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New Price!

137 Cornell Rd, Toutle 4 bd | 2 bth | 2,139 sf | #2366965 5 acres in gated community



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New Listing!

2914 Columbia Heights Rd, Longview 4 bd | 1 bth | 1,978 sf | #2380686 Captivating single-level home



New Price!

1440 Ostrander Rd, Kelso 3 bd | 1 bth | 1,200 sf | #2367107 Freshly remodeled





802 NW 5th Circle, Camas 4 bd | 2 bth | 2,005 sf | #758373345 Numerous upgrades



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#### NEW LISTING \$509,000 3BD | 1.5 BA | 1,100 SF MLS# 2372674

This welcoming home is Two blocks from the beach. Four blocks to down-town. Cozy, charming and playfully beachy. 3 bedroom, (2) 3/4 baths, single story home WITH a 1 bed, 3/4 bath ADU on the back of the property and a parking strip. Presently ADU brings in \$850 monthly. Live in the main house or do Airbnb. 10,000SF corner lot. Extensive cottage style landscaping. Two ponds, as well as, two covered decks, and an enclosed back patio. Sunny, warm, inviting rooms. Heated with propane freestanding stove. There is a chicken coop and sectioned garden areas. Agricultural well for watering. Don't miss this comfortable, interesting property with income potential. Zoned for Airbnb and there is an additional rental on the property.

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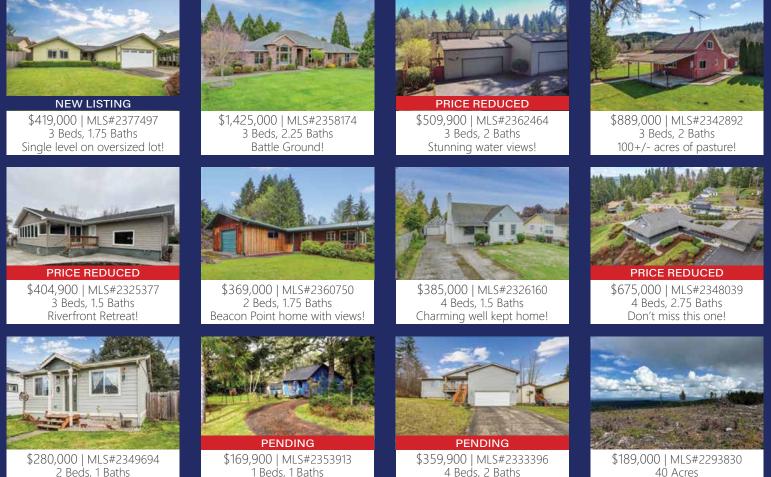






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2 Beds, 1 Baths Remodeled 1930 bungalow,!

1 Beds, 1 Baths Coastal retreat cabin!

4 Beds, 2 Baths North Kelso neighborhood!



Forestland parcel in Castle Rock!

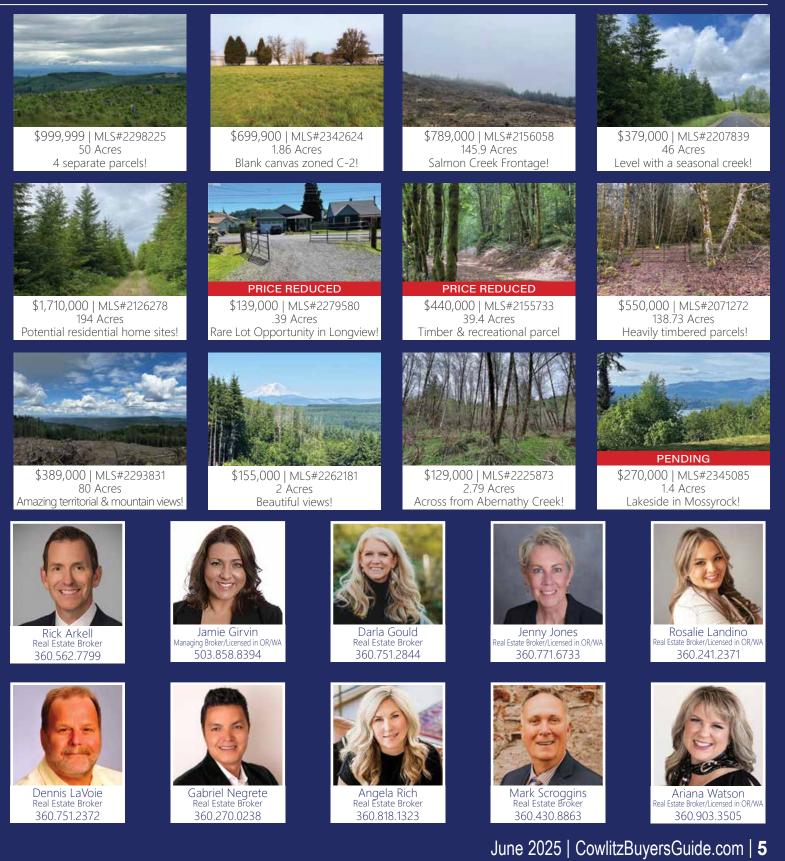
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\$199,900 ~ Kelso 3 Bdrms, 1 Ba, 1,040 sq. ft. Wonderful 5 acre lot!! Well and 1000 gal septic system installed to place a new manufactured home or build the home of your dreams. #2378588

