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Helpful Advice for Making the Right Move

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Stay or move? How to Decide

Do you sometimes review the real estate ads in your local paper? Do you drive by an open house sign and feel the urge to stop and check it out? Those are common indications that, at least on some level, you're thinking about the possibility of making a move.

But how do you decide if you should actually move?

The first step is to consider whether there are any practical reasons to consider buying a new home. What's pushing you in that direction?

- Is your current home too small for your needs?
- Is the commute to work, for you or your spouse, too long? (Perhaps longer than you expected when you purchased the home?)
- Are there property features you would now like to have, such as a larger backyard or a more spacious kitchen?
- Has the neighborhood changed in an undesirable way?
- Do you have personal reasons for wanting to move, such as a desire to be closer to relatives in another area?

Carefully consider those things that can't change unless you move. For example, if a major highway was recently built near you, the ongoing sound of traffic isn't going to go away. It's now part of the neighborhood.

If there are no practical reasons for moving, there may still be other reasons for wanting a new home. You may want to move your family to a better neighborhood, with better schools or you may simply want a bigger home, with a larger backyard, more rooms, and a wider driveway.

There's absolutely nothing wrong with simply wanting a better place than the one you have now. In fact, that is a common reason why many people make a move.

The point is, if you've been thinking about a new home for awhile, perhaps now is the time to take the next step. A good REALTOR® can help you understand your options.

Looking for a good REALTOR®? Call today.

Shopping for the Right Neighborhood?

When most people shop for a new home, they think about the kind of house they want: three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a tree in the backyard.

But it also makes sense to shop for the right neighborhood.

Think about it. In what type of area would you most like to live? What neighborhood features do you want most? For example, you may want your next neighborhood to have a good high school, a nearby recreation center, and close access to public transit.

Make a list of what you want and then go "shopping" by visiting neighborhoods that meet your criteria.

Your next home is more than just a property; it's a dream home in a desirable location.

Think, Act... Live!

"It's not the hours you put in your work that count, it's work you put in the hours."

Sam Ewing

"The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary."

Vidal Sassoon

"To be successful you have to have your heart in your business, and your business in your heart."

Thomas Watson, Sr.