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OUR FRIENDS

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This newsletter is published as a source of general information about real estate and is not intended to solicit properties currently offered by other brokers.

Don't Forget, We've Moved . . . to Realty Executives Southern Arizona. Our new office is in Ventana Village, conveniently located at 6872 E Sunrise Dr (Kolb and Sunrise).

8 Tips to Double Your Closet Space

By Kathryn Lurie

These simple tips allow you the room you need to keep closets filled with the most up-to-date styles without overflowing!

- 1. Go through your coats, clothes, and shoes to weed out things you don't wear anymore. If you haven't worn it in more than a year, or if it doesn't fit you anymore, it goes. Separate the items into boxes to give away to charity, recycle, or toss.
2. Use all the space available to you. Install a second closet rod halfway between the floor of your closet and the existing closet rod for skirts and pants. Longer items stay on top.
3. If they aren't there already, install shelves above your existing closet rod. This is the perfect place to keep shoes (use plastic shoe boxes — they stack neatly and keep shoes nicer, longer).
4. Use the space on the back of your closet door. You can get an over-the-door rack on which to hang belts and bags; an over-the-door shoe cubby to organize shoes; install hooks for robes and jackets; or put up a full-length mirror for a head-to-toe check before you leave the house.
5. If your closet is big enough, stash a small plastic or wooden set of drawers in there. In the drawers, keep accessories, socks, or other miscellany like gift wrap and bows, or sewing needles and thread.
6. Use multiple-tiered hangers to hang twice as much in the same space.
7. Something you may not consider a space-hogger are regular, everyday hangers. But if you think about it, those plastic hangers are usually twice the width they need to be. Use slim-width hangers and watch your closet space magically expand.
8. Stash seasonal items in under-the-bed rolling bins. That way they are protected while not in use, and when you peek into your closet, you can actually see what's in there.



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Our February Featured Properties

WALK TO U of A! Built in 1928, 2 BR / 1 BA, beautiful hardwood floors, updated bath and kitchen, AC and Evap. Cozy wood-burning Fireplace. LR and DR, large fenced backyard and storage shed. Near bus lines, shopping, restaurants. Price reduced to \$165,000.



PRICE REDUCED! 4 BR/2BA, lg pool-size lot, on cul-de-sac! Ceramic tile floors, eat-in kit with refrigerator, gas stove, and DW. AC and furnace less than 3 yrs old. New paint. Covered patio, backyard with mature vegetation. Near shopping, restaurants, bus lines, schools. \$170,000.

PRICE REDUCED! Meticulously maintained, gated comm. in Foothills. Beautiful ceramic tile floors, split BR plan. Lots of counters and cabinets, breakfast bar, wall of built-ins. Luxurious master suite, garden tub & sep shower, dual sinks. Gorgeous mt views. \$340,000.



REMODELED and REDUCED! 2100 sq ft, 4BR / 2BA w/ceramic tile floors, new carpet in BRs, new kit cabs, counters, and appl. MBR has private sitting area. Over 3/4 acre. Guest qtrs with prvt entrance and 3/4 BA. Covered, extended patio, mountain views. \$329,900.

HUGE PRICE REDUCTION! Lush, private, end-of-cul-de-sac lot with gorgeous mtn views. Freshly painted, new travertine floors, carpet, granite counters. Eat-in kitchen, huge GR. Updated, elegant, spacious MBR retreat. Landscaped, citrus trees. B/I BBO. \$749,900.



For more information on these featured homes or other properties, please contact Cheryl 520-529-5123 or Dick 520-529-5120

Email or Snail Mail?

Your real estate newsletter is mailed or emailed to more than 7,000 homes monthly. In an effort to maintain our current circulation and to assure that you continue to receive it each month, we are offering our readers the option of having the "purple rag" emailed as opposed to regular mail. (And on email it's in color). Maybe we can even save a few trees. The response has been overwhelming, our email list is really growing.

