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Easy Ways to Make You Love Your Home Again- Jaymi Naciri

We all fall into a rut sometimes. When that rut is otherwise known as our ugly living room, our cluttered kitchen, or our outdated everything, it can make us cranky. And lazy. And possibly looking to move. But before you throw in the ugly, old, and outdated towel on you home, take a step back and consider some easy changes that might help change more than your home's mojo. They might also change the way you feel about living there. Here are some easy ways to make you love your home again.

1. Rearrange your furniture. Seems simple, right? And it is, but the impact can be huge. Sometimes, all a tired living room needs is a little refresher, and that can often be achieved without spending a dime. Check out HGTV for some tips.

2. Clear up the clutter. Home organizers the world over (not to mention quite a few therapists) will tell you

that de-cluttering your home can make a huge difference—not just in how you feel about your home, but also how you feel about your life. Organizing can help to bring order to your space and your mind, reducing messes and stresses.

3. Pick one room to overhaul per quarter. Then, schedule a weekend scrubbing, swapping out linens, painting, changing light bulbs or whatever else is needed for an easy and cheap update. Making and sticking to a plan will give you a new resolve, and a fresh new home.

4. Use your spare change. Change out your throw rug, window coverings, or accessories. Designating a special spot to collect leftover coins at the end of the day will give your family purpose, and before you know it you'll have a "Freshen Up Fund."

5. Change out your art. Don't have the funds to start that Monet collection? Frame some black and white pictures or employ your kids to create a few masterpieces

for a unique collection with a personal touch.

6. Clean it up. Organize the gang on a Saturday morning to clean the baseboards, light fixtures, and ceiling fans. Sprucing up these often-dusty and grimy areas can really freshen up a space. A little tip: I'm not above using ice cream bribes for kids who don't want to participate. :p

7. Take care of little issues that you've been ignoring. Fix little issues like toilet paper holders that have come out of the wall and crooked pictures that raise your ire every time you walk by them. Take a good look at your whole house and make a list of the things you've been overlooking (I see a giveaway box in your future!)

8. Get a second opinion. Need a fresh set of eyes? **CALL ME!** Especially if you're interested in selling and want some tips on what a buyer is looking for in a home.



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Upcoming Community Events

- August 18 1st Day of School-Freshmen
- August 19 1st Day of School- Grades 10-12
- August 22 6-10 pm Festival on Main, Longmont
- September 13 Mead Community Days
- September 20 Miner's Day Frederick

The Little Town That Could...And Does

Summer Festival 2014

What a huge success!! The Mead Chamber of Commerce put on a fantastic event in June and we had hundreds of participants despite the rainy weather. New this year were the Beer Garden and several food vendor trucks with lots of yummy food choices. There was an obstacle course for the kids and some great prizes for the ISpy Mead event.

As president of the Chamber, I'm proud to announce that we've donated to Mead High School over **\$7,000 dollars** in donations through the Sports Calendar we provide for Fall and Spring sporting events.

We're excited to begin offering short, informative seminars for local businesses on a variety of topics including insurance, social media, real estate trends, tax advice, etc., and once the Town

Hall is completed, keep your eyes peeled for a schedule of events.

If you have 1-2 hours to spare once a week, or every two weeks and are looking for an opportunity to volunteer, the Chamber could use your help! Call me for more information 303-709-7814. The Chamber will have a booth at the Sugarbeet Festival and at the Mead Community Days events, so look for us there. Happy Summer!

Trivia!

How many people were living in the US when we declared our independence in 1776?

- A. 250,000
- B. 4.6 million
- C. 554,000
- D. 2.5 million

Email your answer to dina@listingsbydina.com. The first 4 correct answers win a gift certificate to a local Mead busi-

The homes listed below were sold in MEAD during the month of **June**, 2014. The sold price is not reflective of the asking price. In some instances, the house sold for higher than asking price and visa versa. DTO= Days To Offer (when an offer came in.)

* Sold Price	Sq Ft	Style	Beds	Subdivision	Address	DTO
\$209,000	2304	Ranch	4	Margil Farms	3646 Whetstone Way	9
\$238,000	2684	Ranch	3	Western Meadows	16188 Cinnamon Circle	44
\$239,900	2073	Four Level	4	Feather Ridge	212 Eagle Avenue	124
\$250,000	2554	Four Level	3	Western Meadows	16303 10th Street	47
\$272,250	2796	Four Level	3	Western Meadows	16268 Cinnamon Circl	35
\$275,000	2308	2 Story	4	Feather Ridge	157 Eagle Avenue	116
\$289,225	2761	2 Story	3	Liberty Ranch	13577 Horseshoe Circle	78
\$306,000	3016	2 Story	4	Liberty Ranch	13575 Horseshoe Circle	80

*All above information derived from IRES Multi-Listing Service. The stats provided are for informational purposes and not a solicitation to buy or sell real estate.

Testimonial from a satisfied customer: "Dear Prospective Buyer/Seller, We found a house in one week! My husband, Dave, and I were in the process of relocating from out of state. Not knowing anyone in this area, we feel very fortunate to have found Dina James. Her knowledge of the neighborhoods and surrounding towns was so valuable in helping us make the right decisions. Our house out of state had sold and we were on a very limited time frame. Dave was already working (long hours) in Longmont, so our daughters and I came to visit for one week in order to pick out a home together. In that week, Dina worked tirelessly researching houses that might suit our needs. Every day she drove the girls and I to view houses with potential, and then again in the evening so Dave could check out our findings. The girls and I had a blast! Dina took the stress out of what we were trying to accomplish. By the end of the week, we had found the perfect home in the quaint little town of Mead, made an offer, and signed a contract! Now that is impressive! I honestly feel like this would have been impossible without Dina. We would highly recommend Dina James to anyone in the market to purchase or sell a home. She emanates a sense of trust-worthiness that makes you feel very secure. A huge thanks from the bottom of our hearts to you, Dina! You are the best!

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