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Tough Decision

Eventually, just about all homeowners get to the point where they think about moving. Some want to upsize, some want to downsize, while others just want a change.

No matter what the motivation, the decision isn't an easy one. There may be many reasons why it makes sense to stay with your current property. At the same time, there may be other compelling reasons to sell and find your next dream home.

Fortunately, you don't have to make that decision alone.

As your REALTOR®, I'm always available when you have questions or need advice regarding home ownership. In fact, I'm there when my clients need me even if it's months or years after a transaction.

So please don't hesitate to give me a call. You don't have to be serious about selling your home to talk to me. Even if you're at the "wondering about it" stage, I'm here to help.

All the best!

Christy

*think,
act... live!*

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."

Eleanor Roosevelt

"Quality is not an act; it is a habit."

Aristotle

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."

Arthur Ashe

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April Trivia

April 3, 1860 saw the launch of the Pony Express. The company promised, and delivered, an astounding 1840 mile journey from St Joseph, MO to San Francisco, CA in a mere 10 days. Generally, this route was expected to take 24 days or more. Riders rode for 75-100 miles at a time, changing horses every 10-15 miles. What was the cost for sending a one ounce letter?

Call, text, or email me with your answer and you'll be entered into the drawing for this month's \$50 gift card.

See who the past winners were and get the answers to previous questions on my website, www.buyandsellincolorado.com

*My job as your REALTOR®
is to help you with
all your needs –
before, during and
after the sale.*

If you want market statistics for your area, please call.

Tired-Looking Decks Needn't Be Replaced



It's the time of year when many homeowners want to improve the appearance of their outdoor decking. If that means you need to replace old, tired-looking boards, or power-wash and sand, paint, stain or urethane the entire surface, you may be feeling discouraged. So, before going through the rigors of maintenance, consider resurfacing your walk-out area with a completely different material that can be installed directly over the existing surface. Presuming the structural frame is sound, you can choose from a range of lightweight artificial decking for the do-it-yourselfer, or choose heavy-duty tiles and planking that require professional installation. Either way, they'll give you new inspiration for your outdoor living space.

At Home with Security, Even When You're Not

If the hallmarks of advancing technology are portability, flexibility and economy, then home security systems may provide the best examples of progress in recent times. For example, in addition to cameras and alarm systems that can be managed and monitored from your smartphone, you can now install a surprisingly affordable system that alerts your phone to motion in specific areas within your property perimeter, according to your designated preferences (e.g. gateways, driveways, walkways or play areas). In addition, you can speak to front-door visitors or unwanted intruders that can be seen on the built-in camera. Furthermore,



all of the monitors' footage can be recorded via cloud technology, and downloaded to your computer for a permanent record. That means you are never far away from your home, even if you're far away.

Products that Enhance Spring & Summer Living

Swimmers' Monitor System: New to the market, this ingenious waterproof system sends a signal from the swimmer's necklace to the monitor, triggering an alarm if the swimmer is submerged for an unsafe period of time.

Wooden Cutlery: Disposable and compostable, this may be the great outdoor-party compromise between using kitchen silverware and non-recyclable plastic.

Sand-Free Beach Blanket: This fabric is specially designed to filter sand through it, so your sunbathing or picnic won't be compromised.

Robotic Luggage: Finally, a secure, personal "porter" to ensure your luggage



stays with you as you weave your way through the airport, train station, bus depot or hotel lobby – without lifting a finger!

Invisible Deck Screws: This ingenious system countersinks screws so that their heads are at a set depth beneath the decking surface, and are then covered by a friction-fitting plug to match your decking material.

Consider Cloud-Storage for Safekeeping of Valuable Records

While it is advisable for anyone with irreplaceable valuables to have a safety deposit box in a secure location away from the home, having a digital record of its contents offers the added benefit of immediate access to images of the items, should the need arise. To that end, you should photograph and itemize expensive jewellery, heirlooms and collectibles, as well as scan any appraisals or authentications. In addition, it could prove very convenient to have instant visual access to important documents, such as financial assets, passports, wills, powers of attorney, life insurance and home insurance policies, as well as personal mementos. But saving these visual references on your phone, tablet or computer could fall short of your intentions, given how easily and often such devices can get lost, damaged or hacked. For that reason, a password protected



digital "cloud" backup is likely your safest precaution. Usually provided at little or no cost by your internet service provider (ISP) or device manufacturer, cloud backups are stored on remote servers that offer a level of secure storage that's worth considering.