If you would be interested in receiving your newsletter via your email, please send us your name, address, subdivision, and email address. We promise not to share, raffle, give away, or sell your email address to ANYONE . . . EVER! Contact: Cheryl Ledford 520-529-5123 or email: Ledford@comcast.net

Misplace your newsletter? Log on to www.tucsonrelocation.net, click on NEWSLETTER, click on NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE. Scroll down, click on the month you missed. Those recipes and hints await.

The Sharing Space

If you have anything to sell or recommend, send it and we'll print it here.

"Need a website? Email Daniel at shermand@gmail.com for a quote. See www.thinkemp.com for sample work." (Recommended by Cheryl and Dick).

At Your Service! House, Pets, Plants, Cleaning, Care-giving. Call Kathy @ 748-0949 or 661-8012.

Mike's Helping Hand. Bonded and Insured. Companion services / caregiver assistance, shopping errands and appointments, home check, pet care, personalized service and transportation provided. Contact Mike at 207-3917.

Two Sisters Gourmet: Like good food, entertaining? Check out www.twosistersgourmet.net/web/gannunziato to book a party, place an order or get great recipes!

ARTISTIC WOODWORKS LLC Roc 235846. Cabinet refinishing. An affordable alternative to replacing or re-facing cabinets. Michael Chittock (520)293-6037 For further information see add in DEX Yellow pages page 236.

A Perfect Clean, both residential & commercial. Housecleaning with particular attention to detail, flexible hours, tailor made services. Call Christina @ 405-8729.

Cummings Plumbing, 520-293-6900. Reasonable, efficient, professional polybutylene removal and replacement. Recommended by Mike Smith.

Do you suffer from Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Lyme Disease or Environmental Illness. If so, join us for an intimate and informal support group at **St Pius Church**, 1800 N Camino Pio Decimo, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 11:30. We share facts, info, feelings. Call St Pius for info. 885-3573.

Affordable House/Yard/Car cleaning, will also steam clean. References available. Call Michelle @ 954-6696.

Two Wedding Dresses, floor length, white, one strapless, one off-the-shoulder. Sizes 10 and 12. Worn once. \$200 each OBO. Call 250-5109.

Call Jennifer W. today @ 750-8800 to get your credit card processing rates lowered. Mention this ad and I will waive the \$199 application fee!

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FORSALE: Like new 7 tube queen size water bed, complete, \$75 OBO. Call Paul @ 290-6260.

Custom Scrapbook & Invitation Service. Give me your pictures and I'll create a custom scrapbook for you! Need customized invitations to your next special event? Call Dedee @ 520-271-5544 or check out www.onceinalifetimescrapbooks.com.

1975 Dodge Dart for sale. Runs good. Best Offer. Call Sharon P. at 747-3158.

Chef's rack, metal with wooden shelf with mini wine rack, \$50 obo. sksPatch@yahoo.com for pics or info.

Start planning your summer vacation now! We can help. Call Kirsten @ Cruise Planners, 749-4775 or 1-888-257-8728, www.cactusjackstravel.com.

"Pronto" elect scooter, \$800. Cherry-wood dining table, leaf & 4 chairs, \$400. Beautiful, Broyhill sofa, like new, paid over \$1800, asking \$700. Call Pat @ 296-2422.

Desert Willow Pool Service, LLC. Acid Wash, Chlorine Rinses, Algae, and monthly Pool Cleaning Service! For a Free Est Call Rebecca Laventure, 390-2746.

Two **East Lawn Cemetery** crypts, in the mausoleum. \$2,000 each. Call Jean @ 296-6759.

Rates have dropped. Great time to buy or refinance. Call Laura Galloway at Wells Fargo Mortgage, 404-2924.

Three wheeler Miami Sun with Electric motor, never used. New @ \$1000. Will sell for \$700. Call Caroline 520-722-7447 or email cmstraub1@cox.net.

"Bright 'N Shiny Window & Glass Cleaning": Excellent work, see for yourself! cell 730 3637, Bus 663 3664.

Wood/leather Italian Globe Bar, \$125. Call Butch, 981-8354.

Mayan Palace Resort, beachfront, south of Rocky Point. 2 BR/2 BA with LR and kitchen, \$900 /wk, or \$150 /day. Call George, 290-8646 for details.

