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WHAT YOU CAN BUY

Hearst Connecticut Media and SM Services, a content provider, search the area to find what buyers can get for their money. This week, What You Can Buy features homes in the \$480,000 to \$499,000 range.

Wilton condo unit in private setting in town center/\$480,000

Address: 6 Wilton Crest, Unit #6, Wilton
Beds: 2 **Baths:** 3 **Square Feet:** 1,284

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This 36-year-old Wilton townhouse unit offers a peaceful setting with a deck and courtyard. This light and bright unit has beautiful landscaping and offers a pool and tennis court in the complex, known as Wilton Crest. The nicely sized foyer is warm and inviting with a half bath and a large hidden coat closet behind the built-ins. The updated kitchen has a breakfast bar, stainless-steel appliances, quartz countertops, tile backsplash, and sliders to the outdoor courtyard. The spacious living room has a fireplace, sliders to an outdoor balcony, and plenty of living space. Tucked away off the living room is an office with custom built-ins and an alcove for a desk. Upstairs, is the spacious primary bedroom suite with walk-in closet, built-in shoe cubbies, and master bath with oversized tub, double vanity, and large shower. The second bedroom has an en suite bath. Other features include hardwood floors throughout and central air. The lower level is finished.

Single-family gem nestled in Stamford's Belltown neighborhood/\$499,000

Address: 17 Ledge Lane, Stamford
Beds: 3 **Baths:** 2 **Square Feet:** 1,332

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This charming 1935 single-family colonial has gleaming hardwood floors that flow throughout the house, from the light-filled living room into the nicely sized formal dining area and all three bedrooms upstairs. The bedrooms have decent closet space and natural light. The generous eat-in kitchen in this home – which boasts six rooms and sits on 0.18-acres – has stainless-steel appliances, beautiful herringbone backsplash, and updated tile flooring. Kitchen appliances include an oven/range, microwave, refrigerator, and washer/dryer. The kitchen has doors that lead out to the fully fenced-in backyard with landscaping and lush grass. The screened-in front porch is the perfect place to gather with friends or have your morning coffee. The walk-up attic, basement, and detached one-car garage have plenty of storage space. There is also a programmable thermostat. The home has easy access to major highways, shopping, and downtown Stamford.

5 ways to refresh your home

Prudence Bailey thrives on the joy her clients feel after revealing an exquisitely transformed room much more expressive of their lifestyle and taste than before. In 2015, the Fairfield County-based interior designer decided to turn her great passion for decorating into a profession launching Prudence Home + Design (PHD) as a full-service interior design firm.

Bailey—a winner of the Serendipity 2020 Home Design Awards and whose projects have been featured nationally (on the cover of HGTV Magazine) as well as regionally—strives to provide clean, fresh interiors that blend modern and traditional styles, which has become her signature look, and enjoys working in any style, depending on the client's tastes and needs.

“Springtime is a great opportunity to be able to make small changes within your home that will last more than just the season,” Bailey says.

Here, she provides photos of her work and five tips for refreshing a room or space:

1. Switch out your wooden coffee table for an ottoman

Sometimes in a family room you want to have a more relaxed attitude. By switching out the wooden or metal coffee table for an ottoman you can utilize the room, kick back, put your feet up and not worry. Adding a patterned ottoman allows you to have a little more fun in the room.

2. Wallpaper or paint your ceiling

The ceiling is the most forgotten wall in the room, yet it can provide the most drama. For a low ceiling, paint it a dark color to help the room recede. Try a high gloss finish to cre-

ate a mirror effect for lighting and fabrics to bounce off and give even more drama. A patterned wallpaper can bring an entire room together and add an element of surprise.

3. Set up a family game area

Being at home these days has families spending more time together. Re-think how you use your space. Adding a card type table to a living or family room allows for other activities, such as games, puzzles, homework or even light meals. This enables couples and families to have different types of together time.

4. Brighten up your kitchen area by adding a valance

Window treatments help finish a space, particularly an all-white kitchen. Add a pop of color above the sink with a brightly patterned valance. If there are other windows in the kitchen, try adding a touch of fabric to those to warm up the space. It will make the room feel cheerier and more pulled together.

5. Dress up your entry foyer

If you have art in your entry above the foyer table, consider switching it out for a mirror. The mirror often reflects other areas within the home and creates a warm welcome. It is also quite functional so you and your guests can check yourself on the way in or out.

“I seek to truly understand my clients’ style,” Bailey explains. “I work hard to use interior design as a means to bring to life their vision and personality. I also want to make the process enjoyable the whole way through for my clients by being financially transparent, positive, easy to work with and results oriented.” For more info, visit prudencehomes.com.



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