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THE SAFARI REPORT

YOUR GUIDE TO

Erie Real Estate

INSIDE:

DIY Charging Stations

Easy ways to combat cord clutter while adding to your decor.

IKEA Yourself

Go from big box to custom design with these IKEA entertainment center hacks.

What's New with Real Estate?

At the time of this writing, the final results of the US Presidential election are still pending. Regardless of the victor, history tells us the outcome is unlikely to affect the housing market. It is typically not politics that sway housing, rather it's macro financial dynamics, socio-economic shifts, and family dynamics. It is true that deregulation of financial institutions was part of the environment that led to risky lending practices in the early 2000s, which resulted in the housing crash, but most of those missteps were rectified and are federally codified, so it's unlikely we will see a repeat.

The largest issue for prospective homeowners today is not interest rates (record lows again!?!) or even average incomes, rather it's a combination of too few homes for ever-expanding household formation. In addition, there is a barrier to entry at lower price ranges in many markets because of service industry job losses and pay cuts. We have seen lenders tightening their criteria for mortgages, and with some lenders, the institution of prohibitions on home equity lines of credit.

Looking at the big picture, it's not politics or politicians that are affecting housing — it is COVID and the financial upheaval that has accompanied this pandemic. And ironically, it's during the pandemic that we in the Front Range are experiencing the most robust and active real estate markets of our lifetimes. What will 2021 bring us? We'd be happy to discuss your real estate plans for the upcoming year at any time, but regardless, we hope the holidays and the new year are a time of peace and joy for you and your loved ones!



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DIY CHARGING STATIONS

fourgenerationsoneroof.com/diy-cell-phone-charging-station



LETTER ORGANIZER With a few adjustments your standard letter organizer can become a handy and customizable station.

fstoppers.com/diy/build-epic-diy-charging-station-your-gear-183414



TOOLBOX If you want to keep everything neat and portable, a toolbox charging station is for you.

custommade.com/charging-shelf/by/peterturner



SHELF Put a shelf on the wall where it is most convenient for you. Add slots or a drawer to hide the cords.

Whatever you choose, be sure you have plenty of USB-A and USB-C ports built in to it so you don't need an additional adapter, further cutting down on the clutter.

IKEA Yourself

Create your own DIY entertainment center you and your family can enjoy while sipping hot chocolate and binging on your favorite shows.



Modern IKEA Hacks — dkorinteriors.com



BESTA ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS Multiple BESTA frames with custom doors and finishing creates a space with multiple purposes, or a simpler floating center. dkorinteriors.com/modern-ikea-hacks-remodeling-project

[Barn Door Entertainment Center — mycreativehappy.com](http://mycreativehappy.com)



BARN DOOR PROJECT IKEA BORGSSJO bookshelves with glass doors, a BORGSSJO TV unit, DIY barn doors and frame allows you to hide or display your TV as you wish. mycreativehappy.com/ikea-hack-barn-door-entertainment-center

[moody makeover of this popular IKEA TV cabinet — ikeahackers.net](http://ikeahackers.net)



CONVERTED IKEA TV CABINET Hairpin legs attached to a BESTA TV bench, plus some paint in your choice of color, makes this the simplest project of the bunch. ikeahackers.net/2018/11/ikea-tv-cabinet-mcm-update.html



[DIY an affordable IKEA entertainment wall — ikeahackers.net](http://ikeahackers.net)



BUILT-IN ENTERTAINMENT WALL A pair of BRIMNES bookcases and glass doors, with a BRIMNES 70" TV Unit, DIY frame and false wall create a custom look. ikeahackers.net/2019/09/entertainment-wall-ikea-brimnes.html