

Christy's SMART MOVE FOR HOMEOWNERS

Working Hard to Keep You Informed

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Helping Out

Have you ever helped another neighbor in some way? For example, you may have taken garbage bins to the curb for an elderly person or offered over-the-fence advice to someone planting a garden.

Most people refer to that as "being neighborly". Without exception, everyone appreciates it. It makes any neighborhood a more positive and pleasant place to live.

One of the easiest, and most common ways to be neighborly is to recommend professionals and businesses you like and trust. So, if someone on the street is looking for a good REALTOR®, I hope you'll feel comfortable recommending me. If you do, I promise to give that person excellent service, as I do all my clients.

In that spirit, if you're looking for a recommendation — a contractor for example — let me know. I'd be happy to help.

All the best!

Christy

"There is nothing impossible to one who will try."

Alexander the Great

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you."

Walt Whitman

"I was smart enough to go through any door that opened."

Joan Rivers

*think,
act... live!*

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September Trivia

Native American Day is celebrated the 4th Friday of September. In honor of our Indigenous Americans, how many tribes are there in the United States?

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

Check out past winners and get the answers to previous trivia 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.

Careless Paper Disposal Can Be a Security Threat



When discarding expired or unnecessary correspondence that includes personal information, such as critical identification numbers assigned to you by government agencies, banks, credit card companies and loyalty plans, never use the trash or recycle bin. It takes little effort for thieves to use this information to piece together a phony profile under your name. This profile can be used to secure a nominal credit line that may then be leveraged into larger purchases, cash advances and loans which are never intended to be repaid. So, to protect your profile and credit, buy a household shredder to destroy old bills, invoices, statements and any other specific, proprietary account information.

Make Smaller, Darker Rooms Look Brighter

As daylight becomes noticeably reduced late in the year, it may become more difficult to enjoy the natural ambience of smaller, darker rooms. However, a few decor decisions can utilize both daylight and artificial light to make such rooms look larger and brighter.

- Infuse lighter, more reflective colors wherever possible, from highly polished floors and light colored floor coverings to glossy baseboards and white, off-white, pale or pastel walls and ceilings.
- Add furnishings with accents made of glass, acrylic and shiny metals such as brass, copper or chrome.
- Use lighter-colored fabrics and cushions, as well as sheer window coverings in



daytime, while reserving heavier drapery for colder nights.

- Try to avoid dark, light-absorbing colors on heavy anchor pieces, except as accents to create contrast and distinct definition.
- Consider glass doors with sidelights to visually refresh interior rooms that are otherwise left without daylight.

Integrating Whole-Home Tech Systems

Every day there are more options available to improve your home's technology in terms of security, comfort, convenience and entertainment. The newest programs are even merging into multi-faceted systems that offer integrated functions. For example, new interfaces and wireless hubs can control security cameras, intercoms, home entertainment screens, and speakers, while also allowing you to control door locks, drapery, lighting and utility settings from afar. When considering combining systems, try to look ahead to avoid future redundancies or early obsolescence. For example, consider all the pros and cons of a hard-wired system (not reliant on wi-fi) versus a wireless system (portable and transferable). Also, if you choose a system that gives you control via an app, make



sure it is compatible with a wide range of smartphones, as you may not keep the same type of phone throughout the life of your system's service.

Give Your House Exterior an Annual Checkup

Although we can't predict where or when it will arrive, or how severe it will be, almost every region across the country should expect some form of extreme weather this winter. So, it would be wise to prepare for it in advance. Start at the top – look for loose roofing materials and pay close attention to seals around vents, pipes and chimneys. Also make sure your rain gutters and downpipes are clear and firmly secured, with end spouts directing runoff well away from your foundation. Ensure your foundation is surrounded by a built-up surface that slopes away from the home, in order to prevent pooling. Next, examine your exterior walls for weaknesses, and check your doors, windows and shutters to ensure caulking and latching are intact. Watch for the first signs of condensation within old insulated glass panes. Finally, if you are uncertain, or can't verify the condition of your home's exterior



yourself, hire an inspection company to do a thorough investigation – so you can rest easier this winter.