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## 5 things to do this week

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# After-school LEGO program teaches robotics through play

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – Between the bookshelves of Icicle River Middle School, Maggie, Micah and Eero, ages 9 to 12 years old, are coding a robot they built to scoop up LEGO pieces, one by one, so that one day it will be ready to compete in a relay race.

Micah and Eero set up a line of the same size LEGOS, each a different color, for the robot to meet, scoop up, move, and travel to the next piece. To be successful, Maggie, who is coding the robot's movements, has to be very specific and explicit in her instructions of how far she wants the robot to travel.

"It looks like [the robot] goes like two inches at a time because I set it at eight inches the second time and six inches the first time, so this time 10 inches for the green, 12 inches for the yellow," said Maggie.

The trio is part of Cascade Innovators, a Cascade School District program for grades three to seven in Cascade School District, that teaches kids how to build and code a LEGO robot.

Success is all about teamwork. Before each day, the group discusses who will perform which role, and for how long. That way, each team member gets a chance to learn each task, but the team can still utilize each member's strengths to achieve their goal. Maggie, a veteran participant, typically takes the role of coder.

"My best friend I was with for two years in a row on teams was actually really, really good at coding, so she taught me," said Maggie.

Maggie got involved a couple of years ago because she thought the program flier said she would be building LEGO towers, not robots.

"I was just like, 'Oh, this is cool, I want to build the biggest tower! Then when I got here, I thought, this isn't towers, what the heck? Then I realized that I had a whole team of friends,'" said Maggie. "I was nervous and excited."

Beaver Valley teacher Eric Tiegel, who runs the program, says this is the secret to its success.

"I mean, LEGOS is the catch. You get a bunch of kids who just like to



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Learning to code a sequence of tasks can be a game of trial and error. Micah, 12 years-old, has to recent the robot with each attempt.



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Maggie, 10 years-old, is in charge of coding specific instructions for the robot to complete the task at hand.

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## Leavenworth Adventure Park nears Hearing Examiner date with revised requests

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – The Leavenworth Adventure Park's (LAP) request to amend its conditional use permit will be considered by a hearing examiner on Mar. 29.

A revised version of the original submission given to the city on Dec. 12 will be under consideration at the hearing. The revised request, submitted on Jan. 18, still asks for release from the requirement of ticketed parking for patrons and employees. However, it includes changes to its original requests regarding hours of operation, music, and a noise study obligation.

The LAP requested to operate until 10 p.m. in its original letter, but revised the request to only operate the indoor space for private and community events until 10 p.m. It would continue to cease outdoor operations at its current 8 p.m. curfew.

In terms of music, the LAP originally requested permission to offer live, non-amplified music outside, as well as live, amplified music inside during operating hours. The revised request emphasized that the live outdoor music would be acoustic, such as Alphorns, and would end at 8 p.m., while indoor music would end at 10 p.m.. The LAP currently plays amplified recorded music both inside and outside, as permitted by Leavenworth Administrative Code, according to the letter.

The LAP originally asked to be released from its obligation to perform a noise study, having received only two complaints prior to December, one of which was traced to a nearby pool. However, of the roughly 200 letters from the public submitted in response to the original amendment request, about 60 of them specifically cited screaming as having the largest negative impact on their lives.

The LAP moved forward with a noise study in late January. Greenbusch Group, Inc., who was contracted to perform the study, found that the park did not exceed Leavenworth Municipal Code sound limits at the measurement locations of the intersection of Mill Street and West Whitman Street, as well as Scholze Street.

"The Park may have been audible at the measurement locations at times but through review of the audio files and information gathered during site visits, it is not believed that the Park is a dominant noise source at the measurement locations," wrote Drew Savas, Greenbusch Group Noise and Vibration Consultant, in the study's conclusion.

While a majority of the letters opposed all of the requested amendments, those who were open to changes such as music and parking still expressed a need for the 8 p.m. outdoor curfew. Only a handful of the letters expressed support for the park and its requests.

"We received so few complaints during operations, and so I guess I was a little surprised by that. But I listened, you know, and we revised our request according to the comments, to do something that I think is very fair," said Sutherland.

A letter from Residents Coalition of Chelan County (RC3), who have opposed the park since its inception, was of the 200 original submissions. RC3 opposes any amendments, despite the LAP's revisions, citing the large percentage of the public experiencing a negative impact from

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## Festhalle Walking Program promotes community and health



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After walking four days a week together for three months, participants of the Adult Social Walking Program feel more like a family. Many have been walking for all six years of the program.

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH—While the rest of downtown may be quiet on a weekday morning in late winter, the Leavenworth Festhalle is buzzing with 60s music, footsteps, and chatter.

From January through March, the Adult Social Walking Program takes laps inside the Festhalle to maintain

their exercise routine, no matter the weather outside. The program is available to everyone, Monday through Thursday, from 7:15 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Each morning, City Council Member Sharon Waters unlocks the doors, sets up her music (she takes requests, by the way), and welcomes walkers into the warm Festhalle to exercise at no charge.

Fifteen laps around the Festhalle

equate to one mile, and walkers can incorporate some incline by walking up and down the stage stairs. People can come and go as they please, walking for as little as twenty minutes or the entire two hours.

"The beauty of it is when the weather's bad, whether it's snowing or raining, people come here because we've got a dry,

warm spot And [Sharon] plays music that the people love," said Harry Hansen, a long-time walker.

