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REAL ESTATE, RATES AND RECIPES

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Service With an Old-Fashioned Touch

4 Easy, Inexpensive Ways to Add Value and Comfort to Your Home

When the market's tight, you want to be selective about the projects you undertake and the return you expect.

Curb Appeal

Buyers often decide whether to look at your house before they even get out of the car. Washing windows, repainting trim, planting flowers and small shrubs, trimming tree branches and overgrown bushes, fixing screens, resealing your driveway, and mowing the lawn can make a big difference.

Does Your Entryway Invite People In?

For a cozy first impression, try adding a wicker chair and table outside the door, along with a fresh coat of paint to your foyer. For even more impact, replace old light fixtures and update the floor in your entryway with a throw rug or easy-to-apply self-adhesive linoleum squares. These projects are inexpensive and easy enough to do yourself in just a few hours.



Spiff Up that Old Bathroom

Start by simply de-cluttering the countertop. From there, you can freshen up the paint, replace that old shower curtain, add a new medicine cabinet on the wall, and even upgrade your faucet and shower head for very little money. For a little more, you can also install a double sink or re-tile the floor.

Hot in the Kitchen

Renovating an outdated kitchen is practically a sure thing. Focus on the basics: replacing the handles on your cabinets and drawers, freshening up the paint, installing new flooring, adding a backsplash, and painting or re-facing your existing cabinets. You can also make a dramatic impact by installing new countertops and even replacing your appliances. All of these projects will go a long way to making a new buyer feel at home.

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Average Mortgage Rates

(Source: FHLMC "Freddie Mac" www.freddiemac.com)

Jul 24, 2008	30-yr	15-yr	5/1-yr ARM	1-yr ARM
Average Rates:	6.63%	6.18%	6.16%	5.49%
Fees & Points:	.6	.6	.7	.5

Kool-Aid Sherbet!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 (.13 ounce) envelope unsweetened orange soft drink mix or flavor of your choice
- 3 cups milk

DIRECTIONS

- In a bowl, stir sugar, soft drink mix and milk until sugar is dissolved. Pour into a shallow freezer container; cover and freeze for 1 hour or until slightly thickened. Transfer to a mixing bowl, beat until smooth. Return to freezer container; cover and freeze until firm. Remove from the freezer 20 minutes before serving.

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