

Bruce's Neighborhood Greetings



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WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T BE IRISH?

The day in the month this happens is of course the Seventeenth. St. Patrick's Day has become quite a celebration for us all. Most of us probably have different reasons for partying than the original intent of the holiday. The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. His given name was Maewyn, and he almost didn't get the job of bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship. Far from being a saint, until he was 16, he considered himself a pagan. At that age he was sold into slavery by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village. During his captivity, he became closer to G-d. He escaped from slavery after six years and went to Gaul where he studied in the monastery under St. Germain, bishop of Auxerre for a period of twelve years. During his training he became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity. His wishes were to return to Ireland, to follow through with his calling. But his superiors instead appointed St. Palladius. But two years later, Palladius transferred to Scotland. Patrick, having adopted that Christian name earlier, was then appointed as second bishop to Ireland. Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested many times, but escaped each time. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. His mission lasted for thirty years. Patrick retired to County Down. He died March 17 in AD 461. That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's.

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Watch for the next Rainbow, You never know what you'll find at the end!

Neighborhood Forum

This is the section dedicated to the readers of this newsletter.

IMPORTANT—Changes coming soon! I have decided to eliminate the hard copy of my monthly newsletters that are hand delivered after the delivery of the July 2026 edition. My newsletter will always be available on my website (dolphinrealtysouthbay.com) under the tab Newsletters. You will be able to view a rolling archive of twelve months on this site. Additionally I can add you to my monthly email distribution. I have been distributing my monthly newsletter monthly as hard copies and email sends for twenty four years. If you prefer to get the monthly email, please

email me at: dolphinrealtysouth@sbcglobal.net. I will then add you to my email distribution list. This year is the twenty fifth year that I am producing and distributing this monthly newsletter. Eliminating the hard copies does not mean I am leaving the business! It is making my business more streamlined and current. The monthly newsletter will be in color going forward, when you view either from the email or viewing on my website.

I look forward to receiving your email addresses between now and July so you don't miss any editions.

My contact information remains the same. My cell is 310-408-0702 and my office is 310-532-1201. I look forward to staying in contact with everyone.

Bicycle Safety

Biking is a fantastic way to stay active and an environmentally friendly form of transportation.

However, it is imperative to prioritize safety anytime you are on two wheels. As we pedal into spring, follow these bicycle safety tips to help ensure a safe ride:

- **Gear up.** Never venture out on a bike without appropriate safety gear. Always wear a helmet that fits snugly on your head and fasten the straps securely below your chin. Bright, reflective clothing also makes you more visible to motorists who share the road with you. Remember to include gloves and knee pads to provide extra support and protection if you fall.
- **Perform regular maintenance.** You can't be confident your bike is safe unless it is well-maintained. Check your brakes and tire pressure before taking off on rides. Regularly clean the chain with a degreaser and apply lubricant to keep it functioning properly.
- **Respect traffic rules.** Remember, cyclists are subject to the same traffic laws as motorists. Come to a full stop at red lights and stop signs, use hand signals so drivers can anticipate your movements, and if there is a designated bike lane—use it!

Daylight Savings Begins March 8th

Most of us will be moving our clocks forward when we go to bed the night before. Don't despair, your lost hour of sleep will return in November!



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Home: Choosing the Right Paint Color

Thanks to AI, the days of bringing home color swatches and testing various paint colors on the walls are numbered. With the right app, a photo, and the swipe of a finger, you can reimagine any room in minutes. Explore these free apps to find the perfect hue for your walls.

ColorSnap by Sherwin-Williams.

This application allows you to choose from 1,500 hues, provides a central work area for inspiration and interaction, and allows you to virtually "paint" any room with the swipe of a finger.

Paint AI. Upload an image of the room you want to reimagine and use the color snap visualizer to see precisely what hues complement your space before you ever pick up a paintbrush.

PPG Paints. Use the PPG Paint online room visualizer to select the perfect palette for your space. This tool also features an edit function for the most precise visualization.



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Health & Safety

Simple Strategies for Spring Allergy Relief

The spring season brings beautiful blooms, longer days, and sometimes a scratchy throat or watery eyes. Seasonal allergies can make a lovely time of year feel unbearable, but with a few smart habits, you can manage symptoms and stay comfortable.

Reduce pollen exposure. Pollen is the main culprit behind spring allergies, so limiting your exposure to it can significantly reduce symptoms. Keep the windows closed on high pollen days and shower after spending time outdoors. Schedule outdoor activities later in the day, as pollen counts tend to peak in the morning.

Keep indoor air clean. Try using a high-quality air purifier to help trap pollen, dust, and pet dander before they irritate your system. Wash bedding weekly in hot water, regularly vacuum carpets, and consider window treatments like blinds that don't trap allergens. Change HVAC filters on schedule to help keep clean air circulating throughout the home.

Try natural remedies. Saline rinses may help flush out allergens and soothe irritated sinuses. Eating a tablespoon of local raw honey each day is a popular option that may help your body fight off allergy symptoms. However, if you experience trouble breathing or your symptoms persist and continue to interfere with your daily life, consult an allergist for further medical evaluation and intervention.

