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Things to Consider When Choosing Your Next Neighborhood

Location plays a huge factor in choosing a home. It may seem like finding the neighborhood you want to live in is the simple part but after factoring in cost, commute time, and your must have list, it may be harder than it seems. When searching for your perfect neighborhood use these tips and work with a REALTOR® for the best results.

1. Property Taxes

Property taxes can play a big role in the affordability of a home. Make sure to research how much property taxes typically run in the area you are home searching. Your REALTOR® will be able to give you a ball park range of how much you can expect your property taxes to be, depending on the property you choose.

2. School Districts

Whether or not you have kids, knowing how the school systems in your area are rated can be important factors in home value and re-sale potential. Your REALTOR® can help provide information on the school districts in the area to help you see how they stack up.

3. Safety and Crime

Before closing the deal on your next home make sure to check out the safety level in the area. It's important to remember that crime happens everywhere, but you have to determine the level of crime you are comfortable being around. Your REALTOR® can recommend resources for you to learn about crime and safety in your next neighborhood.

4. Geography of an Area

When picking your next home be sure to consider the geography of an area. Is it in a flood plain? Are you located near danger prone areas? These are important questions to ask when determining if a home is right for you. In some instances you may need specialized homeowners insurance based on the home's location.

5. Area Amenities

Are you determined to live near a park or close to nightlife? Choosing the right neighborhood is crucial to the type of lifestyle you want to lead. Determining the type of amenities you want to live nearby can help you choose what neighborhood may be right for you.

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