelter.
- Read to at-risk kids or help them with their homework.
- Collect and deliver toys to a charity or firehouse in your area.
- Hold a canned food drive to benefit your local food bank.
- Serve a meal at a senior center or soup kitchen.
- Organize a group to sing carols at a nursing home.
- Visit hospitals or nursing homes to cheer up patients or residents who seldom get visitors.

For more volunteer ideas in your area, check out Volunteer-Match (www.volunteermatch.org) or Craigslist's volunteer section (www.craigslist.org).



Helpful Hints

Make the most of "Black Friday"

The Friday after Thanksgiving is called "Black Friday" because it's the official start of holiday shopping that puts retailers "in the black" for the year. If you're not ready to do battle with 135 million other shoppers on Black Friday, here are some alternative activities to consider:

- **Shop online.** You can score great money-saving deals online while avoiding the hype, crowds, and frustration of the malls.
- **Plan another outing.** Spend quality time with friends and family by taking in a movie or making a trip to the zoo.
- **Clean out your closets.** You'll reclaim precious closet space, and get a tax write-off for items donated to charity!
- **Prepare your home for winter.** A bit of caulk and weather stripping around drafty windows and doors will reduce winter energy bills.
- **Relax!** Watch TV, read, or indulge in your favorite hobby. Enjoy a well-deserved break before holiday activities get in full swing.





SHANNON SANDERS

131 Indian Lake Blvd

Hendersonville, TN 37075

Tel: (615) 822-2003

www.ShannonsHouses.com

ShannonsHouses.com

Savor the Flavor

Cinnamon-Honey Sweet Potatoes

- 5 large sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ginger
- 1 Tbsp. orange juice
- 1/4 C. honey

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray a 9-inch baking dish with nonfat cooking spray. Arrange potato slices in bottom of dish. Sprinkle with cinnamon, ginger, orange juice and honey. Bake, covered, in preheated oven for 50-60 minutes until potatoes are soft and tender.

Household Tips

Tame the Holiday Chaos

The holidays typically send most families into high-stress mode. You can, however, keep stress to a minimum and calm the holiday chaos with these tips to keep you organized:

- **Get your ducks in a row**– create a gift list and a Christmas card list. This is also a good time to evaluate your budget. Be realistic – you’ll want to be able to stick to it.
- **Use waiting time** – standing in line again? Use this time to plan, make your lists, or work on craft projects such as knitting.
- **Decorations** – when you’re boxing up decorations at the end of a holiday season, sort and store them by the room in which they are displayed. Then next year, you can decorate from one box at a time, one room at a time.
- **Get wrapping** – when you buy something, wrap it right away and avoid the last-minute gift-wrapping crunch.
- **Holiday house cleaning** – ultimately, your house cleaning goal should be that you’re not embarrassed to open your home to visitors and houseguests. Hold off on big projects until after the holidays.



Reprinted with permission of RISMedia, publisher of Real Estate Magazine

Brain Teasers



Holiday Trivia

1. The name of Scrooge’s deceased business partner in Charles Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol* was:
 - a. Bob Cratchit
 - b. Jerry Cornelius
 - c. Bill Skykes
 - d. Jacob Marley
2. Hanukkah is also known as:
 - a. Feast of Dedication
 - b. Feast of Heaven
 - c. Feast of Starlight
 - d. Feast of God
3. The poinsettia, a traditional holiday flower, originally grew in which country?
 - a. Canada
 - b. China
 - c. Mexico
 - d. Spain
4. The word Kwanzaa is derived from Swahili words meaning:
 - a. First fruits of the harvest
 - b. Creativity
 - c. Family
 - d. Collective work
5. Which name does not belong to one of Santa’s reindeer?
 - a. Comet
 - b. Prancer
 - c. Blitzen
 - d. Klaxon

ANSWERS: 1-d; 2-a; 3-c; 4-a; 5-d