For many participants, they walk because their doctor recommends it. Brian Owens was told he needed to start walking to rehabilitate after a spinal surgery. Six days after surgery, Owens says it was easy to get 10,000 steps in, having the ability to walk inside the Festhalle. It was also much safer than walking outside.

"Every year I hear about somebody, I mean even the younger people, that break their arm or break their rib from falling on the ice," said Owens.

Each walker has a story of them or someone they know hurting themselves on ice. For one woman, it was her wrist. For another, a hip. For Mary Nelson, it was her arm. She had gone out to check her mail one day

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The indoor program promotes exercise during the cold winter months, while also offering an opportunity to socialize.

## City switches to electronic signatures, approves funding for water system backup generators

By **TAYLOR CALDWELL**  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH – City Council had a light agenda for its Mar. 12 meeting, voting on electronic signatures and entering into an interlocal cooperation agreement with the county regarding water system backup generators.

The council unanimously voted to approve the City of Leavenworth's new Electronic Signatures Policy, which would authorize the utilization of Docusign to electronically sign

"high risk" and "low risk" documents. "High risk" documents include minutes, resolutions, ordinances, contracts and agreements. Letters, memos, timesheets, leave requests, permits, staff reports, affidavits, notices of decision and invoices would be considered "low risk."

"This will promote efficiency in the city, reduce the environmental impacts and conserve public resources," said City Clerk Andrea Fischer.

According to Fischer, the switch to electronic signatures would save the

city money on postage and on paying for the City Attorney to travel from Snohomish to sign documents.

City Council also unanimously approved an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ICA) between Chelan County Natural Resources Department and the City of Leavenworth for funding associated with a project to backup Leavenworth's water system facilities.

The Public Works Department identified three facilities in need of a backup generator: the water

treatment plant, booster station, and well field. The project is estimated to cost \$350,000. In partnership with the City of Leavenworth, Chelan County applied for Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs funding (HMGP). In Aug. 2023, the county was awarded the HMGP contract, which would provide \$306,000 in funding, with a requirement of a 12.5 percent match from the City, or \$43,750. The City Council's approval will allow for the funds to be administered through Chelan County.

The next City Council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Mar. 26 in City Hall.

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### Upper Valley Mend soup dinner

Join the Upper Valley Mend at the Leavenworth Festhalle for their 28th Annual Soup Dinner on Thursday, March 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

"The Upper Valley Empty Bowls Festival is an annual fundraiser to support the Upper Valley MEND's Community Cupboard as well as local youth through art grants," the event page states. "Empty Bowls is a grassroots movement by artists and crafts people in cities and towns around the world to care for and feed the hungry in their communities."

For more information visit [uvenemptybowls.org](http://uvenemptybowls.org).

### Live music

The Icicle Creek Center for the Arts will host musical trio

Take3 on Friday, March 22 from 7:30-10 p.m. at the Snowy Owl Theater.

"A celebrated trio of classical musicians who have gone rogue, Take3 blends virtuosic chamber music with a contemporary aesthetic and melodic vocabulary that will delight audiences of all ages," the event page states.

For more information visit [icicle.org](http://icicle.org).

### Baby story time

The Leavenworth Library will host Baby Story, Music, and Play Time on Wednesday, March 27, from 11-11:30 p.m.

"Calling all babies, toddlers, and grownups with babies and toddlers," the event page states. "Leavenworth Library is excited to offer a morning of stories, songs, and socializing sure to be

fun for little ones and bigger ones alike."

For more information visit [ncwlibraries.org](http://ncwlibraries.org).

### Red Barn event

The Wenatchee River Institute and Waste Loop will host a Deconstruction and Reuse event on Thursday, March 28 from 7-8 p.m. at the Red Barn.

"As a part of their commitment to the community, Waste Loop is excited to announce the launch of a new reuse center right here in our valley," the event page states. "Join us for this Red Barn event to learn from experts in this growing industry, as well as opportunities to get involved in Waste Loop's



reuse center opening soon in Cashmere."

For more information visit [wenatcheeriverinstitute.org](http://wenatcheeriverinstitute.org).

### Gnome-themed paint and sip

O'Grady's Pantry at Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort will host a Paint and

Sip night with Artisus on Thursday, March 28 from 6-8 p.m.

"Join us in O'Grady's Pantry for a fun gnome-themed paint and sip with Artisus," the event page states. "Come early for dinner."

For more information and to purchase tickets visit [artisus.org](http://artisus.org).

# Mahala Murphy-Martin joins Fire District #3 Board of Commissioners

By TAYLOR CALDWELL  
Ward Media Staff Reporter

LEAVENWORTH - In February, Mahala Murphy-Martin took over the vacant Fire Commissioner role for District #3, following the retirement of Commissioner Tom Stanton, who served the district for nearly 40 years.

"[I'm] stepping into some big shoes. The commissioners have been very stellar in their representation of the citizenry and the department and I think they should definitely be lauded for their efforts and their dedication," said Murphy-Martin.

Since moving to Leavenworth in 2015, Murphy-Martin has been heavily involved in her community. She is currently the Leavenworth Rotary President, The Dwelling Place Board Member, and served on the citizens committee, which assisted Fire District #3 in successfully getting approved for a levy.

"I was utterly amazed when I learned what this department did with so little," said Murphy-Martin.

Through various jobs throughout her life, Murphy-Martin has experienced emergency situations firsthand, starting as a teen lifeguard, to owning a business in the Alaskan fisheries industry, to working in senior living. Moreso, Murphy-Martin has had ties with emergency responders her entire life, many of whom have been close friends and family.

