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All-purpose family and media room

It's the perfect time to spruce up your home for entertaining friends and family. Whether your guests are coming just to watch the big game or binge watching your favorite Netflix series, your media room will no doubt be a popular gathering place. No matter what kind of space you have, be it a dedicated media room, a simple TV nook or something in between, the fundamental components are comfort and convenience, the appropriate amount of lighting and furniture placement. Here are a few suggestions to enhance everyone's fun.

Light source

Keep in mind that natural light from outside is as important as light from indoor fixtures. Make sure you have blackout curtains for daytime TV watching. Smart dimmers set the mood and install easily.

Comfort and convenience

If your media room is in your basement, a refrigerator and microwave (for bagged popcorn!) can keep you from running up and down the stairs to grab snacks. Make sure there is a central location for all of the remote controls or gaming equipment. If you have speakers or surround sound, distance them to your satisfaction so you can hear dialogue clearly and effects are as dramatic as you want them to be.

Furniture Placement

Make sure your furniture is comfortable for viewing your television or for conversation. The viewer's head should be 4 feet away from the back wall and 4 feet away from surround sound speakers. And of course make sure all seats have unobstructed views to the screen.

And make sure one night a week is Family Night!!



Tips & Ideas

Need to hire a contractor? Do you need a new HVAC unit, a new roof, want to have rooms painted or a bathroom remodeled? Check your contractors' reviews on Facebook and Yelp, make sure they are licensed and insured and see if they are BBB rated.

Take care of your pets. During the dog days of summer, the heat can be brutal, especially for our fur babies. In order to prevent heat stroke, watch for rapid or labored breathing, glazed eyes or vomiting. If you see this in your pets, offer fresh water to drink, wet down their fur with cool water, apply ice packs and move them to a shaded area or air conditioning.

It's not too early to think about Christmas!! - It will be here before you know it. While shopping, keep an eye out for great deals on gifts. Back to School specials are out there right now. Also, start putting aside a few dollars each paycheck to add to your Christmas fund so you can cash flow the holidays.

Declutter and purge - Closets bursting at the seams? Basement junk stacking up? If you haven't worn something in a year, consider giving it to Cedar Lake Lodge or some other worthwhile organization. Habitat Restore will take building materials, furniture, lighting, hardware, appliances, plumbing fixtures, etc.

President's

Corner

I have lived in the Four Season's neighborhood for eight years. My daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren, brother and sister-in-law all live in the neighborhood as well.

I am glad to serve on the board to help the Association in any way I can. I encourage more neighbors to attend our quarterly meetings and get more involved in our community.

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Did you know?

- **Road resurfacing** - The District 11 newsletter stated that Thornwood Road and Thornbird Court will be getting resurfaced.
- **Speed humps** - Summerfield Lane neighbors have received enough signatures to put in speed humps. The Board will be meeting with Kevin Kramer and his office and will determine placement and how many the association can afford.
- **Newsletters** will no longer be delivered to homes. If you know a neighbor that doesn't have internet access, have them call Joni at 502-468-7544 and she will get them a printed version of the newsletter.
- **FSNA meeting dates** - General Meeting dates are August 15, and November 21. Meetings are held at Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church at 7:00 pm. Mark it on your calendars!
- **FSNA dues** - We currently have 318 paid members. If you have not paid your 2017 neighborhood association dues, please pay them now. Dues are \$35 for the year and pay for grass-cutting services in common areas, street lights and reduced waste management dues. Make your check out to Four Seasons Neighborhood Association and mail it to:
Rose Goodgine
3410 Rainview Circle
Louisville, KY 40220

• **Stay in touch!** - On Facebook! Put Four Seasons Neighborhood Association in the Facebook search bar and ask to join the group. We're also on **Nextdoor.com**. Type in 'Four Seasons' and you'll receive neighborhood notifications.

• **Safety First!** - Garages, cars, sheds and vacant homes have been broken into and items have been stolen. All thefts in our area are crimes of opportunity; doors have been left unlocked or garages left open. Report suspicious persons or activity to the police. Outdoor lighting can prevent this type of crime. Security cameras are inexpensive and may be something you want to consider. As always, remember to keep your doors locked and dead-bolted, as well as cars locked each night. Be safe out there!

FSNA has an open position for Secretary. Please call Judy at 491-7560 if you are interested in this position. Your duties will include attending the 4 meetings a year, taking notes and emailing them to the webmaster and graphic designer.

2018 FSNA Elections. In November there will be several positions open, so please consider being part of the Board to make our neighborhood the best it can be. Stay tuned for the open positions.

Tomato and Avocado Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 English cucumber, diced
- 1 can black beans, rinsed
- 1 1/4 cups corn
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes
- 1/2 cup packed fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 lime
- 1 avocado, diced
- Salt and pepper to taste



Directions: 1. Place the cucumber, black beans, corn, red pepper, cherry tomatoes, and chopped cilantro in a bowl. Squeeze the fresh juice from the lime onto the salad, and stir well.
2. Mix in the avocado, season with salt and pepper, and enjoy.

- courtesy of Pinterest

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Four Seasons Neighborhood Meeting

August 15 in the lower level

Hunsinger Ln. Baptist Church
3400 Summerfield Drive

Please bring nonperishable food items to help support the Hunsinger pantry