

Real Estate Corner

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Bacon cheddar deviled eggs

- 12 eggs
 - ½ cup mayonnaise
 - 4 slices bacon
 - 2 tbs finely shredded Cheddar cheese
 - 1 tbs mustard
1. Place eggs in a saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil and immediately remove from heat. Cover and let eggs sit in hot water for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from hot water and cool.
 2. Cook bacon in a large, deep skillet over medium-high heat until evenly brown. Crumble and set aside.
 3. Peel the shells off the eggs and cut in half lengthwise. Remove yolks and place in a small bowl. Mash yolks with mayonnaise, crumbled bacon and cheese. Stir in mustard. Spoon yolk mixture into egg white halves and refrigerate until ready to serve.



5 unbelievably simple DIY home fixes

Are you thinking about selling but worried about the time and expense of preparing your house to showcase? Use these five brilliant do-it-yourself home repair tricks to shorten that list before the countdown is over.

1. **Stop a toilet from running**
To prevent snags — and save water — unhook the flapper chain from the plunger arm and slide a plastic drinking straw over the chain. Cut it to size if necessary and reattach, and you'll never hear that tank running again.
2. **Remove carpet dents left by furniture**
Dampen furniture dents with a wet rag, apply heat with a blow dryer and coax the fibers back into place using the lip of a spoon. Let dry and repeat as necessary until those divots are gone.
3. **Keep that cupboard door closed**
With a little more work, this one makes a huge difference: pick up a magnetic cupboard latch. Use a power drill to screw the magnet to the edge of the cupboard opening and the plate to the matching corner of the cupboard door.
4. **Get your showerhead running like new**
Tame those wild or weak streams from the showerhead with white vinegar and water. Mix equal parts in a large plastic freezer bag and attach it to the shower pipe with a sturdy rubber band. Remove and check the flow every 20 minutes. You don't even have to remove the head!
5. **Breathe new life into old wood**
Pick up a package of wood stain markers in assorted shades and transform your door jambs, baseboards, bannisters, furniture and more. Start a shade lighter and go darker if needed and watch scratches and scrapes vanish.

Looking to spiff up your home to sell in the new year? Call me!