"I know what they do. I know how they're serving the public. And as a citizen, I feel it's really important to be supportive to our first responders in our departments. It's critical," said Murphy-Martin.

When Murphy-Martin was

asked if she would consider the commissioner role, it was a no brainer for her. The district had been an enormous help for her and her family during an emergency, and she would support it in any way she could.

However, she considered carefully how she would best contribute while serving on the Board of Commissioners. Murphy-Martin has 18 years of experience in the financial industry. She is a licensed financial advisor and the owner of her own firm, which specializes in retirement planning.

"What I feel I can also bring is the fiscal responsibility aspect to the position. That's my world: finances. I feel that that is a strength that I can bring to be able to take a big picture approach to see, what does the department need?" said Murphy-Martin.

Murphy-Martin will be filling the shoes of former Commissioner Tom Stanton, who retired at the end of 2023. Stanton was appointed in May of 1986 and served as Board Chair for 16 years. He hired the first paid chief, Jim Taylor, then the subsequent Chief Doug DeVore and current Chief Kelly O'Brien. During his tenure, the department grew from one paid chief with volunteers, to 8 full-time personnel, four residents, and 30 volunteers. Station 32 was built in 1989, and Station 31 in 1998. Stanton was also instrumental in the purchase of a District-owned wood chipper. Stanton's years of experience will be missed by the department, and they wish him well.

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## Adventure Park

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screaming. "These requirements were meant to apply for the life of the project, yet 6 months after opening, the owners of LAP are requesting modifications that reduce the protections for surrounding residential neighborhoods," said Kirvil Skinnerland, RC3 President, in an email to Ward Media.

While many letters shared the sentiment that LAP was asking for amendments too soon, Sutherland saw otherwise.

"Many people thought we were asking too quickly, but I don't agree with that, because we've been through the busiest months of the year already, and we kind of knew how business was flowing," said

Sutherland.

The RC3 said they plan to attend and provide written comments at the public hearing, requesting the hearing examiner "deny any modifications to the permit which will reduce the protections for residents living near the coaster."

The hearing will be held at 9 a.m. on Mar. 29 in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 700 US Hwy 2, with the option to attend via Zoom. Questions may be directed to Community Development Director Lilith Vespier, (509) 548-5275 or [lvespier@cityofleavenworth.com](mailto:lvespier@cityofleavenworth.com). Information and documents related to the hearing can be found at [cityofleavenworth.org](http://cityofleavenworth.org).

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Chelan County Fire District #3 Commissioners John Dawson, Mahala Murphy-Martin, and Ross Frank. COURTESY OF FIRE DISTRICT 3

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# Community Calendar

## Wednesday

**Children and Youth Program**, 6:30-8 p.m., 4th-12th grade, Leavenworth Church of the Nazarene, 509-548-5292.  
**Alpine Water District**, meets at the Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue, 1 p.m. Contact Anne Mueller, 425-238-3935.  
**Senior Center**, Lunch, noon, \$8 per meal. RSVP 509-548-6666.  
**Ukulele Circle**, 5:30-6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Peshastin Library. Please come 15 minutes early to tune and get sheet music.  
**Cascade Medical Board**, 4th Wednesday of every month (with a couple exceptions), September 27, October 25, November 15, and December 20, 5:30 p.m.

## Thursday

**Leavenworth Lions Club**, For more info. President Steve Alford, 509-548-4505, or email leavenworthlionsclubwa@gmail.com  
**Peshastin Community Council meeting**, 7 p.m. Peshastin Memorial Hall. (2nd Thurs.)  
**Caregiver Support Group**, 2-3:30 p.m. For Caregivers of those with Memory Loss. The Henry Building, 120 Cottage Ave. Cashmere. Contact Carmen Gamble, 509-393-0789. (1st & 3rd Thurs.)

## Friday

**Veteran Service Office**, For information contact Tony Sandoval, 509-664-6801 or email: tony.sandoval@co.chelan.wa.us  
**Leavenworth Rotary Club**, In person at Kristall's Restaurant at Noon. Call President Mahala Murphy-Martin, 206-227-1576, for more information.  
**Senior Center**: Bingo 6 p.m. Call 509-548-6666. Facebook & website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com

## Monday

**Upper Valley Free Clinic**, open every Monday to evaluate urgent health needs. Downstairs at Cascade Medical, 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Call UVMEND, 509-548-0408 for more information.  
**Leavenworth Mosquito District board meeting 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm via ZOOM link posted at https://leavenworthmosquitocontrol.org/notices-updates/**  
**Cascade School board meetings**, 7 p.m., Agenda can be found at https://www.cascadesd.org/Page/166. (2nd & 4th Mon.)  
**Chelan Douglas Republican Women**, Monthly meeting and luncheon 1st Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday). \$21. for lunch, \$8. for sitting only. 11 a.m. check in starts, noon for meeting and speaker. Wenatchee Convention Center 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. For information and reservations, please call, Angela Dye, President, 509-668-1105 (1st Mon.)

