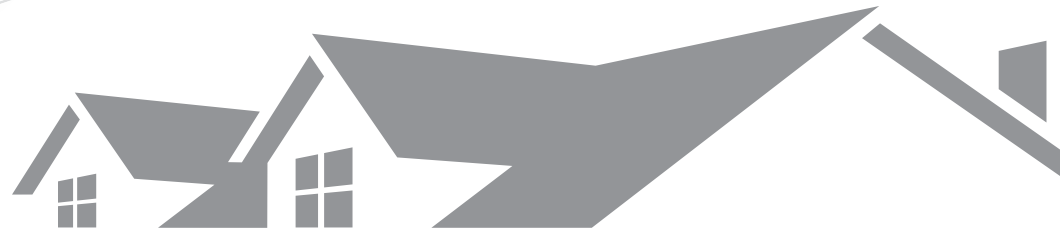


## FEATURES

IMPROVE YOUR OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

TAKE 5: FIVE WEBSITES TO WATCH

HOME PRICES ON THE RISE



# Home**talk**

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### Five websites to check out

The internet has made it possible to connect nearly every man, woman, and child on the planet. One benefit of this is the ability to share knowledge and information. Here are five sites worth checking out:

**1. YouTube.com:** You may think YouTube is just for teens to watch silly pranks or extreme athletes to post their latest stunt, but there are millions of videos covering every topic imaginable. From automotive how-to's to computer programming, you can learn it on YouTube.

**2. TED.com:** TED is a nonprofit organization that has quickly become the go-to platform for thought leaders, professors, and the world's most inspired thinkers. Visit TED and check out their thousands of videos on a wide array of important—and inspiring—topics.

**3. Zazzle.com:** Next time you want to create a custom t-shirt or coffee mug (or just about any other personalized product you can think of) check out Zazzle.com. They have done a great job making the design and ordering process very user-friendly, affordable, and even fun.

**4. Brightnest.com:** For most people their home is their largest investment, which means maintaining it is important. Brightnest.com is a site packed with information on keeping your home in tip-top condition. They even have service manuals for just about every home appliance out there.

**5. Pandora.com:** Traditional radio is still available, but websites like Pandora.com may be trying to land the knock out blow. Pandora.com lets you create custom stations based on artists or music styles you choose, then streams that music with very few commercials.

## GREAT OUTDOORS

Spending time outside your home should be enjoyable. Here are a few tricks to maximize your outdoor enjoyment.

### Aural Treats

If there are unpleasant ambient noises in your outdoor space consider drowning them out with the pleasant sounds of a water feature. Don't have the cash for a real water feature? Check out Ambient-mixer.com and stream ambient sounds for free online.



### Eye Candy

Is the view less than perfect from your outdoor space? Consider planting a Sky Rocket Juniper. This tree grows quickly, and it is tall and thin, making it ideal for increasing privacy. It can even be grown in a container if you don't have open ground to plant in. Also consider hanging plants such as Fuchsia or Calibrachoa to brighten up your view.

### Sweet Scents

A pleasant smell has a powerful effect on our mood and attitude. Try lighting a candle or incense next time you are relaxing outside. There are also many types of plants that smell great and repel insects, such as mint or catnip.



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# recent listings

## Timing is everything!

Case-Shiller recently reported that home prices have risen 9.3% from February 2012 to February 2013. This data is collected from a 20 city home price index in which Phoenix showed the largest gains with a 23 percent increase, San Francisco rose nearly 19 percent and home prices in Vegas are up 17.6 percent. These gains represent the largest price increase in seven years, signaling the housing market is making a real recovery. Factors contributing to these increases are record low mortgage rates and low availability of homes for buyers to bid on. So how does this information affect you? All real estate is local, and depending on where you live the best way to understand the market is to talk with a professional agent. If you've been thinking of selling your timing may be perfect!

## LOW INVENTORY!

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