

5 Things to Consider Before Making an Offer



So, you've found a home you'd like to purchase. Perhaps it was love at first sight and you knew that this house was the one before you even walked inside. Or maybe it took a little longer and you had to make a few visits to the home to be sure. Here are five things to consider before we write an offer.

1. Learn more about the community.

When you purchase a home, you're also buying into the neighborhood. Go online and read the local newspapers to gain an overall insight on the area. Drive around the neighborhood and talk to the neighbors. It's also a good idea to drive past the home at different times of the day so that you can see how quiet or noisy the neighborhood is.

2. See what amenities are nearby.

While you're driving around the neighborhood, take note of any shops, parks or other amenities that are nearby.

3. Get a sneak peek at your commute.

If you're moving further away from where you work, try driving the distance from work to the new home and back during your usual commute time. This will give you an idea of how much time you'll spend on the road once you're in your new digs.

If you want to learn more about our local housing market, call me!
I'll be happy to help you find the right home for you.

4. Find out if there are additional expenses.

Don't be surprised by unexpected expenses. Find out if there are supplemental taxes, homeowner association dues or other fees associated with the home.

5. Check out the schools.

A good school district may improve your home's value, regardless of whether or not you have children.

