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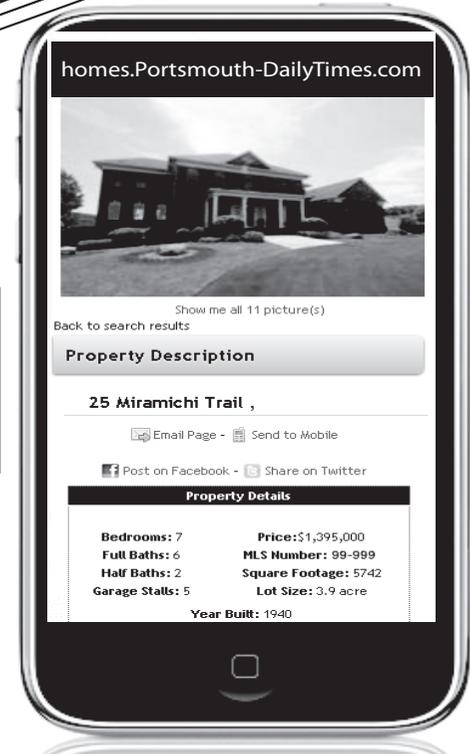
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1507 Summit Street, Portsmouth

2 story, 10 unit, 2 bedroom apartments, fully occupied & some long-term tenants. 4 unit, 2 bedroom apartments, fully occupied. Extra fenced lot. Older 2 story duplex at 1523 Summit St. with detached garage.



\$399,900

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Home is where the heart is!
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1315 6TH Street, Wheelersburg

Very nice property with land in Wheelersburg! Replacement windows, upgraded kitchen & bath in 2007, Amana furnace & CA, 2 car detached garage, 32x32 building / garage with cellar & loft.



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Portsmouth



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3283 Chateau
Portsmouth



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Newly refinished hardwood floors throughout, updated kitchen, new light fixtures! Amazing front porch, brick craftsman style!

\$299,000
1829 Franklin Blvd.
Portsmouth



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Unique neighborhood! This Tudor style home is nestled on a tree lined brick street, offering 2 master bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 half baths, den & a nice corner lot.

\$239,000
1832 Franklin Blvd
Portsmouth



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Spectacular hilltop property! Updates galore throughout w/ no expense spared. Hardwood floors in main living areas. Custom built-ins throughout.

\$229,000
3202 Seneca Dr.
Portsmouth



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Beautifully refinished hardwood flooring and many updates! New roof, heating and cooling, and rewired. Fantastic natural light in all rooms!

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2424 Elmwood Drive
Portsmouth



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Are you searching for an updated home convenient to SOMC? The extensive updates in this 3 bedroom 1.5 bath mean less work for you.

\$129,000
1031 Coles Boulevard
Portsmouth



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Walking distance of SOMC hospital! This home offers a double lot in the hilltop area of Portsmouth. This home offers three bedrooms and three full baths.

\$124,900
2133 Elmwood
Portsmouth



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Stately family home with tons of curb appeal! 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room on main level and lower level family room gives everyone room to spread out!

\$120,000
1156 Kent Street
Portsmouth



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Walking distance to SOMC. Bi-level w/ 3 bedrooms & 2.5 baths. Kitchen with plenty of cabinets & center island. 2-car attached garage with openers.

\$118,000
2315 Micklethwaite Rd.
Portsmouth



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3 bedroom, 2 bath raised ranch with hardwood flooring. Eat-in kitchen, nice size living room and partially finished basement with family room.

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2401 Elmwood
Portsmouth



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Cape Cod in a nice neighborhood in Portsmouths hilltop! Living room features fireplace and plenty of natural light, formal dining room, kitchen opens to the large back deck.

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3029 North Hill Road
Portsmouth



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LOOKING FOR RETURN ON INVESTMENT? Known locally as The Captains Quarters this beautifully restored home was constructed in 1843.

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529 6th
Portsmouth



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Are you looking for an updated home close to the Life Center? This 3 bedroom, 1.5 bathroom home is within walking distance of the Life Center.

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1409 17th Street
Portsmouth



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Attention Investors! 2 bedroom home near SOMC and US 52 w/ many possibilities! Off street parking, detached storage building / garage and nice landscaping in front.

