

REAL NEWS FROM BARTLEY REAL ESTATE

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Upcoming Events

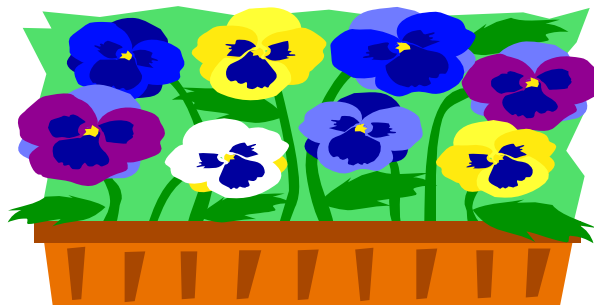
Having a yard sale?

Let us post your next event in this space FREE!

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TIPS ON PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR SALE

- ✓ *DISASSOCIATE YOURSELF FROM YOUR HOME BY LETTING GO OF EMOTIONS, PICTURING YOURSELF HANDING OVER KEYS TO NEW OWNERS, AND SAYING GOODBYE TO EVERY ROOM....DON'T LOOK BACK. PACK UP PHOTOS....BUYERS WANT TO IMAGINE THEIR OWN AND SAYING "I CAN SEE MYSELF LIVING HERE."*
- ✓ *DECLUTTER...IF YOU HAVEN'T USED IT IN OVER A YEAR, YOU DON'T NEED IT. CLEAN OFF EVERYTHING ON KITCHEN COUNTERS.*
- ✓ *REARRANGE CLOSETS AND CABINETS BY NEATLY STACKING DISHES, HANGING SHIRTS TOGETHER AND LINING UP SHOES.*
- ✓ *RENT A STORAGE UNIT AND USE IT FOR EXTRA FURNITURE AND TABLE LEAVES.*
- ✓ *IF YOU WANT TO TAKE FAVORITE ITEMS LIKE AN HEIRLOOM CHANDELIER OR WINDOW COVERINGS, REMOVE AND REPLACE THEM. IF THE BUYER NEVER SEES IT, HE/SHE WON'T WANT IT!*
- ✓ *MAKE MINOR REPAIRS LIKE LEAKY FAUCETS AND WORN BEDSPREADS.*
- ✓ *MAKE YOUR HOME SPARKLE BY CLEANING WINDOWS, WAX, DUST, BLEACH GROUT, HANG FRESH TOWELS, REPLACE WORN RUGS.*
- ✓ *GO OUTSIDE AND OPEN YOUR FRONT DOOR....ASK YOURSELF IF YOU WANT TO GO INSIDE. DOES THE HOUSE WELCOME YOU?*
- ✓ *MAKE SURE A BUYER LIKES THE EXTERIOR OF YOUR HOUSE BY CLEARING SIDEWALKS, MOWING THE LAWN AND PLANTING FLOWERS.*
- ✓ *CALL SHERRI BARTLEY TO HELP YOU "STAGE" YOUR HOME TO PREPARE FOR SHOWING.*



ARE YOU SAD?

Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD affects people in many different ways during the winter months. Fall's shorter days and longer nights may trigger feelings of depression, lethargy, fatigue and other problems. Not to be considered just "winter blues" SAD can severely impair your daily life so see your physician if you suffer symptoms. SAD usually goes away during the warmer, sunnier days of spring and summer. The specific cause if SAD is unknown, however, genetics, age and your body's natural chemistry all play a role. Here are some suggestions for coping with SAD:

- Stick to your treatment plan recommended by your doctor.
- Make your home sunny and bright. Buy a light therapy box that mimics natural outdoor light and use it often.
- Get outdoors and take a walk or sit on a bench and soak up the sun.
- Exercise regularly which will lift your mood.
- Get rest, eat a balanced diet....and relax.
- Learn how to manage stress.
- Stay connected to people you enjoy.
- Take a winter vacation in a sunny location.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

NEW YEAR'S OYSTER STEW

- ¼ C BUTTER, CUBED
- 3 LEEKS, WHITE PART ONLY, CHOPPED
- 2 POTATOES, PEELED AND DICED
- 2 C WATER
- 3 CHICKEN BOUILLON CUBES
- 2 C MILK
- 2 C HALF AND HALF CREAM
- ¼ TSP CAYENNE PEPPER
- 4 16-OZ CANS OYSTERS, DRAINED
- SALT/PEPPER TO TASTE
- FRESH CHOPPED PARSLEY

IN A LARGE SOUP KETTLE OR DUTCH OVEN, MELT BUTTER AND SAUTE LEEKS UNTIL TENDER, ABOUT 10 MIN. ADD POTATOES, WATER AND BOUILLON CUBES, COVER AND SIMMER 20 MIN OR UNTIL POTATOES ARE TENDER. COOL. TRANSFER TO BLENDER, COVER AND PROCESS ON HIGH UNTIL BLENDED. RETURN TO KETTLE AND ADD ALL INGREDIENTS. COOK ON LOW UNTIL HEATED. DO NOT BOIL. SERVES 12.

More than \$6 billion worth of gold is held in the underground vaults of Fort Knox. This is the largest amount of gold stored anywhere in the world.

IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT FIRST TIME HOME BUYER TAX CREDIT

At a glance...

- # The tax credit is available for first-time home buyers defined as buyers who have not owned a principal residence during a 3-year period prior to purchase.
- # The maximum credit amount is \$7500.
- # The credit is available for homes purchased on or after April 9, 2008 and before July 1, 2009.
- # Single taxpayers with incomes up to \$75,000 and married couples with incomes up to \$150,000 qualify for the full tax credit.
- # The tax credit works like an interest-free loan and must be repaid over a 15-year period.

*Source: www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com

IF YOU'RE DRIVING DURING WINTER STORMS....

DRIVE ONLY IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, TRAVEL IN THE DAY,
DON'T TRAVEL ALONE, AND LET SOMEONE KNOW YOUR SCHEDULE.

STAY ON MAIN ROADS; AVOID BACK ROAD SHORTCUTS.

IF A BLIZZARD TRAPS YOU, PULL OFF THE HIGHWAY AND
TURN ON HAZARD LIGHTS.
HANG A DISTRESS FLAG FROM ANTENNA OR WINDOW.

STAY IN YOUR CAR WHERE RESCUERS ARE MOST LIKELY
TO FIND YOU. DON'T SET OUT ON FOOT UNLESS YOU
SEE A BUILDING CLOSE BY.

RUN THE ENGINE AND HEATER ABOUT TEN MINUTES EACH HOUR TO
KEEP WARM. KEEP A WINDOW SLIGHTLY OPEN.

EXERCISE A BIT AND TAKE TURNS SLEEPING.

TURN ON THE INSIDE LIGHT AT NIGHT.



BUYING OR SELLING?

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