## Tuesday

**Peshastin Water District**, 5:30 p.m. For meeting location, contact Steve Keene, 509-548-5266. (2nd Tues.)  
**Ice & Peshastin Irrigation Districts Meeting** Current meeting time is 8 a.m. at 5594 Wescott Drive. Call Levi Jantzer, cell 509-607-0278, 509-782-2561, or levi.ipid@nwi.net (2nd Tues.)  
**Cascade Education Foundation**, Contact: CEF@cascade.org  
**LWSC Alpine Committee**, 7 p.m., Ski Hill Lodge. Call 509-548-5477. (1st Tues.)  
**Leavenworth Masons**, 7:30 a.m., Zarthan Lodge No. 148, Leavenworth Senior Center upstairs. www.leavenworthmasons.org. (1st Tues.)  
**Cascade Garden Club**, 1 p.m., at a member's home or other venue. Call President Claudia, 509-662-7706. (3rd Tues.)  
**The Chelan County Cemetery District #2** (Peshastin) meets monthly at 6 p.m., at the Memorial Hall, located at 10204 Main Street. (2nd Tues.)  
**Senior Center, Exercise**, 11 a.m.-Noon. Tues & Thurs. 509-548-6666. Facebook & Website: leavenworthseniors@gmail.com  
**Music**, call Steve, 509-548-7048. (1st and 3rd Tues.)  
**Greater Leavenworth Museum board meeting** 5-7 p.m. Everyone is invited as a guest. Contact info@leavenworthmuseum.org for meeting information. (1st Tues.)

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### Ethan Flansburg Fine Arts Class Junior



Ethan Flansburg's artwork won Best in Show at the Regional High School Art Contest. His art is going onto the State Art Show in Olympia. It is currently on display at the Wenatchee Museum through April 6th.



# Jennifer Graybeal, renowned elementary teacher, retires in 2024

By MARLENE FARRELL  
Special to Ward Media

LEAVENWORTH - In less than an hour, teacher Jennifer Graybeal guides a class of kindergarteners through five math activities in a way that engages each child where they're at, encourages effort and acknowledges success. Starting with a math "sprint" and quickly scribbled answers, to a group "guess the math rule" game, to stations where pairs roll dice or complete numeric puzzles, Graybeal gets these six-year-olds counting. They're working their way steadily toward year-end standards, step by step.

Graybeal is in her final year of a 35-year teaching career in Cascade School District, and her experience shows in her smoothly run classroom of wriggling little bodies. Her authentic relationship with each student is apparent. When students are asked to come to their carpet squares, she says, "Thank you for being a good leader" to those who modeled responsive behavior. When one child tried to turn in a paper with no name, she gently teases, "Did you write in invisible ink? I can't see your name."

Teaching for so long means Graybeal is very connected in the Upper Valley. "When I started teaching, I was one of only two kindergarten teachers mostly," she said. "[Close to] half the students in the district went through my classroom for about ten years. As a new teacher,

what a fun way to join the community and get to know so many wonderful families. It has been a privilege teaching kids, watching them grow up, and now often teaching their children."

Graybeal spent the majority of her career at Osborn Elementary, teaching kindergarten and first grade there before the elementary schools were reconfigured, then teaching fourth and third grade before returning to her "roots" in kindergarten at Peshastin Dryden Elementary in 2016.

"In 2020, I joined Tina Richardson in a teaching partnership," Graybeal said. "We currently share two full time positions: a kindergarten classroom and the K-2 Title I reading and math Intervention Specialist."

"When Jennifer came to this shared position, the intervention program heavily focused on reading support," explained Richardson. "Through shared collaboration, the program has been able to expand to offer math as well. Jennifer has been integral to this expansion by bringing innovative ideas to the table. She always strives to create systems that benefit students and staff in the pursuit of student growth."

The intervention program is data driven; so much so that changes in intervention can

occur based upon assessments done earlier that day. It is adaptable, allowing for students to come and go based upon their current needs, and it has a track record of success with improving standardized test scores for PD students.

Graybeal grew up in Cashmere, and teaching in a small school district seemed the natural choice, even with a commute from Wenatchee. "I chose to bring my children up valley' beginning in preschool until becoming Cascade grads. A small school district fosters opportunities to develop rapport, relationships, programs, and systems. I think with quality leadership and collaboration, the possibilities are endless."

Graybeal has made an impact on colleagues in addition to students. One such colleague is Tracy Krous. Their paths first crossed in the 90's. "I was hired as a half-time kindergarten teacher, and Jen was my mentor. There are so many things that college doesn't prepare you for. She helped me navigate five-year-olds being in school all day for the first time, kids crying under tables, and the workload. My first year was successful in part due to her guidance."

Their paths crossed again several years later as part of the third-grade team. "Those

were some of my best years of teaching," said Krous. "We were able to team teach with her doing the English Language Arts portion of the day, and I did the math and science. It was a fabulous partnership."

"Jennifer's experience teaching many different grades has given her a unique and valuable vertical perspective of the learning spectrum of elementary-aged students in our district," said Richardson. "She knows the foundations that need to be built in order to support future learning."

Graybeal demonstrates the values that she holds dear when it comes to teaching. She shared, "It requires honesty, integrity, patience, and perseverance with a 'kids first' advocacy. Teaching requires a lot of energy, organization, and forward thinking, as well as a solid work ethic while maintaining a positive attitude."

Her retirement is well earned, but she added, "Retiring is kind of bittersweet. I have been a part of this CSD family most of my life. There is much I will miss with student and staff connections, but so much to look forward to at the same time." Graybeal is referring, in part, to more time with her three young grandchildren.

Graybeal has proven she's good at adapting to new phases of her teaching and now this post-teaching phase. "One thing I do understand is that as difficult as change is, it's important to always keep moving forward!"



## LEGO

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play with LEGOS, and then you teach them about robots," said Tiegel.

Although the program has been going for about ten years now, this is the first time it's been offered in the spring. It typically occurs each fall, ending in a FIRST LEGO League competition, in which students work on teams to complete a series of tasks with their robots, as well as come up with solutions to real life problems.