\$40,000
1659 Highland Avenue
Portsmouth



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Large brick family home on a 82 acres. 5 bedrooms, 2 full baths, attached garage and carport. Land is rolling with a barn, pasture and crop land. Lots of possibilities.

\$349,000
1779 Disterdick
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Fantastic 3 bedroom, 3 bath home located in Valley School District! Huge 3/4 acre lot, 2 car garage, and lots of curb appeal!

\$179,000
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Lucasville



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A-frame log sided home located in a country setting. Living room features a beautiful gas logs stone fireplace and beautiful tongue and groove cathedral ceiling.

\$157,500
2525 Flatwood
Fallen Timber Rd
Lucasville



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BEAUTIFUL OLD FARM HOUSE WITH ORIGINAL WOOD WORK! Step inside this 4 BR, 2 BA home and you will be pleased to find new appliances and carpeting.

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379 Bennett Road
Minford



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Conveniently located 3-4 bedroom home with over an acre lot! Spacious eat-in kitchen walks out to deck which overlooks yard. Walk-out basement with patio space, ample parking, and storage shed.

\$139,000
7824 State Route
139
Minford



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Rare find in the city over 1.5 acres, brick home with generous size rooms and finished attic. 2 car attached garage and lots of potential.

\$129,000
2120 Scioto Trail
Portsmouth



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Move-in ready 3 bedroom home with finished attic. Living room and dining room have beautiful bamboo flooring, updated kitchen and bath.

\$119,000
2312 Micklethwaite
Portsmouth



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All brick raised ranch on 2/3 acre offers privacy in city. The huge living rm has plenty of room for a lg dining area just off eat-in kitchen.

\$108,000
2635 Gilbert Ave.
Portsmouth



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Are you looking for a home in Minford School district conveniently located to Portsmouth? Check out this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home situated on more than half an acre!

\$149,000
2842 State Route
335
Portsmouth



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Reduced! Multi-family property features both a 2 story & a 1 story house providing 4 rental units. 2 story has two 2 bedroom apartments & an upstairs efficiency apartment.

\$89,900
1401 Findlay St.
Portsmouth



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Diamond in the Rough! This large brick home on over 11 acres is awaiting your finishing touches! Completely unfinished on the inside and offers many possibilities!

\$149,000
512 Highland Bend
Road
Sciotoville



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AFFORDABLE! 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths brick ranch style home located in Porter Township.

\$79,000
301 Conroy
Sciotoville



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Charming tri-level located in a country setting on 1.69 acres. Vinyl siding, newer roof, 3 bedrooms & 2 baths. Many updates & improvements. 2 car attached garage.

\$124,900
80 Newman Hollow
Rd.
Waverly



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1 story home on over 6 acres. Very private and great for hunting. Located in Pike County.

\$69,000
2693 Happy Hollow
Piketon



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Are you looking for a high visibility location for your business? Look no further than this large commercial building with over 2,000 square feet of space.

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NEARLY NEW! This 3 BD, 2.5 BA Schumacher home features open concept kitchen, breakfast area, and living room and large master suite with walk-in closet and jetted tub.

\$259,000
44 Shenandoah
Court
Portsmouth



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POOL

Wonderful 4 bedroom brick and vinyl home located in Feurt Hill Estates! 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Kitchen offers quartz countertops, granite sink & SS appliances.

\$239,000
1239 Bierly Rd.
Portsmouth



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BRICK

Lovely brick 1-story home with open floor plan and cathedral ceiling. Situated on a 1 acre corner lot in Feurt Hill Estates. Gas logs fireplace.

\$219,500
15 Eagle Creek
Portsmouth



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BRICK

Touched by Tradition! Timeless all brick colonial situated on a level lot in the heart of Wheelersburg! This home has been repainted, new wood blinds & updated kitchen.

\$279,900
10970 Gallia
Wheelersburg



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MUST SEE

Spacious Cape Cod situated on corner lot in great neighborhood next to Wheelersburg Little League fields. Master BR, bath & laundry on 1st floor.

\$179,000
14 Blake St.
Wheelersburg



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LOG HOME

HUNTERS RETREAT! 2 cabins on 42 acres with barn, fencing, and detached garage! Endless possibilities for this property!