Helpful Hints: 10-Minute Decluttering Tips

A tidy, clutter-free space doesn't require an entire weekend of deep cleaning. Sometimes, all it takes is 10 minutes. Short, consistent decluttering sessions can make a big difference in how your home feels and functions. Whether you're overwhelmed by busy schedules or find satisfaction in quick wins, these simple strategies can help you create a calm and organized space without stress.

Target small zones. Instead of tackling an entire room, focus on one small area at a time. Set a timer and choose a designated space, such as a kitchen island, bathroom vanity, or junk drawer. In just 10 minutes, you can dispose of trash, return items to their designated places, and clear visual clutter.

Grab and go. When short on time, grab a laundry basket and sweep through a room, collecting items that don't belong there. When your 10-minute timer goes off, put everything in its proper place. This method works exceptionally well for toys, shoes, and miscellaneous items that tend to migrate throughout the house.

Declutter by category. Some types of clutter appear in multiple rooms throughout the house. Spend 10 minutes sorting through old papers, expired or unused beauty products, shoes, or clothing accessories.

Decluttering by category helps you stay on-task.



Chipotle Deviled Eggs

Ingredients:

- 12 eggs, boiled
- ¼ c. mayonnaise
- ¼ c. yogurt
- 1 tsp. chipotle seasoning
- ½ tsp. apple cider vinegar
- 2 slices cooked bacon, crumbled
- Chives chopped for garnish

Salt and pepper to taste

Slice the hard-boiled eggs lengthwise and scoop out the yolks; place in a bowl. Add mayo, yogurt, chipotle seasoning, apple cider vinegar, and a pinch of salt and pepper to the yolks. Use a fork or a potato masher to combine the mixture. Evenly spoon the yolk mixture back into the eggs. Add crumbled bacon bits (you can substitute turkey bacon) and chives to the top.

Enjoy!



Rates Have Come Down Slightly! As Low As 5.6% FHAVA

Our recent Home Buying Seminar resulted in pre-approved home buyers. I have been conducting these for over thirty years. There are favorably priced loans to consider that are a 10 year adjustable. Fixed for the first 10 years represents a decent way to become a home buyer in today's era of higher interest rates. While it helps Buyer's overall affordability and qualifying for their home purchase it also means we are in a time with fewer Buyers and Sellers in the market. Have you thought about selling your home and uplegging or down-sizing? This is a great time to do so. I can make the process an easy one for you. Or if you know of anyone who might be thinking of selling I would appreciate you forwarding my name and information to them so I can set up a no obligation consultation. The question that I hear often from future Buyers is "When is it a good time to buy?" Unless a Buyer is paying cash for the home, the interest rate and monthly payment are the most important criteria. In my opinion we won't see prices go much lower anytime soon. The annual appreciation rate will be lower, but increase from a year ago! Supply and demand already have helped prices shoot through the roof. Real Estate used to be a series of cycles. The best time to buy Real Estate is when it is soonest financially and emotionally possible to do so!

They're Back!

We are now entering the third month of the new year. With this first quarter comes many things. One such thing is the preparation of our taxes from 2025. Another thing that comes this time of year is "Gophers". A number of you may remember the problems we were having a few years ago with the pesky rodents. You know you have them when mounds of dirt mysteriously appear in your lawns, flower beds and shrubs. Gophers will burrow and make tunnels throughout your property. If left alone, they can destroy the areas. We had one gopher as it turned out. But this lone rodent was able to do the work of dozens. I must hand it to them for their work ethic. That is the only kind thing I can say about them though. Those of you who have gophers should address the problem right away and eliminate it. I highly recommend RodentGuys.com to rid you of your problem. They can be reached at 909-599-4711. These folks offer different options to get rid of your gopher(s). You can choose the per visit plan, the quarterly or monthly maintenance plans. They offer a 60 day guarantee against repeat problems at no additional charge! Either way, I encourage you to address the problem if you have it. Don't wait until your landscaping needs to be replaced!



St. Patrick's Day Pictorial Cont. From pg.1

Much Irish folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day. Not much of it is actually substantiated. Some of this lore includes the belief that Patrick raised people from the dead. He also is said to have given sermon from a hilltop that drove all the snakes from Ireland. Of course, no snakes were ever native to Ireland, and some people think this is a metaphor for the conversion of the pagans. One traditional icon of the day is the shamrock. And this stems from a more bonafide Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day. The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737, first celebrated in Boston. The party night of the year, check out Sully's, Brennen's, and the rest of our local Irish theme Pubs and restaurants. Be sure and have the Green Beer, it is plentiful this night!



St. Patrick's Day Wouldn't Be Complete Without A Leprechaun!



Just Call Me "The Mad Hatter" Have you seen my friend Alice?



I am Irish! Really! Just check out my hat....



If it wasn't for St. Patrick's Day we would not be able to wear these sweaters!



When Irish Do As The Irish Do-
Drink Plenty Of Guinness!