"The FIRST LEGO League competition is built around the principles of gracious professionalism. So, it's about working together as a team, and I think one of the really awesome things about the actual competition is that a core component of how you get points is actually how you treat your teammates and how you help and treat other teams," said Annette Bjorklund, a Cascade Innovators volunteer.



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Maggie, Eero, and Micah code their robot to collect LEGO blocks in a relay-race fashion.

The spring session is a result of the program's ever-increasing popularity, opening its doors to both new and experienced participants. However, instead of ending in a competition, the spring session will be strictly focused on play and fostering creativity.

The students will get to play with 14 new robots, thanks to donors such as CrunchPak, Community Foundation

of NCW, PD-Alpine Lakes PTO, City of Leavenworth Community Fund, Walmart, and private funders. The new robots are sleek and colorful, a stark contrast to the small handful of black and gray robots the group started with.

"It makes a difference. A lot of kids build with design in mind. They want it to look great, too, or look cool. To have those opportunities to say,

"Yes, these are the colors I'm looking for, these pieces I'm looking for to make it happen," it's great," said Tiegel.

The program will have four sessions total this spring, then again this fall. More information about the FIRST LEGO League can be found at firstinspires.org/robotics/fl.

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR CHELAN COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of KIM M. FENNER, Deceased. No. 24-4-00070-04 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030**

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as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No.: WA-23-969012-BF Title Order No.: 8787477 Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 2221006 Parcel Number(s): 31271 / 241827730060, 31270 / 24182773005 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: RICHARD E. BEEBE AND BONNIE R. BEEBE, HUSBAND AND WIFE Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Home Equity Asset-Backed Securities 2006-1 Trust, Home Equity Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-1 Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 4/19/2024, at 10:00 AM At the main entrance to the Chelan County Courthouse, located at 350 Orondo St, Wenatchee, WA sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of CHELAN, State of Washington, to-wit: Parcel A: Lot 1, Block 8, Plat of North Dryden, Chelan County, Washington, according to the plat thereof recorded in

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Volume 3 of Plats, Page 52, Except those portions deeded to State of Washington for highway purposes under deeds recorded March 20, 1957, under Auditor's No. 518811 and July 12, 1943, under auditor's No. 349230. Parcel B: Lot 2, Block 8, Plat of North Dryden, Chelan County, Washington, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 3 of Plats, Page 52, Except that portion deeded to State of Washington for highway purposes under deed recorded March 20, 1957, under Auditor's No. 518811. More commonly known as: 8830 SCHOOL ST, DRYDEN, WA 98821 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 2/8/2006, recorded 2/17/2006, under Instrument No. 2221006 records of CHELAN County, Washington, from RICHARD E. BEEBE AND BONNIE R. BEEBE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as grantor(s), to NORTHWEST TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Home Equity Asset-Backed Securities 2006-1 Trust, Home Equity Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-1, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 2509594 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed

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of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/ are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$15,385.34. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$74,570.65, together with interest as provided in the Note from 10/1/2022 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 4/19/2024. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 4/8/2024 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 4/8/2024 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 4/8/2024 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the

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obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by both first class and certified mail, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served, if applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting. The list of recipients of the Notice of Default is listed within the Notice of Foreclosure provided to the Borrower(s) and Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 11/13/2023. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale. VIII. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property. IX. Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following

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Mar. 14:	Cascade 5, Ellensburg 1; Win
Mar. 16:	Cascade 7, Brewster 0; Win
BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS	
Mar. 14:	Cascade Boys 5, Ellensburg 0; Win
Mar. 14:	Cascade Girls 1, Ellensburg 2; Loss
GIRLS SOFTBALL	
Mar. 12:	Cascade 5, Brewster 26; Loss

**Cascade Kodiaks Schedule**

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Mar. 26:	Chelan, Home, 4:30 pm
GIRLS SOFTBALL	
Mar. 23:	Kittitas, Away, 11 am
Mar. 26:	Chelan, Home, 4:30 pm
BOYS SOCCER	
Mar. 21:	Cashmere, Home, 6 pm
Mar. 26:	Chelan, Away, 4 pm
BOYS & GIRLS TENNIS	
Mar. 20:	Cashmere, Away, 4 pm
Mar. 22:	Eastmont, Away, 3 pm
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**Festhalle**  
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and slipped on her driveway. "Down I went. I'd broken my forearm. It's made me ice-phobic ever since," said Nelson.

Nelson is a regular at the Festhalle. While she does appreciate the ice-free exercise, she stays for the company. "One of the things that means the most to me is that I have met people I would never have met walking on the sidewalk in town. They go to a different church and they have different friends, but being in here, you get to know everybody," said Nelson.

Festhalle walking is as much about exercising as it is about socializing. As they walk, they talk, building new friendships and catching up with old ones. It's a therapeutic practice that's left the group with a resounding sense of community. "Everybody here becomes a family," said Waters.

Waters came up with the

Festhalle walking idea seven years ago, when Residential Advisory Committee member Elmer Larsen challenged his fellow committee members to think of ways to provide to the community. "I thought, the Festhalle is just empty, and it's winter, and nobody can walk out in the snow. So, why don't I see if I can get the festival?" said Waters.

Thanks to Waters, who sets up every morning, the program has been going strong with about 35 to 40 walkers ever since. The program only missed one year, due to the pandemic. "It was a wonderful idea that she had to do this," said Hansen.