\$149,000
999 Salters Creek
Wheelersburg



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RIVERFRONT

RIVERFRONT! Charming single story cottage w/ great river views situated on a large wooded lot. Enjoy quiet seclusion as well as updated kitchen cabinetry & spacious bedrooms.

\$129,000
739 Meadows Lane
Wheelersburg



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GREAT LOCATION

Completely updated ranch! This home has new vinyl siding new roof new mechanicals two new bathrooms kitchen has been updated with new appliances.

\$119,900
8378 Green
Wheelersburg



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4 BEDROOMS

Charming farmhouse style home full of character conveniently located between S. Webster and Wheelersburg! Home features gas log fireplace in dining room, updated cabinetry.

\$89,900
5886 State Route
140
Wheelersburg



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GREAT PRICE

REDUCED! Charming cottage w/ vinyl siding & 1-car detached garage w/ storage room. Situated on a level corner lot located in a nice neighborhood just off Dogwood Ridge.

\$58,500
1202 Charlevoix
Wheelersburg



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COUNTRY LIVING

GORGEOUS PROPERTY!! This property offers the best views, overlooking a stocked pond, hillsides of color. This property is extremely well maintained.

\$500,000
1303 Poplar Fork
Franklin Furnace



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COUNTRY COUNTRY

PRIVATE OASIS! This 5 bedroom 3.5 bath home situated on 2 acres is the perfect retreat from your busy schedule! Home offers beautiful views of the surrounding hillside.

\$299,000
20178 State Route
73
McDermott



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GREAT LOCATION

Are you looking for a great neighborhood on a dead end street with a rural setting yet close to town? This 3 bed, bath home offers a large living/dining room & family room.

\$121,000
224 Pine Hill Rd.
West Ports



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UPDATED

Remodeled home and move-in condition. Spacious open living room and dining room. Kitchen has new cabinets and countertops. 2 bedrooms.

\$69,900
184 4th St.
Friendship



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POOL

1 story all brick 2,480 sq ft ranch with large, flat lot located near the Shawnee Marina and Golf Course! Palladium windows at entry, formal dining room and eat-in kitchen.

\$299,900
230 South Nile Lane
Stout



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5 smart upgrades for the most-used rooms in your home

(BPT) - Kitchens, bathrooms and bedrooms are typically the rooms in any home that get the most use, which could also be why homeowners, when surveyed, consistently cite those rooms as the ones they most want to renovate. It makes perfect sense to upgrade the rooms where you spend the most time, but in high-traffic areas, you can't afford to make changes just for the sake of cosmetics. You want improvements that can enhance your enjoyment of a room and its functionality.

Here are five smart improvements to make in the rooms users of Ranker.com voted as the most popular ones in their homes: kitchens, living rooms, bedrooms, bathrooms and game rooms.

1. Add natural light

Most rooms in the home look better and are more functional in natural light, and more daylight can help reduce the need for artificial light. What's more, there's no arguing the positive mental and physical health effects of natural light. Daylight stimulates the body to produce Vitamin D and boosts brain levels of serotonin, which is thought to be associated with positive moods.

Adding skylights is a practical, cost-effective and attractive way to bring more natural light into virtually any room. Remote-controlled, solar-powered fresh-air skylights from Velux America provide not just natural light, but passive ventilation, a real plus in kitchens and baths. Adding solar powered blinds, in designer colors and patterns, increases energy efficiency while giving you total control over the amount of sunlight entering a room



Metro photo
Solar powered fresh air skylights with energy efficient designer blinds in the kitchen can save valuable wall space for storage while providing natural light, passive ventilation and style. Solar powered skylights and blinds, along with installation costs, are eligible for a 30 percent federal tax credit.

through the skylight.

In kitchens, Energy Star-qualified fresh air skylights increase natural light and ventilation without requiring any loss of wall space you could better use for cabinetry. In bathrooms, they provide the perfect combination of privacy and healthful natural light and ventilation.

If you already have older glass or plastic bubble skylights, you can upgrade to the latest solar powered models, plus solar blinds, and receive a 30 percent federal tax credit on the products as well as installation costs. You can even bring more natural light into rooms or areas without direct roof access, like half-baths, closets and hallways, with Sun

Tunnel tubular skylights. Visit www.whyskylights.com to learn more.