Silpada Design Jewelry. Catalog at www.mysilpada.com/kay.santarelli. Just in time for Valentines Day. For more info or to order, call Kay at 615-4935.

Don Dockman, Investment Solutions Representative, COUNTRY® Financial, 1350 N Kolb Rd, St120, Off: 520-298-9411, Fax: 520-298-9177, Cell: 520-668-7043.

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Candy Bouquet, A delicious alternative to flowers. Look us up: www.5935.CandySurprise.com, call Elizabeth @ 300-0021, or email elicandybouquet@live.com.

Massage Therapy, Sugar and Salt Scrubs, Various wraps. Harrison/Golf Links area. Licensed LMT 24 years. February special, massage \$40 if you make 2 appointments a month. Call De at 784-4469. Gift Certificates available. Valentine special: Chocolate or Vanilla Scrub \$50.

Pam Berry, Vantage West Credit Union, 15 years mortgage experience. 917-6728 or pamb@vwestcu.org for any mortgage needs. We have great rates!

GOT PAIN? STRESS? Bio-Touch can help! Call 323-7951 for an appointment, or drop by 5634 E Pima St. Tell them "Horace sent you."

2004 Toyota Sienna LE \$15,000 obo. One driver, 58k miles, pwr dr, wndow, locks, elec sliding dr, dvd player, & more. Bought new one, have to sell. Shawn 870-2775.

As Clean As A Whistle Cleaning Service for home or office. Weekly, monthly, or spring cleaning. References available. Call Robin @ 520-762-0900.

Want to look beautiful and do it with all natural make-up formulated in Sweden? No harsh chemicals, no lie! Jane Beecher, Arbonne Beauty Consultant @ 520-0221.

Michael T. Takerian, **Sunstreet Mortgage, LLC**, 6340 N Campbell Ave #140. Call Mike @ 547-4143, 906-2047, or 888-634-6399. mtakerian@sunstreetmortgage.com.

Must Sell! New Wolff Sunquest Canopy 2000S Tanning Bed with 10 year warranty-\$1,000 OBO. Olympic Weight Tree (1,000 lb. capacity)-\$70. Hand Weights, 10-40 lbs (sets in 5 lb increments) with stand-\$225. Call 520-574-2480 (leave msg).

SeaSource Detox Spa. Immerse yourself in purifying ocean-derived elements and nutrient-rich marine botanicals. Contact Maria @ 520-405-9685.

Mary Kay Products for sale OR get ALL your products for 50% off ALL the time. Contact Shawn Ryden at 870-2775 or shop at marykay.com/shawnryden.

Family photos? Wedding? Reunion? Photo By Jen, call Jen Ryder @ 990-8701, www.photobyjen.com. References available. Recommended by Katie and Michael.

Natuzzi Leather Sofa and recliner chair, beige. Asking \$700.00. 2000 Rockwood Ultralite Travel Trailer 25ft, \$6,000 OBO. Call 529-1905.

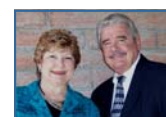
Buy or sell Avon! Only \$10 to sign-up for 50% profits for 2 months! Call Laura at 574-4478 to get started!

Put our experience to work for you! Call **Cheryl Ledford** 520-529-5123, & **Dick Clark** 520-529-5120, at **Realty Executives So AZ**, 6872 E Sunrise.

Shlomo & Vito's New York Deli, 2870 E Skyline, 520-529-3354. "Great food! Generous servings." Dick

The Steak House, Desert Diamond Casino, 7350 S Nogales Hwy, 520-294-7777. "Wonderful steak & prime rib. Awesome sides. Enough to share." Laura L.

Contact us at Ledford@comcast.net (or fax to 520-299-9351) with neighborhood news, garage sales, items for sale, recipes, household hints, and to recommend services, restaurants, or businesses. THERE IS NO CHARGE! We look forward to hearing from you! We cannot assume responsibility for the content of any ads, or quality of products and services offered here.



