Outdoor upgrades that add value to your property

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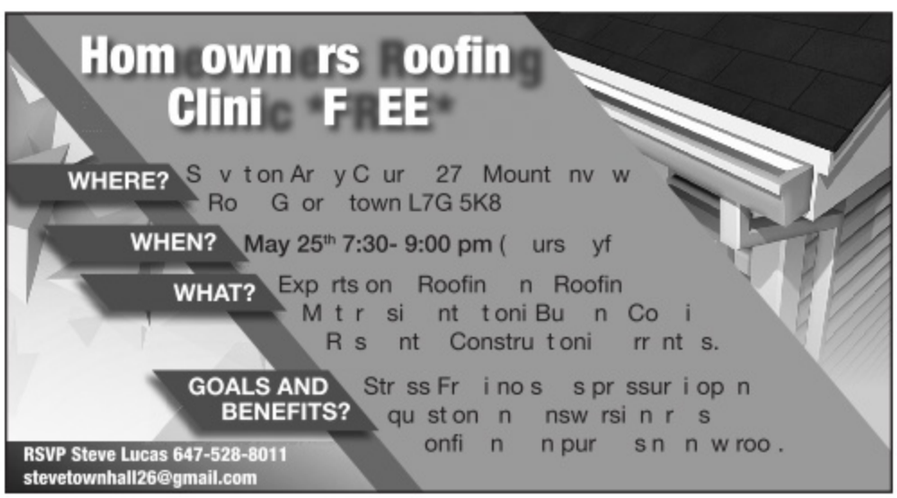
Deck it out. A great way to make a fresh statement in your backyard or breathe new life into an aging deck is to give it a colour makeover. Grech recommends Benjamin Moore ARBORCOAT, a premium stain available in several colours and varying opacities, designed to enhance and protect the appearance of decks, siding and outdoor wood furniture. The stain also penetrates into the wood to provide excellent UV protection. For a modern contemporary look, I love Rustic Taupe or Westcott Navy. For a more classic look, try Leather Saddle Brown, she says.

Curb appeal. The front of your home is the first thing people notice, so keep your front yard looking fresh with budget-friendly landscape projects like adding decorative stepping stones, a small garden or window boxes. Painting your front door is another simple yet impactful project that enhances your property s curb appeal. When choosing front door colours for a dark or brick house, Grech recommends Concord Ivory HC-12 or a classic red like Dutch Tulip to brighten it up and coordinate with bright flowers. If your home is painted in a lighter colour, try a more fashion forward option like Wythe Blue HC-143 and complement with a garden of flowers in simple whites and lots of green.

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