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HOME MAINTENANCE

Home maintenance is an important reality of home ownership. Taking good care of your residence ensures the value of your investment is maintained.

"When you first move in, it is crucial to get to know your house and its systems," says Doris Gee of Re/Max Central Realty. Her partner Phil Moore agrees. "For example, you need to understand the way your heating system works and what actions you need to take to keep it functioning well. An annual inspection and cleaning is often a necessity." Doris and Phil have seen the positive results when homes are well maintained, increasing resale value in the long run.

Exterior maintenance is another consideration. It's important to walk around the complete outside of your home on a regular basis, taking a careful look at the foundation, siding, roofing, walkways and driveways, as well as patios, decks, fencing and any retaining walls. Features such as swimming pools, spas and landscape irrigation will also require maintenance.

Interior maintenance requires knowledge of electrical systems, plumbing, drains, heating and cooling, fireplaces and chimneys. Your home will often provide clues that maintenance is required: if your lights flicker, it may be time to call in an electrician. A good rainfall may remind you that gutters and spouts should be cleaned.

From an aesthetic point of view, the appearance of your home will benefit from regular maintenance. Walls and ceilings may need new paint, and cabinets and countertops will benefit from regular cleaning, as well floors and carpeting.

Safety and security is also a consideration. Cracks in the chimney or exposed wiring present hazards that must be dealt with quickly. Regular maintenance of doors and windows, including locking systems, protects you and your family as well as your valuables. You should also know how to shut down all the systems in your home in case of an emergency or evacuation.

Learning about your home's systems will enable you to complete some maintenance tasks yourself. Often, though, the expertise of a specialist will be required, such as for furnace cleaning. For safety's sake, know when you have the skill to complete the task and when you should rely on a trained technician. When in doubt, choose to get help – you may learn enough to do the task confidently the next time.

Your home will likely be your biggest investment. Completing routine maintenance will ensure you continue to enjoy true pride of ownership.

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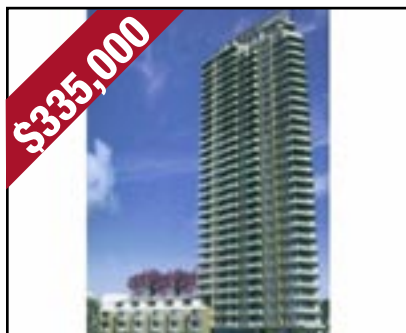
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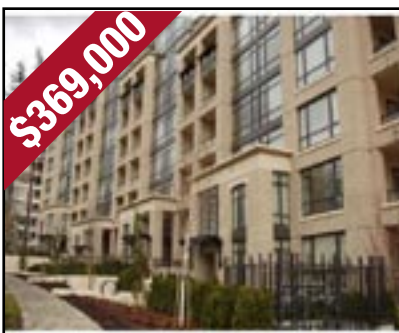
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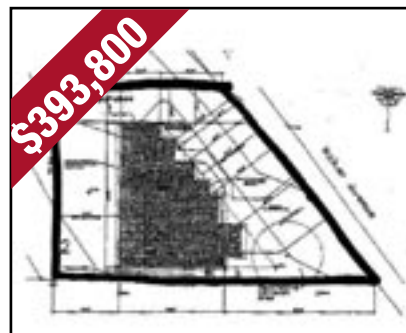
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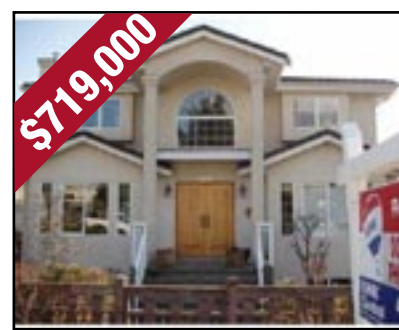
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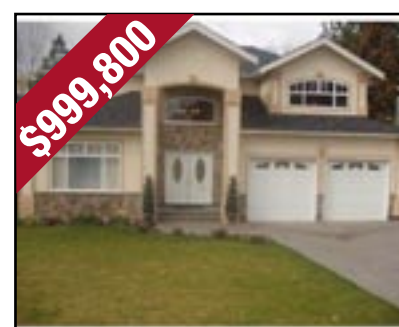
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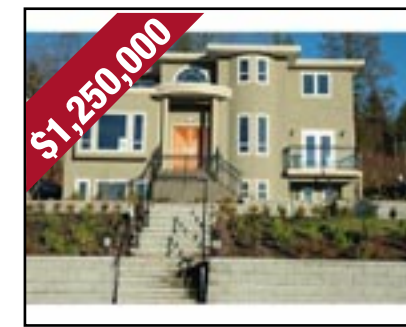
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