Many of the walkers, like Hansen, are grateful for the community they've built inside the Festhalle, but they have even more gratitude for Waters. "Sharon is so big-hearted to do this four days a week. She doesn't walk that much herself because it's difficult for her, so we're all kind of in awe of her



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**The indoor program promotes exercise during the cold winter months, while also offering an opportunity to socialize.**

generosity," said Nelson. As winter tapers off, so will Festhalle walking. The program will continue through Mar. 27, ending with a celebratory group breakfast at O'Grady's Pantry. Taylor Caldwell: 509-433-7276 or [taylor@ward.media](mailto:taylor@ward.media)





# Spring Sanctuary

How to create an outdoor living retreat

## Deck Danger

Signs it's time to repair or replace your deck

## Floors 101

Choosing the best decking material

## Turn your bedroom into a relaxing retreat



Bedrooms are more than places to lay our heads at the end of the day. Bedrooms serve different functions, and not all are conducive to relaxation. People who use their bedrooms as a work space may

find they're compromising their well-being by introducing activities into the bedroom. The Sleep Foundation says having an office in the bedroom blurs the lines between work and personal

life, which can have serious effects on sleep. Rather, people should be looking to turn their bedrooms into relaxing retreats that offer a respite from the outside world.

- Remove blue-light emitting devices. Computers, tablets, smartphones, and other electronic devices emit blue light, which can compromise natural melatonin production in

the body that contributes to sleep. Such devices should not be used at night in the bedroom.

- Use a neutral color palette. Neutral color palettes evoke a spa feeling. Walls can be painted white, beige or a light shade of gray. This can help the room feel calming and welcoming.
- Declutter the room. A sense of calm can be achieved simply by removing excess clutter. There is some evidence that the brain is more calm near an empty dresser, desk or clothes hamper. Therefore, removing excessive items from the room is a first step to making a nice retreat.
- Add soft lighting. Adjust the intensity and the color of the lighting in the bedroom. It should be subtle and warming. Dimmers enable homeowners to adjust lighting as needed.
- Install an electric fireplace. There is something to be said for the relaxing effects of gazing into the flames of a fire. A crackling (faux-wood) fire is an added layer of indulgence in a bedroom.
- Add an area rug. Even

in rooms with carpeting, an area rug under the bed can further define the perimeter of the bed and add extra plushness underfoot.

- Invest in aromatherapy diffusers. Certain smells can create a relaxing mood. These may be sandalwood, lavender or jasmine. Utilizing their preferred scents, homeowners can employ reed diffusers in their bedrooms to enjoy the aromas of natural oils.
- Used closed storage. Open shelves and visible closet interiors may not hide a mess. Exposure to clutter can contribute to feelings of anxiety. Store items that shouldn't be on display behind closed doors or drawers.
- Bring in luxury linens. Homeowners should not skimp on comforters, sheets, duvet covers, and pillows for their beds. A cozy bed to dive right into can serve as the centerpiece of a bedroom retreat.

Turning a bedroom into a relaxing space can help individuals sleep better and reduce anxiety.

## How empty nesters can repurpose bedrooms in their homes

It can be bittersweet when adult children decide the time has come to move out of the family home. Parents perhaps get their first trial run of this scenario when their children go off to college or enlist in the military. Rooms are left empty, if only for a certain period of time. Eventually, those rooms will remain empty as adult children move out of the house for good.

Converting a child's bedroom into an area for adults may take some planning. It can

be exciting to regain space, but at the same time, it can be disheartening to convert a child's bedroom once and for all. When the time comes and homeowners are emotionally ready to tackle bedroom conversions, these tips can help the process go smoothly.

- Repurpose the space for them.** Give a childhood bedroom an adult spin without changing too much. If furniture is in good shape, replace the bedding, change the flooring, swap

out artwork, and remove "youthful" items like toys, trophies and other collectibles. When the child comes home to visit, he or she will still feel comfortable in the space.

- Create extra storage.** The bedroom can be transformed into a walk-in closet or dressing space. According to Houzz, many clients request this type of dressing room situation. There's a bonus if the

layout allows the space to connect to the owner's suite or bathroom. This is a major overhaul, so homeowners should enlist a professional contractor.

- Make a fitness center.** A bedroom can be turned into a home gym to make working out more convenient. Homeowners should take inventory of equipment they may have and then figure out where existing and new equipment will go. They

may need to consult a structural engineer to ensure that the flooring can bear the weight of additional equipment.

- Create a work space.** One of the best ways to transform adult children's bedrooms is to convert the spaces into home offices. Those who have been setting up "desks" at dining room tables or elsewhere may be excited about the prospects of finally having a private, dedicated space

to work from home.

- Turn it into a craft room.** The bedroom can be converted into a space to explore hobbies and various other interests. A dedicated craft space, a reading nook, a place to store photography equipment, or another function can serve as a useful way to repurpose an empty bedroom.

Empty nesters have many possibilities when it comes to converting their children's old bedrooms into adult spaces.

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# Spring HOME

## Signs it's time to repair or replace your deck

Spring is a season of rejuvenation that compels millions across the globe to quit hibernating and get back to enjoying the great outdoors. Spring also marks a great time to assess a home's exterior, namely those areas like a deck where people will spend a lot of time in the warmer months to come.

Assessing a deck after winter can be eye-opening. Harsh winter weather can take its toll on a deck, and the following are some telltale signs that a deck could be in need of repair or replacement.