2. Add organization/storage

Clutter and chaos not only make a room function less efficiently, it can impact your mood as well. Adding organization and storage to rooms where clutter typically collects - such as bedrooms, living rooms and game rooms - is an easy, cost-effective way to improve the function of the room and how you feel about spending time in it.

In bedrooms, maximize closet space by installing organization units. A variety of manufacturers offer ready-made units you can install yourself. Or, for a bit more investment,

you can have a professional closet organizer custom-make a unit to fit your space and needs. In living rooms and game rooms, built-in shelving and cabinetry is a functional and beautiful way to improve organization.

3. Improve ventilation

Air flow is critical to the health of your home and everyone who lives in it. Ventilation in kitchens and bathrooms carries away excess moisture that can cause mold and mildew, and creates a fresher, more healthful environment by exhausting stale indoor air.

Bathrooms should be equipped with exhaust fans, and kitchen hoods should vent to the exterior of your home

whenever possible. You can further improve ventilation by installing Energy Star-qualified, solar-powered fresh-air skylights, like those made by Velux. Because these skylights open, they provide passive ventilation to allow stale indoor air to escape and admit fresh air. A sensor operates a motor to close the skylights automatically in case of rain.

4. Replace older, inefficient fixtures and appliances

Fixtures and appliances are key elements of kitchens and bathrooms. Older ones not only look dated and shabby, they can cost you money because they use more electricity and water than newer, more efficient models.

Replacing old faucets, shower heads, dishwashers and washing machines with newer models that use less water can reduce your water bill and give kitchens and bathrooms a whole new look. Energy Star-qualified appliances such as stoves, clothes dryers, refrigerators and washers also use less electricity than older appliances, so you can also lower your energy bills.

5. Freshen the foundations

Every room benefits from a good foundation, and that doesn't just mean sturdy flooring. Wall color, flooring materials and trim are fundamental elements in any room. Simply repainting walls and woodwork can completely change the way any room looks. Or, if you like the colors you have, a fresh coat in the same color will make the room look brighter and newer. Replacing worn carpeting or dated tiles, or refinishing a hardwood floor are also great ways to improve the foundations of any room.

The quick guide to home financing

(BPT) - It's an all too familiar monthly event: you write out a rent check and wait for the funds to disappear from your bank account. But what if instead of making endless payments on something you don't own, you could own a home of your own? When you finance a home purchase with a mortgage, you build equity and increase your percentage of home ownership with each payment made.

"Homeownership may sound like a big step, but it's not as out of reach as you might think," says Eric Hamilton, President of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance.

Vanderbilt Mortgage offers these tips to home financing to help you realize a place of your very own:

Assess your financial situation

Before you even begin to look at homes, you should know what you can afford. Consider your debt-to-income ratio which is your monthly income com-

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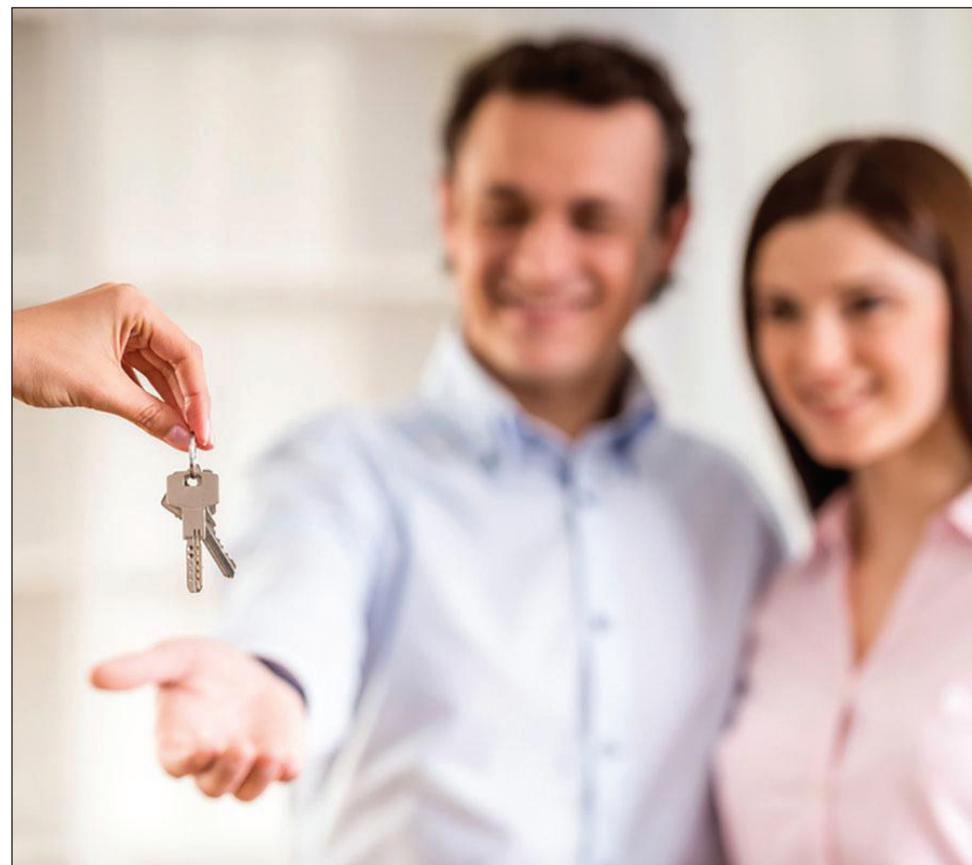
— Eric Hamilton