Fall Apart Roast Courtesy of Karen Clark, Tucson, AZ serves 8
 3-5 lb roast 1 pkg Lipton Onion Soup Mix Carrots, sliced Potatoes, cubed Mushrooms, sliced Celery, sliced Onions, chopped
 Rinse roast and put in crock pot. Cover with Lipton soup mix and 1" water. Add lid and cook in crock pot 2-3 hours on high. Add carrots and other vegetables. May have to add a little water. Cook 2-3 more hours. *

Sweet Potato Hash Courtesy of Carol Reed and The West Brunch, Tucson, AZ serves 4
 1/2 pound sliced bacon, cut into bite sized pieces 2 medium onions, chopped 1 large red bell pepper, chopped
 2 lbs sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes 1 teaspoon thyme (fresh would be better) 1/2 tsp salt and 1/2 pepper to taste
 Cook bacon in large nonstick skillet over medium heat until crisp. Transfer to paper towels, reserving fat in skillet. Add onions, bell pepper, and salt and pepper to skillet and cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are softened. Stir in potatoes and 1/2 teaspoon salt and cook, covered, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are tender and starting to brown, 10 to 14 minutes. Stir in thyme, bacon, and salt and pepper to taste. *

Easy Chicken Cordon Bleu Courtesy of Lisa Witham, Greenfield, IN serves 2
 2 lg boneless chicken breasts 1/4 lb shaved cooked ham 1/4 lb Swiss cheese, sliced thin 1 pkg Shake n Bake chicken mix
 Cut pocket on each chicken breast by laying flat and cut from side to side. Roll half of ham in slice of cheese. Stuff ham and cheese in pocket. Follow Shake n Bake recipe. Roll in mix and bake. Allow a couple of minutes extra baking time. *

Cheese Straws Courtesy of Marie Stonestreet, Clarksdale, MS serves many
 2 cups plain flour 2 cups shredded cheese 1 tsp baking powder 1/2 tsp salt 6 TBSP ice water 2 sticks butter
 Combine and chill. Roll to 1/4" thick. Cut into 1/2" x 2" strips. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes on cookie sheet. Sprinkle with cayenne if desired. *

Steak Marinade Courtesy of Kimberly Clark, Tucson, AZ marinates 4 steaks
 1 cup soy sauce 1/3 cup Worcestershire Sauce 2 good shakes of onion powder 1 TBSP minced garlic 1 tsp lemon pepper seasoning
 Mix all ingredients and marinate steaks for minimum 30 minutes. Continue to baste steaks while grilling. *

Chicken and Rice Courtesy of Betty Ledford Sawyer, Tucson, AZ serves 4
 3 cups chicken breast, cooked and diced 2/3 cup chopped onion 1/2 cup butter 1/4 tsp pepper 1/4 tsp garlic salt
 1/2 tsp thyme 1 cup raw rice 2 1/2 cups chicken broth 1/2 can diced tomatoes 1/2 cup slivered almonds (optional)
 Sauté chicken and onion in butter until lightly browned. Add remaining ingredients, cover and simmer 30 minutes. Sprinkle with almonds. *

Shepherd's Pie Courtesy of Dan Ledford, Tucson, AZ serves 4-6
 1 lb ground beef 1/4 chopped onion salt and pepper 2 TBSP Worcestershire Sauce 1/2 can tomato sauce
 1/2 can chopped tomatoes 1-2 TBSP chopped fresh parsley 10 oz peas and carrots 1 TBSP cornstarch mixed with 1/3 cup cold water
 1 cup gravy mix (prepared per package directions) 2 cups prepared instant mashed potatoes or leftover mashed potatoes
 Brown hamburger with onion salt and pepper, drain. Add Worcestershire, tomato sauce, tomatoes, peas and carrots, and parsley. Simmer 15 min. Add gravy and then add cornstarch slowly to thicken. Pour mixture into 2 qt casserole and top with mashed potatoes. Bake 400° for 30-40 min. *



What's the market like for Our Friends?

