



## It's That Time of Year Again



### SPRING TIPS

#### Heating and Cooling Tips

- ♦ Clean and service your system, including air filters
- ♦ Remove the covering from your outdoor air conditioning unit
- ♦ Turn on your air conditioning on a warm spring day to ensure it is working properly

#### Plumbing/Water Conditioning Tips

- ♦ Keep hoses off hydrants until all threat of frost is gone (That's the one way to make them non-frost-free!)
- ♦ Change water filter cartridges and ultraviolet bulbs
- ♦ Re-bed acid neutralizers and carbon filters
- ♦ Check salt level on water softener

**ALSO:** Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they work properly and replace the batteries.

We stock, deliver and install all of the items mentioned above. Since 1939, Haldeman Mechanical is the name you have come to trust. Call us today!



### SUMMER TIPS

#### Water Conditioning System Tips

- ♦ Change water filter cartridges and ultraviolet bulbs

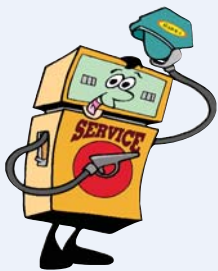
- ♦ Re-bed acid neutralizers and carbon filters
- ♦ Check salt level on water softener

#### Air Conditioning Tips

- ♦ Clean or replace air filters in furnace and A/C systems
- ♦ Adjust indoor A/C vents for summer (open top register, close bottom)
- ♦ Clear a two foot space around your outdoor A/C unit of plants, leaves and clutter
- ♦ Have your outdoor A/C unit cleaned and fluids checked professionally each year to optimize efficiency

Don't wait until after the temperature rises to service your air conditioning system. Beat the heat and call Haldeman Mechanical today to maintain your system.

## Gas-Saving Tips



With gas prices skyrocketing again, below are some tips to help you get more out of your gas tank!

**Turn off electronics.** Starting your car with electronic devices off, like the radio and air conditioning, will put less strain on your engine which translates to better gas mileage.

**Use air conditioning wisely.** When driving under 40 mph, open your windows and turn off the air. You save gas by not using the air. When driving over 40 mph, close your windows and use the air. This creates drag and allows you to get better gas mileage.

**Avoid long warm-ups.** Even on cold mornings, your car doesn't need more than a minute to get ready to go.

**Drive evenly.** Drive evenly with a steady foot and don't jiggle the accelerator. Avoid quick starts and hard stops as they burn up extra gas. Try to anticipate stop signs and red lights and coast up to them instead of accelerating.

**Shop before you drive.** Use the internet, newspapers and phone books to comparison shop instead of driving to several stores.

# A Haldeman Success Story



*The following letter was written by a long-time Haldeman Mechanical customer, Mr. Bernard "Skip" Shimko Jr.. We wanted to share his comments with you.*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff, specifically Ken Leed and Justin Kilmer, for the excellent job of water service replacement, check valve and dual shutoff valve installation at my home as required by the Borough of Manheim. The replacement of the water service lateral was especially challenging.

The removal of the old service was not going well and was at an impasse. It seemed the old service was not going to be able to be pulled by the relatively simple, conventional replacement method used by the Borough due to a severely corroded service lateral. After much discussion between the Borough, the excavating contractor and myself, it seemed that the only option was to abandon the procedure in use and excavate the entire lateral in the front of my property, a very costly and labor intensive venture.

Ken, assessing the situation and not wanting to see this option take place, wrestled the steel pulling cable along with Justin's help through the old corroded service lateral that was nearly blocked thus preventing the previously envisioned nightmare. It was a very difficult task.

The remainder of the job was also a tribute to true craftsmanship, a job very well done. Ken and Justin relentlessly worked to bring my water service back on line in a timely fashion.

I have known Ken for years. He is a goal driven individual and great problem solver, accepting and conquering any challenges that confront him - a true professional. Justin is fortunate to have a mentor such as Ken as he will continue to develop his skills under Ken's guidance and become a superb craftsman.

Your firm is fortunate to have individuals such as Ken and Justin along with the rest of your fine staff in your ranks. They are excellent stewards of your business.