President of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance

pared to your total monthly bills. After figuring your ratio you will have a better idea as to what you can afford for a mortgage payment. To determine what your monthly mortgage payment might be, use an online mortgage calculator.

Budget and save

Financing a home begins with budgeting to ensure you have an appropriate down payment. Be sure to set a realistic goal and use the idea of your future home as an incentive to stick to it. You can set up a savings plan, evaluate your current spending, and consider earning extra income to help reach your sav-



ings goal. Don't forget to celebrate your achievements along the way toward reaching your goal!

Maintain your credit

There are a number of ways you can build your credit, ranging from opening a checking or savings account to paying all of your bills on time. Getting a secured credit card can also help to build your credit. Be sure to monitor how often you use the credit card and how much you spend so as not to create revolving credit debt. Try to minimize your outstanding debt and keep existing debts in check.

Apply for a loan

Know ahead of time what information and documents you'll need to complete a home loan application to help make the application experience as easy as possible. Documents needed may include: proof of income, employment information from the past two years, state-issued identification, proof of residency, and your social security card. Brush up on home loan terms so you can be knowledgeable throughout the process.

Stay on track with your payments

After you have moved into your dream

home, be sure to make your mortgage payments in full and on time. If you can, plan an optional early mortgage payoff by making additional payments toward your principal balance each month.

Care for your home

The financial responsibility of owning a home is just the beginning. You worked hard to finally get to this point, so why not keep your home in top shape? Create a home maintenance checklist and make a point to regularly go through it. Keep track of routine items like checking HVAC filters, cleaning the sink disposal and cleaning out the gutters.

Follow this guide to fulfill your dream of owning a home. For more information on home financing, visit vmfhomeloan.com.

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Homeowners liable for snow, ice control

(BPT) - During the winter months, it's common to see shopping centers and business owners out and about clearing snow and ice from pathways, parking spaces and entrances. But this isn't just good business to help customers get in the door - it's also a liability issue should someone slip and fall and injure themselves. Homeowners, too, face similar, albeit more limited, liability if they fail to take adequate steps to remove such slippery hazards from their property.

Generally speaking, homeowners are responsible for limiting dangers on their property, but in some cases, this can also extend to public sidewalks abutting your home. In some localities, governments also require homeowners clear snow and ice or face fines. A regional survey of county and municipal agencies conducted by the Salt Institute found 83 percent have written policies directing property owners to remove accumulated snow and ice "within 24 hours of the end of the snowstorm." Penalties for property own-

ers not complying can range from nominal tickets, to misdemeanors punishable by up to 90 days in jail, to fines of up to \$500.

Shoveling snow is simple, but ice removal is another matter, and nothing works better to remove or prevent ice from forming than salt. Salt lowers water's freezing point, the temperature at which it changes from a liquid to a solid and vice versa. The most effective way to use salt is to melt the snow or ice that is right at the pavement. If you can do this, then you will find it much easier to shovel the snow or ice from the sidewalk. This process, preventing water from freezing in the first place, is called anti-icing. It is best achieved by putting salt (or some other anti-icing material) down on the sidewalk when a freeze or a snowfall is expected. In contrast, melting water already frozen is called deicing and in this case salt is applied once ice appears. It still works, but is less efficient than anti-icing.

