



## Your weekly news & updates

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### **FHFA Says Home Prices Up 18.7% from One Year Ago**

According to the latest Federal Housing Finance Agency's (FHFA) House Price Index (HPI), U.S. house prices rose 18.7% from Q1 2021 to the first Q2 2022. [Click here to read more.](#)

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### **U.S. Construction Spending Down Slightly in April**

The U.S. government is reporting that total construction spending in April, 2022 was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1,744.8 billion, which is 0.2%

lower than March's revised estimate and 12.3% higher than one year ago. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## **Fastest-Growing Cities Are in the West & South**

For readers of this site this data will not be surprising. According to recent Census data, cities in the South & West regions of the U.S. experienced the most growth from July 2020 to July 2021 – with the top 15 fastest-growing cities/towns located in these regions. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## **Changes in Consumer Spending in April**

A recent report from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis says that, in April, personal income increased \$89.3 billion, or 0.4% at a monthly rate, while consumer spending increased \$152.3 billion, or 0.9%. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## **BRRRR: How A Cash-Out Refi Can Help Real Estate Investors**

A recent report on Bankrate.com reminds us that the acronym BRRRR is not a signal that it's cold, but rather a strategy that many investors may know well; Buy, Rehab, Rent, Refinance, Repeat. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## **Top 20 U.S. Cities for Starter Homes**

What are the top U.S. cities for starter homes? The folks over at StorageCafe took a look at over 100 cities and ranked them across more than 20 factors including home values for 2-bedroom homes, 5-year sales activity and many others. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## **I like to Overpay for Rental Properties. That's Not a Typo. Hear Me Out.**

Daniel Hart says All too often we fixate on one metric alone; sales price. It's the measurement that we've been conditioned to use as an indicator of our success or failure. We all want a great deal, and for many of us a discounted sales price is our goal, but should it be? Sometimes, yes, but "it depends". [Click here to read more.](#)

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# It's All About Curb Appeal

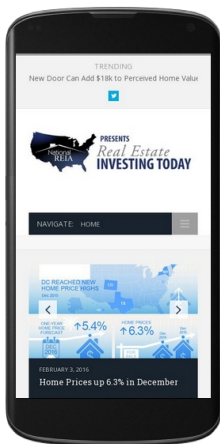
Infographic: When it comes time to sell that recent, or even just maintaining value and appearance, good curb appeal is essential. Today's infographic from Keeping Current Matters reminds us that landscaping and small updates can go a long way in boosting your property's curb appeal. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## Have you made a positive difference to our communities and society at large?

National REIA is proud of our association's and their member's contributions to their communities. We promote a spirit of "giving back" throughout our industry. Real Estate Investing has enhanced our lives and given us success so our mission to positively impact our communities is at the core of what we do. If you have a great story of how you have made an impact in your community or you have a member that has done amazing work to contribute, please take a moment to submit the story to [Caleb@nationalreia.org](mailto:Caleb@nationalreia.org) for inclusion in our publications, social media, and our website. We are excited to hear how our industry and those of us in it have made a positive difference to our communities and society at large!

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