

## To DIY or hire, that is the question

By Andi Peterson Brown

I don't know about you, but last night when I watched the same commercial from Lowe's four times in 30 minutes that kept telling me to Never Stop Improving, I have to say that it worked. They got me. All of a sudden I had a burning desire to improve something, anything. It was 9:15 at night but I wanted to jump in the car right then and there and drive to Lowe's to buy brushes and cans and sprays and plants and on and on and on...

They made it look so fun, so happy, and so relaxing to repaint the house, landscape the yard, and sandpaper the front porch. The sun was shining, everyone smiled as they worked – I mean how could you *not* want to sandpaper your front porch when it could bring such joy?

Sure there are lots of projects to get excited about and stock up at Lowe's for, but many are better left to the professionals. So how do you know when to hire a professional? Hire a professional when:

- The project is elaborate or extensive. Adding on? Rebuilding kitchen cabinets? Absolutely call an expert.
- You just aren't handy with a hammer and never will be.
- You don't have the time. If you don't have the time, you will end up with 2/3 of a completed project. Trust me.



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## Lamorinda Home Sales recorded

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### MORAGA

10 Hanson Court, \$650,000, 3 Bdrms, 2095 SqFt, 1984 YrBlt, 3-29-13; Previous Sale: \$630,000, 04-07-04  
14 Josefa Place, \$676,000, 3 Bdrms, 2095 SqFt, 1984 YrBlt, 4-3-13; Previous Sale: \$740,000, 05-29-08  
147 Natalie Drive, \$1,050,000, 4 Bdrms, 1976 SqFt, 1968 YrBlt, 4-9-13; Previous Sale: \$959,000, 11-30-05  
3 Peralta Court, \$1,050,000, 4 Bdrms, 2735 SqFt, 1987 YrBlt, 3-29-13; Previous Sale: \$542,000, 06-30-93  
1151 Rimer Drive, \$1,080,000, 3 Bdrms, 2067 SqFt, 1967 YrBlt, 4-8-13; Previous Sale: \$1,125,000, 05-01-08  
1409 Rimer Drive, \$1,200,000, 4 Bdrms, 3113 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 4-9-13; Previous Sale: \$1,179,000, 04-18-03  
5 Southard Court, \$1,211,500, 4 Bdrms, 2470 SqFt, 1995 YrBlt, 4-4-13; Previous Sale: \$530,000, 08-20-96  
91 Warfield Drive, \$949,000, 4 Bdrms, 2181 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 4-5-13

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95 Diablo View Drive, \$2,375,000, 4 Bdrms, 3961 SqFt, 1957 YrBlt, 4-9-13; Previous Sale: \$1,800,000, 07-07-06  
43 Dos Osos, \$1,075,000, 4 Bdrms, 2337 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 4-8-13  
87 El Toyonal, \$401,000, 2 Bdrms, 1103 SqFt, 1934 YrBlt, 3-27-13  
167 Las Vegas Road, \$829,000, 3 Bdrms, 1759 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 4-1-13; Previous Sale: \$729,000, 01-14-03  
154 Ravenhill Road, \$930,000, 2 Bdrms, 2546 SqFt, 1982 YrBlt, 4-4-13; Previous Sale: \$692,000, 10-06-10  
52 Underhill Road, \$260,000, 2 Bdrms, 1114 SqFt, 1930 YrBlt, 4-5-13; Previous Sale: \$238,000, 09-30-93  
100 Underhill Road, \$675,000, 3 Bdrms, 1887 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 3-27-13; Previous Sale: \$562,000, 03-30-12  
19 Valley View Road, \$3,220,000, 5 Bdrms, 4375 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 4-1-13; Previous Sale: \$559,000, 03-31-88  
28 Via Farallon, \$1,800,000, 5 Bdrms, 4160 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 4-9-13; Previous Sale: \$445,500, 07-20-87  
31 Via Hermosa, \$690,000, 2 Bdrms, 1642 SqFt, 1936 YrBlt, 4-5-13