



## City of Oaks Title, LLC

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### Happy December

to you and yours! Of course, we all know about Christmas and New Year's Eve but we thought we would include some other days in December to look forward to:



**December 2:**  
**National Mutt Day**

**December 5:**  
**National Ninja Day**

**December 7: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**

**December 16:**  
**National Chocolate Covered Anything Day** (Yum!)



**December 21: World Peace Day**



We want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support, kind words and wishes. We wouldn't be here without you. We hope that you and your loved ones have a wonderful and safe holiday!

*Cheers to an amazing 2014!*

*Tessa and Becki*

### What's Happening in the Title World?

#### LiensNC

In October of 2013, the LiensNC.com website was enhanced to improve many of the features.

Which projects are on LIENSNC.com?

- "First Contracting" after April 1, 2013
- Over \$30,000
- Not renovation or addition to owner's primary residence
- Not public project (owned by governmental entity)

Remember that "First Contracting" likely begins:

- Before the survey
- Before the plat (for developer)
- Before the architectural drawings (for new condo)
- Before the purchase (for acquisition/construction loan)

The search period, under the Mechanics' Lien Law is from "First Contracting" to through: "Last 15 Days Prior To Closing" (Search to date of closing-- Lien Waiver Forms 5, 6 & 7 include latest providers). Note PLC's can file 15 days after first furnishing, which may be post-closing if first furnishing is just before closing.

**SEARCH TIPS:** Search with distinctive words; do not use abbreviations. Use quotations marks to connect words (i.e. "North Hills") and connectors in ALL CAPS: AND, OR, NOT.

To find more tips on searching, details, and keyword examples, go to the LiensNC.com link on <http://cityofoakstitle.com/Resources.php>

**December is a wonderful time** to gather with loved ones and one of the things we look forward to, is eating holiday food. Alright, let's be honest, stuffing our faces, napping then doing it all over again. We've found some yummy and simple recipes to try this year and for a little extra (and possibly stressful times), a cocktail recipe.

## Peppermint Bark

1 cup crushed candy canes  
2 pounds white chocolate



Place candy canes in a plastic bag and hammer into 1/4-inch chunks or smaller.

Melt the chocolate in a double boiler.

Combine candy cane chunks with chocolate, then pour mixture onto a cookie sheet layered with parchment or waxed paper and place in the refrigerator for 45 minutes or until firm.

## Warm Apple Pie

6 oz. apple cider (heated)  
2 oz. Tuaca liqueur,  
whipped cream, and a  
pinch cinnamon and nutmeg

In a glass coffee mug or heat-resistant goblet, combine your heated cider and Tuaca. Top with whipped cream, then sprinkle with cinnamon and nutmeg.



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## Bacon Candy

1/2 c packed light brown sugar,  
1/2 teaspoons chili powder  
20 slices of thick-cut bacon  
(1 1/2 pounds)

Preheat the oven to 400°. Line 2 rimmed baking sheets with foil. In a small bowl, whisk the brown sugar with the chili powder. Arrange the bacon strips on the foil and coat the tops with the chili sugar. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until caramelized and almost crisp. Transfer the bacon to a rack set over a sheet of foil to cool completely; serve.

Make Ahead: the bacon candy can be made earlier in the day; store at room temperature.



**This December,**  
reach out and **give your time**  
and/or **donations** to those that  
are less fortunate.

We have compiled a few local organizations that are helping those in need this holiday season.

### Samaritan's Purse

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/>

### Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina

<http://www.foodbankcenc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=FBCENHome>

### Raleigh Rescue Mission

<http://www.raleighrescue.org/>



### Toys For Tots

<http://www.toysfortots.org/>

### SPCA of Wake County

<http://www.spcawake.org/site/PageServer>