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This issue of the LGN is devoted to a topic that many know very little about— **Window Tinting**. Maybe you've heard of car windows being tinted and perhaps even boats, but what about the windows in your house, or place of business? Many companies manage properties that have pool houses, recreation centers, or gathering places for their residents.

Why should any homeowner, business, or management company invest in window tinting? Make no mistake; it is an investment with many returns.

- ✓ Combat solar heat gain and add more comfort for those on the inside.
 - ◆ Nothing adds life to your space more than great natural light, but it's also possible to have too much of a good thing. With natural sunlight comes unwanted heat and hotspots, which can really affect your overall comfort and make for a less inviting atmosphere. Window films reject up to 79% of solar energy – providing you greater temperature stability and comfort while reducing solar heat gain and bothersome glare. Window film also improves visibility of computer screens and monitors and minimizes eye strain.
- ✓ Help the environment, increase your energy efficiency and reduce cooling costs.
 - ◆ More and more, people and businesses are interested in helping our environment and preserving precious resources. You can make a difference everyday simply by reducing your air conditioning usage. Window films help you do that

by rejecting heat and keeping interior temperatures more controllable and stable – lowering the need for air conditioning, reducing extreme peaks in usage and allowing our cooling system to operate more efficiently and inexpensively.

- ✓ Keep families, workers, customers, and assets protected and improve the overall safety of your home, business or gathering places.
 - ◆ From severe weather to burglary and vandalism, threats to human safety and property these days are on the rise. This is exactly why the extra layer of protection that specially designed safety and security films provide is such a valuable addition to any home or building. They are designed to absorb shock and hold shattered glass in place; it not only protects people from flying shards, but also provides a barrier against break-ins, looting and interior damage.
- ✓ Keep your interiors from fading and protect people from harmful ultraviolet light.
 - ◆ Even indoors, exposure to excessive Ultraviolet light and heat can cost you more than you probably realize. UV light and solar heat coming through any window can cause fading and irreparable damage to everything from furnishings and expensive artwork, to hardwood floors, carpets and custom draperies are at risk – and even more important, so is your skin. Window films help by filtering visible light, rejecting solar heat and blocking over 99% of harmful UV light – significantly reducing your potential for damage and protecting what you treasure most.

How do you determine which film is right for you?

- ◆ Prioritize your goals to determine your film needs. Is it heat and comfort, energy consumption, safety and security, glare, fade control, appearance, privacy or perhaps a combination of two or more of these?
- ◆ There is an extensive product line available to cover all your needs and you can choose from a wide array of tints and colors, from optically clear to fully reflective, that allow you to change the appearance as much or as little as you like.
- ◆ Then contact us and we will make an appointment to discuss your needs and what type, tint, and color will work best. If you request, we will prepare a free estimate. And if you enter into a signed contract with Onofrio Construction by June 30th, you will receive a 10% discount for the contracted job using quality Solar Gard products.



Two important June dates to remember:

June 14th – Flag Day

The day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag, its designers and makers. Our flag is representative of our independence and our unity as a nation. Our flag has a proud and glorious history. It was at the lead of every battle fought by Americans. Many people have died protecting it. It even stands proudly on the surface of the moon.

June 21st – Father's Day

The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Having been raised by her father, William Jackson Smart, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910.

In 1926, a National Father's Day Committee was formed in New York City. Father's Day was recognized by a Joint Resolution of Congress in 1956. In 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June. So Father's Day was born in memory and gratitude by a daughter who thought that her father and all good fathers should be honored with a special day just like we honor our mothers on Mother's Day.

Fun Facts:

- ✓ A honey bee must tap two million flowers to make one pound of honey.
- ✓ Astronaut John Glenn ate the first meal in space when he ate pureed applesauce squeezed from a tube aboard Friendship 7 in 1962.

Quotable Quote:

“Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something.”

Plato