- **Wobbly underfoot and in hand:** Wobbly planks and railings are one sign of a deteriorating deck homeowners won't recognize as they hide from winter weather indoors. But these tend to reveal themselves rather quickly when examining a deck after winter. Wobbly planks in the middle of the deck can be inconvenient, but wobbly steps and railings can be dangerous. According to the home improvement resource Angi, wobbly railings can be a byproduct of rot. A local decking professional can assess the extent of the rot in railings and elsewhere and determine the best course of action. If the rot is isolated to an area or two, a simple repair may be all that's necessary. Extensive rot may require a full replacement of the existing deck.
- **Faded paint:** Many homeowners paint their wood decks, and that paint will not last forever. Faded paint can turn an otherwise lovely deck into an eyesore, and paint can fade over the winter. Thankfully, a local painter

can address a faded deck and may recommend some additional strategies to safeguard the deck against fading next winter and beyond.

- **Holes in the wood:** Many a homeowner has encountered curious-looking holes in their deck. This could be a sign of insect infestation. Termites, carpenter ants and carpenter bees are among the various types of insects that can bore holes through wood. Homeowners who notice holes throughout their deck are urged to call a deck professional and/or pest control firm to assess the holes and offer a solution. Though small issues may be addressed with repairs, a deck littered with holes caused

by insects may need a full replacement.

- **Rust:** Wood decks may be made of wood, but they can still exhibit signs of rust, namely in the nails and metal connectors that hold the deck together. If screws have rusted to the point where they are no longer holding the deck together, a full-scale replacement could be in the cards, as the deck could have substantial structural damage. Like other issues that can reveal themselves during a springtime inspection of the deck, rust necessitates a thorough examination by an experienced decking professional.

Many people do not use their decks during winter, which only underscores the significance of a full deck inspection in spring.



## How to create an outdoor living retreat

Al fresco entertaining has taken off in recent years. It's much more common today to find homeowners who want to extend living spaces to the outdoors in meaningful ways that go beyond a few lawn chairs and a stand-alone grill. Dream backyard living rooms mirror similar spaces indoors and contain features like cozy corners, lush furniture and televisions or movie projectors. Plus, they often abut additional outdoor luxuries like fully functional kitchens.

Homeowners have various options when designing outdoor living spaces. Above all else, spaces should be created with the goal of encouraging people to get together. Here are some ideas.

### Poolside retreat

Homeowners with pools and other water features likely want this area to be the star of the entertaining space. Furniture will be more of the lounging variety, with comfortable chaises and spots to catch the sun. If a

swim-up bar isn't possible, a rolling bar cart can be stocked with essentials for cocktails or mocktails for the kids. Furniture near the pool will be exposed to a lot of sun, so look for durable, sun-resistant fabrics.

### Fireside nook

Gathering around an outdoor fireplace or fire pit is a treat when the weather cools down. Mirror the look of the same setup indoors by arranging outdoor sofas so they flank the fireplace. Add some ottomans or side tables for stowing mulled cider or hot chocolate. A mantel above the fireplace can hold pots of greenery or candles that add to the ambiance.

### Consider a custom banquette

Unused corners on a patio or rooftop retreat can utilize a custom-made banquette that provides the functionality of a sofa sectional outdoors. Have a contractor design it to the exact specifications of the area,

and add a rug to ground the space.

### Vary the flooring

Depending on the entertaining space, a balance of soft grass, pavers or other hardscape will be necessary. Certain areas will need to be hard enough for chairs and other furniture, particularly for those who are including an outdoor dining table in the design.

### Create some privacy

Some homeowners are lucky enough to have natural barriers that offer privacy in their entertaining spaces. When there isn't enough, tall shrubs, inexpensive bamboo fencing or trellis can provide a blind that makes an outdoor living area more cozy and private. Consider placing tall, potted plants on rolling casters to improve privacy as the need arises.

Outdoor living spaces are all the rage, and they can add value and functionality to most any home.



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# Spring HOME

## Features to consider for a relaxation-themed bathroom remodel

Homeowners want to view their homes as a respite from all that goes on outside their doors. Indeed, turning a home into a residents-only retreat can ensure everyone looks forward to walking through the front the door at the end of the day.

One of the more popular ways to turn a home into one's own personal retreat is to upgrade the bathroom. A renovated bathroom can completely transform how individuals feel about their homes. The following are some features to consider when

remodeling a bathroom with relaxation in mind.

• **Open shower:** An open shower is a visually stunning addition to any bathroom. Such showers give a bathroom a more open look, thanks in part to the fact that these modern features do not feature a door or require the use of a shower curtain. The result is a clean look that many people associate with a luxury hotel. When speaking with a contractor about an open shower install, homeowners can ask about a half-wall to safeguard against water splashing out of the shower. In addition, a heat lamp can

help ensure residents stay warm until they're ready to leave the bathroom.

• **Heated features:** Additional features to keep everyone calm and warm can be considered when upgrading the bathroom. Radiant flooring can ensure everyone's toes remain toasty, and the installation of such a feature can eliminate the need for floor mats and bath mats that some homeowners may not like. Commit further to the heat theme with a heated towel rack, which is another feature associated with luxury hotels that can be just as enjoyable at home.

• **Soaking tub:** An open shower creates an instant feeling of luxury, but few things are more suggestive of relaxation than a soaking tub. A long day at school or the office or a day when winter winds are howling outside is made much better with a good a soak. The National Kitchen & Bath Association notes that luxury bathrooms featuring soaking tubs are wildly popular, and that coveted status is undoubtedly due to the relaxing benefits of a good soak.

• **Skylight:** Even if the goal of a luxury bathroom is to leave the outside world outside, allowing

some natural light inside is a great way to add a little extra calm to the room. Floor-to-ceiling windows may seem appealing in brochures or advertisements, but such features do not create the sense of privacy many people prefer in their bathrooms. One or two skylights can create that sense of privacy and still allow for natural light to enter the room, making this an option that provides the best of both worlds.

