

# VINCENT'S NEWS

The 'Van-Go' Gallery



*"Wherever you see a 'Vincent's Van Go' you know the job will be a work of art."*

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OWNER'S CORNER

## THROUGH MY EYES



Here I am with Karen, Chelsie, and Brendan.

### Did you know...

**...that as a VHP Club member you can save 25% off normal heating, cooling or plumbing & home safety maintenance services? Call for details about this and all the other money saving benefits!**

What a great summer it has turned out to be - both in business and personally. The highlight was also a big first for my wife Karen and me as our oldest son, Brendan, got married in June. We were both proud and excited to watch as he and his beautiful bride Chelsie exchanged their vows. And what a lovely day with perfect weather we had for the occasion at Goodells Park as the ceremony and reception took place in a beautifully

decorated barn. Brendan found himself a very creative and artistic bride who designed and made all the decorations and centerpieces. It's a good feeling to know when your child finds the right mate. Being the oldest child, Karen and I got our on-the-job training as parents with him. He is a terrific son, so he must have done a good job! It was also my

first real insight into everything that needs to take place to make a wedding celebration come off successfully. All I've got to say is hats off to everyone who has done so.

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## Nightmare Dyer Vent Story

Recently we were called in to look at cleaning clothes dryer vents in a building. There were so many problems that we found that I thought it might be beneficial to describe them here. We found:

1) Dryer vents that

**exhaust into the attic.** This is a code violation and is unsafe. There is a risk of moisture from the dryer exhaust condensing on the roof interior including insulation and causing damage including mold. To correct this problem and comply with

code vents should be extended through the roof or exit horizontally through the sidewall.

2) **Dryer vents that are too long.** This is a violation of manufacturer's

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instructions which in turn becomes a code violation. The maximum dryer vent length should be 25 feet. From this there are subtractions for restrictions (e.g. subtract 5 feet for every 90 degree elbow). This does not include the restriction cited next.

**3) Dryer vents that are undersized.** This is a violation of manufacturer’s instructions which in turn becomes a code violation. In order to fit within a standard 3inch approximate wall cavity, the dryer vents were reduced from the manufacturer specified 4inches to 3inches.

Although the reduction in

size is only 25% the actual loss of airflow is over 50%. This has a few ramifications: dryer lint can clog it quicker. Also, using manufacturer vent length guidelines: 25 feet maximum X 50% for airflow loss = roughly 12 feet. If two 90 degree elbows are also used (subtract 5 feet for each elbow from 10 feet) this means total allowed dryer vent length should be 2 feet!

**4) Dryer vents are slopped downhill** from dryer that then are attached to the reduced pipe described above and then go straight up to exhaust in the attic. This is another violation as a ‘trap’ is created. Moisture that does not exhaust through the restricted vent will pool at the lowest point further restricting air flow.

**There are many reasons why you don’t want any of these problems in your home:**

- 1) A restricted vent makes the dryer work harder. This wastes a lot of energy (higher utility bills) and puts excessive wear and tear on the dryers which can shorten dryer life and cause more service problems.
  - 2) With a gas clothes dryer there is a danger of carbon monoxide in the vent products that can escape into the living space if the vent becomes clogged.
  - 3) There is a fire danger from dryer vents that become clogged when the dryer overheats or lint catches on fire.
  - 4) Damage can be caused to your home from unvented moisture.
  - 5) Indoor air quality issues if moisture unvented to the atmosphere causes mold growth.
- If you have any questions or are unsure as to whether you might have any of these issues give us a call.

## THROUGH MY EYES (CONT' D FROM PAGE 1)

It has been many years since I was married, and I am blessed with a very organized wife who took care of planning our ceremony back when we wed. And so I really had no idea of how much goes into a wedding. Now I do. And as a result I have two words for my daughter to remember someday: "destination wedding!"

Now in all fairness it may be that our first experience had a higher difficulty level. Unlike a more traditional church wedding followed by a reception in a hall, with a 'barn' wedding you start from scratch and have to bring everything in: chairs, tables, sound system, decorations, and so on. And then having to reverse the process afterward. So the day before the

wedding friends of Brendan and Chelsie and members of both families spent the day turning the barn into a wedding hall. But it was all good. Everyone was happy to pitch in and a good - albeit tiring-time was had by all. Everyone pulled together, everything came together, and the wedding and the reception turned out wonderfully.

Looking back, I marvel at how well everything came off. But like so many things in life, what is needed is a good team of people committed to getting things done. And everyday I realize what a great team of people I have at Vincent's Heating & Plumbing when we get everything done in a busy day. And judging by the many positive notes I get, many clients appreciate

our team.

And it's a good thing everything about the wedding was such a positive experience: over the 4th of July our other son, Bryan, became engaged and he and his future bride, Erika, are to be wed over winter break at the end of December this year. Karen and I are thrilled about it and look forward to adding another beautiful daughter-in-law to our family!

*P.S. Brendan is my editor for this newsletter and I'm glad he is back so I don't have to write this column too far in advance.*



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### A LETTER FROM A VINCENT'S CLIENT

*We always ask for Mike because he does a great job. He is polite, courteous, and knowledgeable, He takes time to do a thorough job with our furnace and air conditioner. He answers our questions and shows pride in his work.*

*Dennis - Marysville, MI*

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# Wedding Word Search

R E E N M Y E G I G L L G J B  
V I A C Z Z B K R P I R V Y R  
V O N H N S I O A S E I C U I  
T W T G R A O B F C V G W D D  
N N E U S M D W V P V R C J E  
E L D N A C Y T I N U E M Z N  
S E Y S C Z R J S E D W H N U  
D C Y E I U B H V R B O M P J  
T U X E D O F U U Y I L I H A  
S S E R D C K M H Z A F H B E

Bride  
First Dance  
Rings  
Veil  
Cake  
Flower Girl  
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## Humor Section



What did the firefly say when it backed into the fan?

*"I'm delighted, no end."*

If there are 5 flies in the kitchen, how do you know which one is the Football player.

*He's the one in the Sugar Bowl.*

If cockroaches can survive a nuclear blast...

*Then what do they put in Raid?!*

### **Quotable:**

**"When people tell me they've learned from experience, I tell them the trick is to learn from other people's experience."**

Warren Buffet