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SMART MOVE FOR HOMEOWNERS

Working Hard to Keep You Informed

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Whenever You Need Me

Have you ever heard about a family who had to move suddenly? There are many reasons why that might have happened. It could have been anything from a job relocation to simply seeing a listing they decided to pursue.

Regardless of the motivation, you can imagine what a frantic time that must have been, especially if they didn't have a REALTOR® they knew well, and who also knew them.

Why am I bringing this up? As you may have noticed, I work hard to stay in touch with valued clients like you. I do that to get to know you and your evolving needs, so I can step in and help whenever something real estate-related comes up.

For example, if you need to sell your home unexpectedly, or even if you simply have a question, you can pick up the phone and speak to an expert — me — who knows you and is eager to assist.

That's a lot better than working with a stranger!

All the best!

Christy

*think,
act... live!*

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

Walt Disney

*"If you take responsibility for yourself,
you will develop a hunger to accomplish."*

Les Brown

"Do every act of your life as if it were your last."

Marcus Aurelius

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July Trivia

Louis Pasteur is probably best known for his food preparing process, pasteurization. However, he also made medical history on July 6, 1885 when a young boy was brought by his mother to the Paris hospital in which Pasteur practiced. She was so concerned her son would not survive his ailment that she was willing to risk an untested, newly developed vaccine. Given an almost certainty of death for the boy, the doctor agreed. What virus were they concerned about?

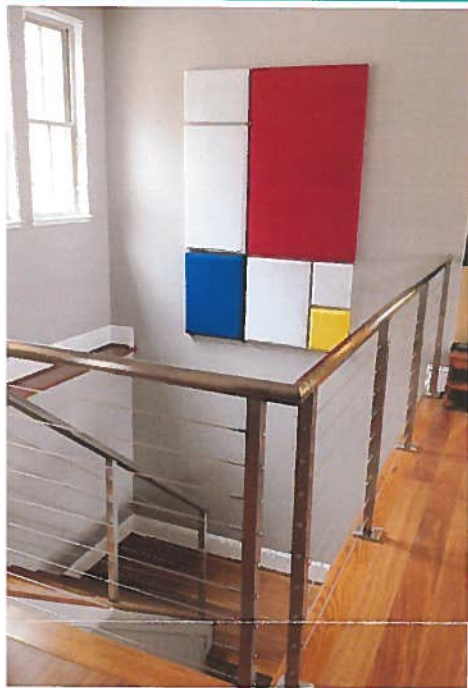
Contact me with your answer and you'll be entered into the drawing for this month's \$25 gift card.

For answers to previous questions visit 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.

Soundproofing Techniques



Renovating rooms to absorb sound may seem ambitious, but the results can be rewarding, especially if you're investing in an entertainment room for movies, music and video games, or trying to contain the sounds of your kids' social activities. The most effective approaches are installed at the building stage, as some of the best sound-deadening materials are designed to be applied within the walls, floors and ceilings, rather than on their inside-facing surfaces. In cases where you wish to retrofit a room's existing interior, there are various types of rigid panels and baffles, as well as soft fabrics and foams that can make an impressive contribution to your peace and quiet.

Barbecue Brush-Off: Metal Bristles Can be Hazardous

If you enjoy frequent outdoor grilling, you may be relying on the use of a heavy-duty brush to keep your cooking surface clean and free of residue accumulated from just-finished or previously prepared foods. Many of these brushes have fine bristles made of metal for a more thorough scrubbing. Users should be very cautious about using these. There have been a number of reports indicating that some bristles can break off and subsequently get picked up by fresh food placed on the grill, creating a very serious hazard if they become ingested by an unsuspecting dinner guest. For safety's sake, consider replacing fine



metal bristle-brushes with a heavy metal gauge brush with more easily detectable bristles, or a steel-wool scrubber or synthetic cleaning pad designed to remain intact during heavy scouring.

Humidity Affects Your Comfort – and Your A-C Costs

As air-conditioning costs climb every year, finding ways to reduce the temperature in your home more affordably has become increasingly important. One of the most effective things you can do is lower the humidity in your home, because humidity contributes to discomfort during warm days. By installing a dehumidifier in your central air system, or even using a portable unit in your home's most frequently used rooms during peak temperatures, it's possible to reduce the demand on your expensive air-conditioning system. Here are some other ways to keep your home cooler without spending more on energy:

1. Install awnings over windows with sunlight exposure, and close drapery during the day.
2. Install ceiling fans to push air down and create a wind chill effect.
3. Open windows at night when the air is cooler to create a breeze.
4. Don't use major appliances during the day, and unplug idling electronics when not in use.



Household Security During Vacations

To fully enjoy your summer vacation, take appropriate precautions to ensure that home security features are in place in advance of your departure. Consider the following suggestions:

- A) Ensure that doors and windows cannot be easily compromised using basic burglary tools by installing secondary locks such as deadbolts and bars, as well as a reliable monitoring system that will alert your smartphone, a neighbor, or your local enforcement agency should a compromise occur.
- B) Check that your lighting systems are intact, by verifying that your interior and exterior timers and motion detectors are fully operational, and ensuring older bulbs are replaced.
- C) Trim bushes back to prevent concealing exterior access points, lock up or store ladders, and make



sure mail and parcel deliveries are suspended (but don't cancel your scheduled pool or landscape maintenance program).

- D) Have a neighbor park a car in your driveway, and look in on your property including inside your garage on a regular basis.