THE BEE LINE

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Clean Bee proudly celebrates its 18th anniversary this month. Established in 2005, the company has come a long way since its humble beginnings of working by myself and operating out of my garage.

Over the past 18 years, Clean Bee has become a leader in cleaning and protection of textiles and hard surfaces, delivering innovative solutions and exceptional customer service to clients in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin.

Throughout the years, Clean Bee has remained committed to its mission to provide the most out-

standing service experience ever! By treating our team and clients like family, giving them the freedom to do the things they value most. The result has been a growing list of satisfied customers and a reputation for excellence in our industry.

In 2010 we created The Cleaning Studio this is our rug and fine textile cleaning location. There we

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can properly clean, repair and protect your area rugs, we can also clean delicate furniture and specialty items. This year we purchased a building @ 108 S. Sheridan Rd., Lakemoor, IL 60051. This is the new home for Clean Bee and The Cleaning Studio. www.thecleaningstudio.com

In 2015, we became the first license of Fiber Protector in Illinois and Wisconsin, Fiber Protector® is the safest, most effective textile protection system available.

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One of the key factors in Clean Bee's success has been its investment in its employees. The company has always recognized that its people are its greatest asset and has worked hard to create a supportive, inclusive, and challenging work environment. This investment has paid



off in the form of a highly motivated and skilled workforce that is dedicated to delivering the best possible results for Clean Bee's clients.

Clean Bee has also been at the forefront of technological innovation. With a focus on staying ahead of the curve, the company has consistently adopted the latest tools and techniques to improve the quality of its products and services. This commitment to innovation has helped Clean



Bee to set itself apart from its competitors and has positioned the company for continued success well into the future.

As Clean Bee celebrates its 18th anniversary, it does so with a sense of pride and a deep appreciation for its employees, clients, and partners. Looking back on the past 18 years, the company is grateful for the opportunities it has had to make a difference in the lives of its customers and is eager to build on this legacy in the years to come.

In conclusion, Clean Bee, The Cleaning Studio & Fiber Protector of Northern Illinois would like to thank everyone who has been a part of its journey thus far. The company is committed to continuing to provide its clients with the best possible products and services, and looks forward to another 18 years of success and growth.

The Good Life



"We're looking for unreported income. How much loose change did you find in your couch last year?"

Good Clean Funnies

What room can no one enter?
A mushroom

How does the ocean say hello? It waves.

What do you call a monkey that loves potato chips?
A chipmonk!

Why is dark spelled with a K and not a C?
Because you can't see in the dark.





If you're worried about giving your dog the best food for their health, you're not alone. The newest pet parents consider their pet's food to be just as important as their own.

Health Benefits of FRESH Dog Food

People today are 5 times more likely to add a topper to their dog's kibble to elevate the dog's mealtime experience. The studies show that pet parents are willing to pay up to 15% more for a premium nutritional choice - so they can enjoy a long life together. Fresh toppers are supercharging dogs' existing food with complete and balanced nutrition that dogs and pet parents love.

Here are some tips to tell if your dog's food provides optimum nutrition for their health:

Look for these signs to know your dog's food is supporting their physical well-being:

- ✓ Healthy skin and shiny coat
- ✓ All-day energy keeping them active
- ✓ Healthy digestion so you know they are getting essential nutrients
- ✓ Strong teeth and bones
- ✓ Healthy immune system for wellness

What ingredients to look for in fresh products that benefit your dog's health and how:

- Guaranteed antioxidants like Vitamins A and E for immune system support
- ✓ Omega-3 fatty acids for a lustrous coat
- Calcium and phosphorus for strong teeth and
- ✓ Wholesome veggies and grains for natural. dietary fibers that support digestive health
- ✓ Increased nutrient absorption from highly digestible proteins, fats and carbohydrates to help fuel total wellbeing
- ✓ Fresh food toppers provide total hydration to support daily activity and put less strain on major organs, and help aid overall kidney health

With a home-cooked taste and quality ingredients, a fresh topper is the ultimate way to make mealtimes bowl-licking experience for your pup!

3 Tips to Making Tax Season Less STRESSFUL

The top reason why people say they wait to do their taxes is too stressful and complicated.

If you find tax season intimidating, check out these three tips that can help ease tax time stress.

- 1. Take a deep breath It's really just a matter of finding all your documents and organizing them. Tackle your tax forms one section at a time and start as early as you can to ease your stress.
- 2. Get organized Whether you're doing personal or business taxes, creating a system will help you stay organized throughout the year.

First, create a deductions and expenses folder. In this folder, you'll keep cellphone and internet bills, receipts for supplies (like pencils, pens and papers), client dinner receipts and documents of charitable donations

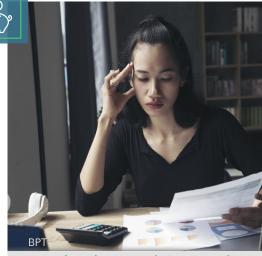
Next, you'll set up an income folder where you'll store your pay stubs, bank statements and other records that prove any income you have produced during the year. If needed, you can create another folder for business tax documents like W-2s, property taxes and self-employment forms.

Lastly, make an investments folder. Here, you can save retirement contributions to IRAs or other accounts, tax-deferred investments, nondeductible investments and any other taxable invest-

3. Go digital - Now that you've got the system in place, recreate that system on your computer. You can also store or sync the folders on the cloud or mobile device so you can access documents on the go. You can also upload invoices, receipts and other documents into digital files as soon as you receive them.

The easiest way to convert physical documents into digital ones is to scan them. You can even scan your stuff and email it to your professional accountant and let them deal with it!

Don't let tax season anxiety get you down. Using these three tips, you'll be able to complete your tax forms quickly and set yourself up for success for the next tax season.



Taxes can be a daunting task. Some people are so anxious that they put it off until just before the April 15 deadline. Over 30% of Americans waited until the last minute to file taxes in 2022.

TIPS on How to CHANGE Yourself and SHAPE Your Life



- Do yoga / exercise
- Clean the house
- Meditate
- Read a book or maybe 2
- Go to bed early

Most people think their lives should be better but there is nothing they can do about it. If you want to change your current situation, you have to make positive changes at every level of your life.

To make a change in your life, old bad habits must be abandoned, and **new good habits** should be developed.

Wake Up Early in The Morning: Sleeping late is at the top of the list of bad habits. Wake up early. Make your bed, and try to get in the routine to start exercising. Morning exercise is very beneficial. Finally, have a healthy breakfast. If you do this for a few days, you will start to feel healthier and more alert during the day.

Make A Realistic Routine: Having a daily routine and a checklist at the end of the day will help you understand how much you have done and how to better organize the next day.

Read: Good books will increase your creativity and personal knowledge. Reading a good book before going to bed at night will help you sleep. Generally, nonfiction is a better choice for bedtime.

Avoid Company of Unhappy People: Being around negative people who constantly complain can cause depression and stress to everyone around them. If you can, try to politely ask them to

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be more positive, if that doesn't work then avoid their company as much as possible.

Listen to People: Listening carefully when people speak to you will help you actually understand their point of view and you will get to know them better. Being a good listener will make you a better

Save Money: Spend as much as you need to SAVE money. Before you go shopping, try to decide in advance how much you will spend. Making a detailed list will help you avoid overspending.

Keep Talking: Don't make promises you can't keep, no matter how small. If you keep your word, you will gain people's trust, which is important in all relationships.

Make Proper Use of Your Time: If you learn to use your time properly, you will decrease the level of stress in your life and be more successful at work and in your relationships. Finish your work timely. Make sure to allow for family time, leisure, exercise, and proper rest.





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