The following data is only a source of information for homeowners. Equal Opportunity Housing. All information deemed reliable, but not guaranteed. For more information contact [Cheryl Ledford](mailto:Cheryl.Ledford@comcast.net) (520-529-5123) or [Dick Clark](mailto:Dick.Clark@comcast.net) (520-529-5120).

A Sample of Homes Currently For Sale by Realty Executives Agents for Our Friends as of 01/31/09

List Price	\$ per sq ft	Address	Status	BR / BA	Sq Feet	Year Built	Pool
\$ 69,000	\$100.29	Residence on N. Silverbell Rd		2/2	688	1964	No
\$ 165,000	\$ 88.09	Residence on W. Prairie Willow Dr.		6/2	1873	2005	No
\$ 195,000	\$169.27	Residence on E. Snyder Rd.		3/2	1152	1995	No
\$ 225,000	\$110.29	Residence on S. Shadow Creek Pl.		4/2	2040	1999	No
\$ 240,000	\$111.01	Residence on S. Camino Del Velero		4/3	2162	2006	No
\$ 249,000	\$126.91	Residence on N. Eastern Slope		4/2	1962	1993	No
\$ 350,000	\$144.87	Residence on E. Canyon Dr.		2/2	2416	1995	No
\$ 450,000	\$165.99	Residence on N. Jacs Pl.		4/3	2711	1986	No
\$1,479,000	\$239.55	Residence on N. Shannon Rd.		4/7	6174	2007	Yes

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To addressee or current resident

Household Hints: Coffee Filters: Not just for making coffee....

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.
2. Clean windows and mirrors. Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect China. Separate your good dishes by putting a coffee filter between each dish.
4. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter.
5. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
6. To apply shoe polish, ball up a lint-free coffee filter.
7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
8. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
9. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
10. To stop soil from leaking out of a plant pot, line it with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.
11. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter. Insert stick in hole and filter catches drips.
12. Instead of purchasing expensive strips to wax eyebrows, use strips of coffee filters.
13. Put a few coffee filters in a plate and put your fried bacon, French fries, chicken fingers, etc on them. Soaks out all the grease.
14. Keep filters in the bathroom. They make great "razor nick fixers."

Coffee filters, who knew? And you can buy 1,000s at the Dollar Tree for almost nothing. Submitted by Gilbert Alire. Thanks, Gil!

Household Hints: 24 Uses for Salt www.members.tripod.com/Howtuz/salt.html

1. Soak stained hankies in salt water before washing.
2. Sprinkle salt on your shelves to keep ants away.
3. Soak fish in salt water before de-scaling; the scales will come off easier.
4. Put a few grains of rice in your salt shaker for easier pouring.
5. Add salt to green salads to prevent wilting.
6. Test the freshness of eggs in a cup of salt water; fresh = sink; bad = float.
7. Add a little salt to boiling egg water, If cracked, eggs stay in the shell.
8. A tiny pinch of salt with egg whites makes them beat up fluffier.
9. Soak wrinkled apples in a mildly salted water solution to perk them up.
10. Rub salt on your pancake griddle and your flapjacks won't stick.
11. Soak new toothbrushes in salt water before using; they will last longer.
12. Use salt to clean your discolored coffee pot.
13. Mix salt with turpentine to whiten you bathtub and toilet bowl.
14. Soak nuts in salt brine overnight, they'll crack out of their shells whole. Just tap the end of the shell with a hammer to break it open easily.
15. Boil clothespins in salt water before using them and they will last longer.
16. Clean brass, copper, and pewter with paste made of salt and vinegar, thickened with flour
17. Add a little salt to the water your cut flowers will stand in for a longer life.
18. Pour a mound of salt on an ink spot on carpet; let it soak up the stain.
19. Clean your iron, rub some salt on a damp cloth on the ironing surface.
20. Adding a little salt to the water when cooking foods in a double boiler will make the food cook faster.
21. Use a mixture of salt and lemon juice to clean piano keys.
22. To fill plaster holes in your walls, use equal parts of salt and starch, with just enough water to make a stiff putty.
23. Rinse a sore eye with a little salt water.
24. Dry salt sprinkled on your toothbrush makes a good tooth polisher.