Commercially available anti-icing materials include salt (sodium chloride), calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, potassium acetate and calcium magnesium acetate. Each has its advantages and disadvantages but salt remains the best choice for use at temperatures above 15 degrees Fahrenheit (-9.4 degrees Celsius). For extremely low temperatures, look for a mixture using calcium or magnesium chloride instead.

Laws regarding snow and ice clearing vary by state and from locality to locality, but most mandate some action must be taken within a reasonable time period (often 24 hours) after it stops snowing. For example, the Illinois Snow and Ice Removal Act states that any owner who "removes or attempts to remove snow or ice from sidewalks abutting the property shall not be liable for any personal injuries allegedly caused by the snowy or icy condition of the sidewalk resulting from his or her acts or omissions unless the alleged misconduct was willful or



wanton."

The dangers from slips and falls should not be taken lightly, especially for the elderly. Each year thousands are rushed to emergency rooms as a result of icy falls with injuries that could have easily been prevented. One enterprising hospital, St. Vincent's in Indianapolis, Indiana even decided to give away road salt to local residents to try and prevent such injuries and the resulting emergency room visits. In the end, the person who is most likely to slip and fall is the homeowner themselves.

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8 homeowner dilemmas solved with 1 simple fix

(BPT) - Unless you are the latest lottery winner or Queen of England (thank you for reading, your Majesty), you try to make your home improvements really count, and sometimes have to choose one upgrade over another. What if we told you there is a rather quick improvement that will take care of eight issues around the house, all at once?

Now sit back, read along and see how many of these common problems apply to you. If there are some you haven't considered before - rejoice - there is your bonus! We'll then reveal the one simple fix.

Your savings, or lack of thereof

With bright sun comes warmth, which can be very welcome during the cold winter months. But in the summer it can wreak havoc on your AC. Do you feel like you want to cry a little (or a lot) every time your energy bill comes? Surely you have better ideas for spending that money. This solution can help you lower those pesky bills and fill that piggy bank.

Your privacy

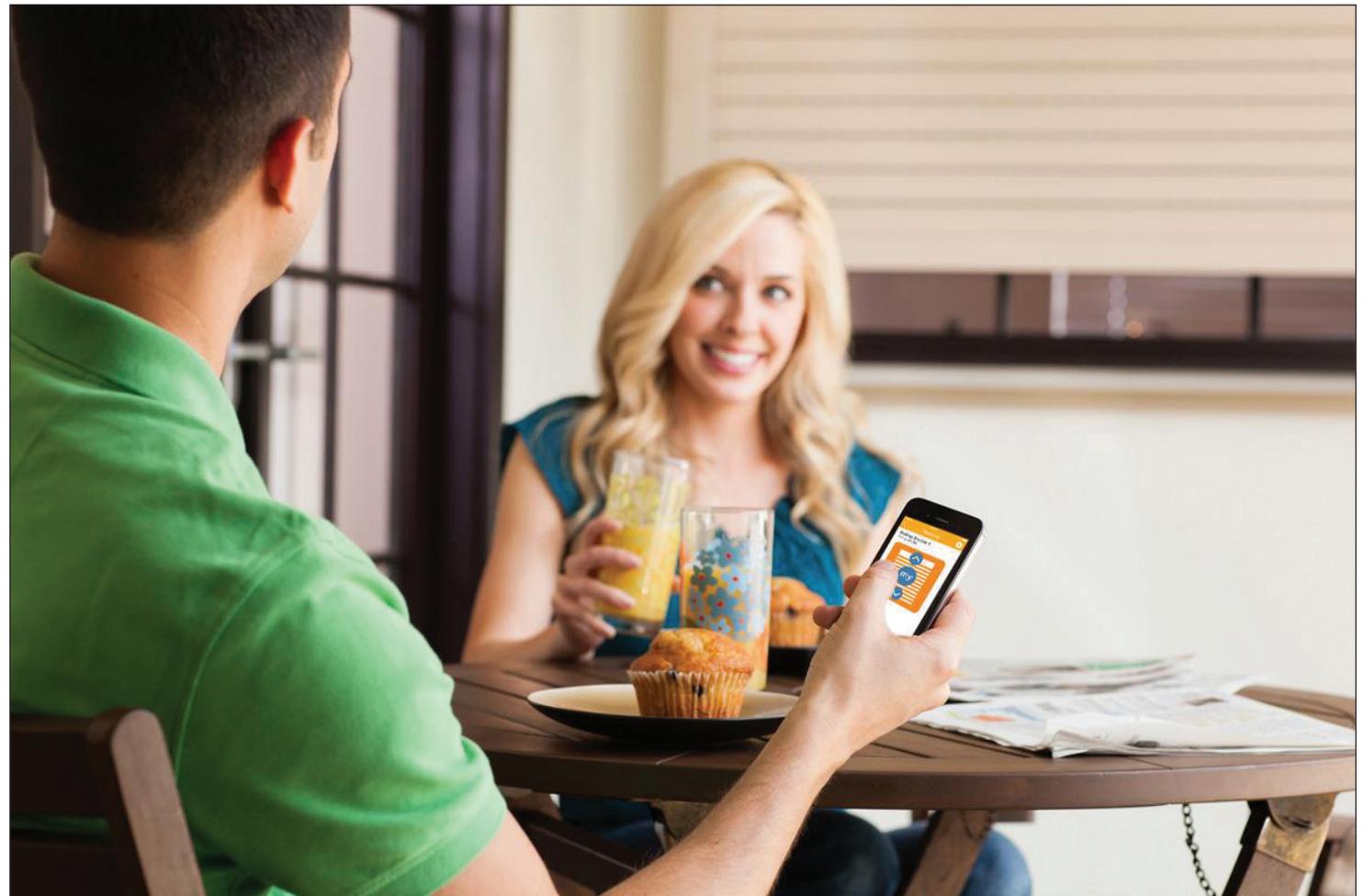
Unless your house is naturally private, say perched on a hill or with no neighbors for miles; you probably crave some privacy. This mystery improvement can help right away. Similarly, when you want to take in the view, it will quietly and quickly disappear.

