

HOME DECOR & MORE



Hints for Interior Upgrades



Now is the time for planning interior upgrades.. Money's Worth on Jennifer Drive in Bible Hill. carries a variety of bathroom vanities and accessories.

By Debbie Brown

Fall is a time for getting the home ready for winter. There are a lot of helpful tips that save time, money and help to spruce up the place.

Entryway - when finished using plastic place mats on the table, they may be used for muddy boots in the entryway. You may find them are the right size and easier to handle than a mat.

Pictures - For hanging small pictures rather than using wire, use clean dental floss. If the picture seems to tilt from side to side place masking tape on each side of the middle point of the wire or floss. A dab of hot glue at the bottom of the frame will keep the picture out from the wall and help to balance.

Message Board- An old cookie sheet covered with brightly colored Mac Tac or a colour that coordinates with your décor can be used as a message board. Cover the cookie sheet and add colourful magnets. Also there is an opportunity for themes, perhaps your backing is pictures of cats and the magnets are cats too.

Ice Cube Trays - Old ice cube trays have lots of uses: separating

jewelry, rings, earrings etc., separating screws, mixing paints, and organizing craft supplies. These may come in handy for cleaning the junk drawer.

Extra Space - Use the drawers from plastic storage units for under the bed. These can be especially useful for children's toys. They help to keep things organized and hidden too. Decorate with fun labels or their names.

Animal House - Find interesting window boxes or long plant hangers to hold stuffed animals and plush toys. Place on the wall so that the presentation is interesting to look at and also gives the stuffed toys a place off the floor.

Pot Lids - No place for the lids. If your pot lids have knobs, you can purchase towel racks (test the distance between the wall of your cabinet door and towel rack to ensure the pot knob will hold the lid up) that keep the lids organized on a cabinet door.

Old Dresser, New Use - Use the dressers top drawer and take out the bottom drawers. Fit the bottom space with uniform square baskets that fit the space and give the item a new look. Baskets help to separate and organize the space below the drawers.

Kitchen Aid - Need a colander? Place holes in an aluminum pie plate. Also you can place silverware in the bottom of an aluminum pie plate, cover with baking soda and hot water. An easy way to shine the silver.

Soft Brushes - A few drops of fabric softener and warm water can keep your brushes ready for the next job. After painting, with (latex paint), wash the paint off and then dip and swish in the fabric softener solution. Dry with cloth.

Slim Vase - Those hard to reach areas can make cleaning difficult. Put a tablespoon of rice, a drop of dish soap and a quarter cup of water. Swish around, then dump out the mixture. Rinse.

Flower Power - Freshen up the faux flowers. Place in a paper bag with a quarter cup of salt. Close the bag at top and give it a few shakes to loosen the dust.

Search & Rescue Plans New Building

By Maurice Rees

Colchester Ground Search & Rescue is planning to triple the size of its current building on Ventura Drive, Debert by adding a 60' by 60' four bay addition according to Graham Long. Long appeared before council at the August 7th presentation meeting to explain the plans and follow up on their request submitted prior to council setting the 2018/19 budget.

During the budgeting process council asked for more information and indi-



cated when received, consideration would be given to fulfilling the request for the current budget period. During his presentation, Long explained most of the unit's equipment must be stored outdoors for lack of room in the fixed roof

facility.

The volunteer Colchester unit is reported to be one of the best in the province and is frequently called to participate in searches throughout the province.

When going to other areas they are able to recover costs from other jurisdictions. Volunteers must pay for their own apparel and equipment and that is not a problem.

However, Long stated the main problem is volunteers spend far too much time on fundraising, rather than training. To meet their needs a new building will cost approximately \$300,000 and it is hoped within a year they will have been able to have \$100,000 in a building fund. At that point they would proceed with initiatives for additional grants and conventional financing.

To date they have approximately \$50,000 in the building fund. In their request to council during the budgeting process, Colchester Ground Search and Rescue asked council to increase its annual allocation from \$23,500 to \$35,000. A letter dated May 9th indi-

cated council would require confirmation of certain details prior to making a final decision, suggesting it would apply to the current budget year.

At council committee meeting on August 9th on a motion by Councillor Karen MacKenzie, council agreed to recommend to council for the August 30th meeting, the annual financial allocation be increased from \$23,500 to \$35,000.

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