Thank you again for a job well done and best wishes to you and your team for continued success in the future!

## *April 1st April Fools Day*

Today in 1957, the BBC pulled one of the most successful April Fools pranks ever recorded. Airing footage of Swiss farmers harvesting spaghetti from trees (that were fabricated in a closed set) reporters told viewers the crop was plentiful thanks to warm weather and the eradication of the spaghetti weevil. After the broadcast, many people contacted the BBC wanting to know how to grow spaghetti trees!

## *March 29 - April 13 Cherry Blossom Festival*

The cherry blossom trees in Washington, DC were given to the city by Tokyo in 1912 to enhance the growing friendship between Japan and the U.S..

## *May 5th Cinco De Mayo*

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican holiday that celebrates the day a Mexican army defeated French troops at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

## *May 7th Beethoven's 9th Premieres*

Today in Vienna, Austria in 1824, Ludwig Von Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in D Minor ("Ode to Joy") was performed for the first time. Beethoven was completely deaf by the time he composed the music and insisted on directing the orchestra at its debut. He only learned of its success when a soloist tapped him on the shoulder and urged him to look at the enthusiastic response from the audience.

## *July 1st First U.S. Zoo Anniversary*

Today in 1874 America's first zoo opened in Philadelphia. The price of admission was 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. More than 1,000 animals were on display and over 3,000 guests came to the event.

## *July 17th Disneyland Opens*

In 1955, Disneyland, America's first theme park, opened in Anaheim, CA.

## *August 3rd Columbus Sails for the New World*

On this day in 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain on his way to the New World.

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## Water Woes

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Ever wonder where the water you're drinking or the ice cubes chilling your drink have been before your faucet or ice maker? Why that water has the taste, color or odor it has, and if you really want to be drinking it? Or why you need to buy bottled water to give you that peace of mind, while your trash and recycling bins overflow?

We have the answers with "Waterfall" filtering and purification systems. These products provide proper treatment for any condition your well or municipal water delivers. From simple filters for dirt, taste and odor, to systems for hardness, iron and acid removal, ultraviolet lamps for bacteria, and reverse osmosis systems we can purify that drinking water to "better than bottled" standards.



Don't question your water quality. Call us today to learn more about the proper system for your peace of mind.

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## Air Conditioning Season Already?

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It will soon be time to turn the heat off and the air conditioning on, so be prepared early. On a fairly warm day, remove the cover from the outdoor unit and make sure the top and sides are clear. Start the system and make sure the inside and outside units run and cold air flows from the registers. Early is the key word here, so you know you'll be ready to beat the rush when the "real" heat hits.

With rising energy costs, keep in mind the age and efficiency of your current heating and cooling systems. Today's technology and manufacturing produces equipment with effi-



ciencies that can save hundreds of dollars per year in energy costs, with warranties that last longer and are more extensive than ever. And don't forget to ask about air purification and humidity control issues. Call us today!

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## Haldeman's History

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Pictured below in the upper photo, taken around 1928, are F.L. Haldeman & Sons Plumbing, Heating and Cooling founder Frank L. Haldeman with his son, Lloyd Haldeman. Mark Haldeman, the current owner of Haldeman Mechanical, is Lloyd's son and Frank's grandson. The lower photo, taken around 1946, is the first F.L. Haldeman & Sons lettered truck.



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## What Our Customers Are Saying About Us

“I am so pleased with the work that you did. You have a good man working for you. Thank you.”

“Thank you for your prompt service. Because you responded quickly, I got to work just one hour later than usual. I really appreciated the great service.”

“Thank you for the “clean” job. Everyone worked well and cleaned up after themselves. The sub-contractor for digging did a wonderful job of refilling and cleaning also. Other properties close by that didn’t choose you have piles of dirt. The estimator was also timely with his estimate. We are happy with your company! Thanks again!!”

### PROVERBS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH

“The grand essentials of happiness are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.”

“Worry is like a rocking chair - it gives you something to do but gets you no where.”

“Our greatest glory consists not in never failing but in rising every time we fall.”

“There are three kinds of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who have no idea what happened!”