These features and more can help homeowners transform their bathrooms into luxurious, relaxing respites from the outside world.



While home buyers typically take their time to examine each room and space inside and outside a home before making an offer, the real estate experts at Trulia note that two rooms in particular seem to merit the closest inspection among prospective buyers. Kitchens and the bathroom in an owner's suite can dramatically increase

the value of a home. Trulia recommends that homeowners consider their neighborhood and identify their target buyers prior to beginning a kitchen or owner's suite renovation, as such variables can provide direction and inspiration when refurbishing these widely valued areas in a home.



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# Choosing the best decking material

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and that notion is as true when renovating a home as it is when studying a piece of art. Therefore, when homeowners are looking for the best building materials for their home remodels — including backyard decks — their own personal preferences may ultimately dictate the direction they go.

Deck boards and railings can be made from a diverse array of materials, including traditional hardwood, plastic and composite materials. Here's a deep look into some of the more popular decking materials so homeowners can make informed decisions when contracting with a decking professional for the build.

## Hardwood, softwood or pressure-treated wood

In the not-so-distant past, decks were primarily built using some type of wood. Wood is widely available and fairly cost-effective. However, as anyone with a wood deck knows, wood requires frequent upkeep and it can be susceptible to rotting or insect damage. Wood decks also may splinter and deteriorate when exposed to the elements or pool water. Pressure-treated boards are infused with chemicals to help them endure, but that does not make them impervious to wear. Still, the traditional look of a wood deck remains appealing to many homeowners.

## Composite

Composite decking materials are made from a blend of recycled plastic and wood fibers. Since there is so much recycled content, composite decks attract those who are concerned about the environment and

sustainability. Composite decking comes in uncapped and capped varieties. The capped version has an extra layer of protective capping made from high-performance polymers, says TimberTech, a decking and outdoor furniture provider. While composite decks may have similar up-front costs to wood, they will require less maintenance over the years, but they must be scrubbed to avoid mildew growth.

## Plastic

Decks made of polyvinyl chloride, polypropylene or high density polyethylene (HDPE) are collectively referred to as PVC decks. They are made entirely from environmentally safe plastic with no wood in the mix at all. PVC decks are more durable than composite and can last a lifetime. All PVC decks need is occasional cleaning. A potential disadvantage to PVC is it doesn't always look, sound or feel like wood. Also, complex fastening systems can make the boards move as the temperature changes, resulting in squeaking as people walk on the deck. Generally, PVC is more expensive than wood or composite, but that investment

may be worth it for those who never want to worry about deck repair or replacement.

This Old House says there is another plastic decking material made from polystyrene. It is stiff, strong and light, and with the brand Eon, the nonslip surface becomes less slippery when wet so it may be great around pools.

## Aluminum

Aluminum may not be as popular as other decking materials, but it is lighter and stronger than wood, composite, and plastic. Aluminum also is resistant to mold, weather and insects, and it can be recycled. An aluminum deck will last for years, which is why it is one of the more costly decking materials.

Homeowners have many choices when picking materials for their decks. If they want a traditional look and moderate cost, wood may be the way to go. Those concerned about looks and durability may like composite. People who want very durable and long-lasting may want to give strong consideration to plastic or aluminum materials.



# Give your living room a new vibe



An "out with the old, in with the new" mentality can extend to people's visions for their homes. A home in need of repair or renovation can serve as a catalyst to take inventory of personal style and help make interior spaces reflect one's unique vibe.

A living room can grow stale over time and often serves as a catch-call for clothing, blankets, gadgets, and other items. Upon recognizing a living room has seen better days, individuals may decide it's time to give the space a new vibe. That transformation can start with these strategies.

## Organize first

Clutter frequently is the culprit behind a living room that may not give off the vibe individuals desire. As families grow and people add belongings, space may be at a premium. Less is more has never been a more important concept. Remove extraneous items before purchasing new furniture or transitioning to a new design. You may even want to remove everything and start from scratch before reintroducing desirable elements to the space.

## Seek the assistance of professionals

Some people are adept at decorating and designing spaces. But just as you wouldn't perform your own medical procedures, you should leave jobs like interior

design and renovations to the professionals. Hiring a professional interior designer and contractors can really bring a living room together in ways homeowners may have never imagined. These pros can build off of your ideas and truly create a space that may be worthy of a magazine spread.

## Promote wellness

You may want to consider adding natural materials in the design to promote well-being. Eco-friendly furnishings, raw fibers and organic textures will create an environment from sustainable choices. Plenty of plants also can create a welcoming environment that helps you surround yourself with positive energy and the items you love.

## Light it up

One of the easiest ways to transform a room's vibe is to utilize lighting. Change draperies to allow more natural light to shine in. Consider additional windows or skylights if yours is a particularly dark home. If you desire to create a more vivid or cozy ambiance, use a combination of accent, task and supplemental lighting in the space so there are no dim corners.

## Create an industrial or urban vibe

Industrial-chic design celebrates the bones of a building. It's what makes city lofts so appealing, with

their exposed beams and brick. Even those who live in suburbia or out in the country can give a living room this look with subtle nods to the style. Unadorned windows, clean lines on furniture, oversized, gallery-style art, and metal accents can add touches of this popular look to your home.

Revamping a living room doesn't have to be difficult. With an idea in place and some professional touches, an entirely new vibe can be achieved.

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