

Christy's SMART MOVE FOR HOMEOWNERS

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Talk to An Expert

When you need advice on something important, there are a couple of things you can do.

You can do an internet search. You'll find thousands of tips and articles on just about every topic imaginable. Unfortunately, it can be difficult to sift through it all to find truly helpful information that's up-to-date, accurate and applicable to your situation.

Even if you find what you're looking for, using the internet doesn't compare to actually talking to someone knowledgeable. That leads me to the second strategy: Speak to an expert.

An expert can provide you with the best advice and recommendations for your situation. So, when you have an opportunity to pick an expert's brain, go for it.

As you know, I'm an expert in buying and selling homes. If you have questions or need real estate advice, feel free to pick my brain. As your REALTOR®, I'm always happy to help.

All the best!

Christy

"...Success is talent put together with hard work and luck."

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

"Failure is success, if we learn from it."

Malcolm Forbes

"The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity."

Ayn Rand

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act... live!*

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October Trivia

Seeing the president on television is the norm for most of us. In fact, with elections a short month away, many of us are seeing too much of the candidates. The first presidential telecast address from the White House took place in October. What year and which president made this historic presentation?

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.

Fire Safety Should Be a Household Priority



At this time of year, more fireplaces, portable heaters and candles are being put into use, so it's important to take the time to thoroughly educate yourself and your family about fire prevention and response. Here are four valuable suggestions to follow. If you are ever unsure about them, consult your fire department.

1. If you have any combustible fuel units, be sure their exhaust systems are clean and safe.
2. Make sure every room has fire-escape options (e.g. doors & windows) as designated by your local fire code.
3. Install emergency equipment such as alarms, extinguishers and escape ladders.
4. Identify alternate exits in case of an emergency, and a safe place to meet to ensure everyone is accounted for.

Flooring Options are Expanding

When it's time to replace a damaged floor in your house or condo, or simply cover one that has become tired-looking, you'll want to consider all the options available. Factors to keep in mind include value and affordability, function and durability, decor and aesthetics, as well as the environment (both in your home and at large). Wood still has the broadest appeal due to its appearance, longevity and wide variety of species. It also has ecological advantages, especially if it's sourced from a sustainable harvest, and not treated with harmful toxins. Other eco-friendly options to consider are reclaimed or repurposed wood, and renewable materials such as bamboo and cork. If you're looking for



eco-friendly options, man-made materials needn't be discounted outright, as you can buy flooring made of recycled content such as laminated composite, glass, rubber and other synthetics, which can be recycled again when no longer useful.

Smart Clothing is Getting Smarter

Wearable technology is being employed in ever-expanding roles as micro-technology makes it possible to weave electronic "e-textiles". This type of fabric is embedded with digital sensors and components. The garments created with these "e-textiles" perform much like the popular wrist-worn fitness devices which read signals from the body and respond with recommendations and/or remedies according to specific goals and/or conditions. Athletes and trainers have been quick to adopt these textiles in order to detect and record optimal exertion levels, while the medical profession embraced them to monitor patients' vital signs without interfering with their comfort, rest or mobility. Now consumers also see advantages over and above the obvious benefits of monitoring fitness biometrics. Consider the



peace of mind for parents of young babies, when they can use garments to monitor their child's state of health and safety rather than having to keep watchful eyes on a monitor. For parents of older children, imagine knowing that clothing can emit a GPS signal, should their kids become lost. Indeed, new electronic textiles offer tremendous possibilities, and are destined to replace wrist-worn monitors in the near future.

Digital Privacy Can Add to Family Anxiety

We are all becoming more reliant on third-party password protected accounts to maintain our files and correspondence. While this technology can be convenient and secure, consider what happens to those files if you suffer a sudden injury, illness or death. Complicated legal issues can arise when a caregiver, survivor or executor is denied access to essential documents secured by these private log-ins and passwords. To avoid such potential stress, consult your lawyer about the protocols for appointing a "digital executor" who can be provided with access to all your relevant log-ins and passwords according to explicit directions provided in your will or safety deposit box. Although some jurisdictions do not formally recognize digital estate plans and digital executors, it is important for your lawyer to understand your desire to appoint someone specific to handle your data-based assets, especially if



your executor is not particularly cyber-savvy. Your family members will appreciate having clear instructions with regard to maintaining, deleting or altering the content of your digital properties, including postings on your social media pages, as well as emails, memberships, newsletters, blogs, financial accounts, subscriptions, downloads, uploads and archived files on computers, hard drives, or "cloud" servers.