Your Sunday football viewing

Who doesn't love big windows that bring in tons of light? This is until sun glare makes you miss the winning touchdown. Sunshine makes us happy - it is a scientific fact - but too much sun isn't good, neither for your skin nor your possessions. If you want to prevent the glare and the damaging UV rays from entering your home, there is one easy answer.

Your spooky shadows

Big, bare windows are wonderful during the day with light streaming in, but what about at night? Bid goodbye to big, black windows in the evening and don't be scared of who or what may be lurking in the darkness.



Your safety

Do you live in an area where the weather can be tricky? Or on a golf course, where the golf balls are flying dangerously? With this mystery improvement you can protect your home from the weather and your window glass from flying objects!

Have you guessed what improvement are we talking about yet? Either way keep reading, as it gets even better.

Your security

This improvement can not only hurricane-proof your home, but can also help make it burglar proof. Did you know 22 percent of all residential break-ins happen via back doors - The same beloved French patio doors you just had to have and enjoy every day? If you think we

want to push "prison style" security bars, think twice. This solution is just as stylish as it is functional.

Your snooze time

If you are a daytime sleeper, light sleeper or just want to sleep in on a weekend, you know how annoying outside noise and light can be. You can create a perfect sleeping environment at the touch of a button.

By now you've surely have guessed what we are talking about. But before we reveal the solution, let us stun you with one more benefit.

By using our home improvement champion you can lower your homeowners insurance!

Finally, the answer

Did you guess that the one home improvement to take care of many of the

dilemmas in your home is - ta da! - an automatic rolling shutter!

They are also known as European shutters, as they are widely popular in Europe. Somfy motorized rolling shutters can be integrated into walls and soffits in new construction, or can be easily attached to existing structures. They are easily controlled from the inside via switches, remotes, automatic sensors, timers or by the myLink app via your smartphone, whether you are home or away.

P.S. We do have one more benefit up our sleeve: bragging rights! Showing your new shutter smoothly roll up and down your doors or windows is truly a conversation piece.

We all know the saying "killing two birds with one stone." How about getting a whole bunch all at once?

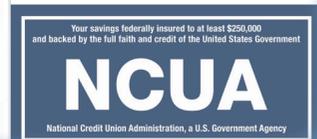


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