

Improving Your Investment

M. Lee Raia, Owner, Real Estate Styling®, LLC, offered the following suggestions for simple, affordable updates:

1) To add value and style to your home's interior:

Consider updating your home's hardware and lighting for a fresh new look. Options include oil-rubbed bronze, copper or brushed nickel, as the newest/best-selling finishes. The project can be handled as one or broken down into several smaller projects. Areas to consider include kitchen cabinetry, bathroom fixtures, as well as, door knobs and lighting throughout the home.

2) To add value and style to home's exterior:

Enhance your home's appearance via exterior lighting. One can create visual interest by highlighting porches, walkways and landscaping using a coordinated mix of fixtures and techniques. A first step can be as simple as spotlighting a single tree.

3) The number one option for improving your home on a budget is Paint:

Two fresh coats of a quality paint create the backdrop for everything else that goes into the home. If one is considering selling in the near future, a carefully chosen neutral would be the marketable choice. When using a neutral, the key is to select a shade that both coordinates with and enhances your home's flooring and cabinetry.