**NEW LISTING** 

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\$314,900 ~ Longview 1 Bdrms, 1 Ba, 792 sq. ft. Curb appeal abounds in this one level home near the Fairgrounds and Kaiser Permanente! Trane heat pump, vinyl siding w/scalloped dormers, vinyl windows and a newer 30 year architectural roof. #2377921



\$399,000 ~ Longview 3 Bdrms, 1.5 Ba, 1389 sq. ft. Wonderful single level 3 bed, 1 1/2 bath home in quiet neighborhood close to restaurants, shopping & beautiful Lake Sacajawea! Assumable VA loan at a very low interest rate! #2370446





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\$579,000 ~ Longview 4 Bdrms, 2.25 Ba 2,328 sq. ft. Stunning Colonial in a desirable Columbia Heights location! Fabulous "1996" Street of Dreams home. 2 car garage, beautifully landscaped grounds, fully fenced private back yard, gazebo w/deck. #2267918



\$499,900 ~ Silverlake 3 Bdrms, 2 Ba, 1,589 sq. ft. Silver Lake Village. One level with 1589 square feet. 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Great room with vaulted ceilings, Propane floor to ceiling stone fireplace, recessed lighting and gorgeous hardwood flooring. #2310901



\$619,900 ~ Longview 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Ba 3,012 sq. ft. Beautifully updated home located in a desirable Columbia Heights location! Luxurious home boasting 3 bdrms, 3 bthrms, living rm w/ vaulted ceilings & soaring rock FP #2291519

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\$575,000 ~ Castle Rock 4 Bdrms, 1.5 Ba, 1,372 sq. ft. The Magical Life on a Real Functioning Farm with Mount Rainier and Silver Lake Views! Live the dream life in this meticulously kept farm home boasting 1,372 SF, 4 bdrm, 2 bthrm, living rm w/ pellet stove, country kitchen w/breakfast



\$650,000 ~ Castle Rock 4 Bdrms, 2 Ba 2,966 sq. ft. 4 Bedroom, 2 bath home on 3.72 acres. Living room w/wood burning fireplace, Hardwood flooring and upper deck overlooking Silverlake. #2379804



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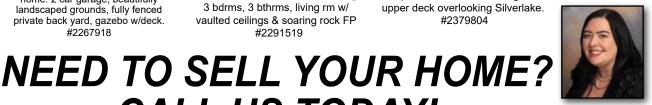
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\$939,999 3BD/2.5BA Privacy, views, and space! 2022

contemporary build hums with luxury and quality workmanship. Lying

spaces built over 3-car, oversized garage, views of the Columbia River in a sought-after area. #2355935

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NEWLISTING

\$689,900 5BD/2.75BA Incredible, beautifully updated home

situated on nearly 1 acre with breathtaking views

and room for everything. New roof (Oct 2024)and Updated electrical, plumbing and modern remodeling throughout. #2380688

Heather

White

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Darrell Whittle



1.25 ACRES Peaceful parcel located midway on a quiet, dead-end country road. This partially cleared property features mature trees, flagged corners, and potential for a beautiful view with some selective clearing. #2379638



2BD/1.75BA Private oasis with 102' of sandy beach-perfect for fishing, or relaxing by water. Outside of 500 yr. flood zone. Beautiful lodge-style home with large windows & glass doors to take in the view. RV parking and ADU. #2377238



\$569,000 4BD/2BA Tucked away in the peaceful Elochoman Valley. Sits on nearly an acre with easy, single-level living. Primary suite includes a walk-in closet and in-room laundry. Huge 72'x42' shop with tall bay doors. #2377191







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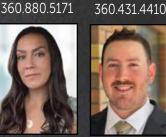
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\$815,000 4BD/2.25BA Stunning one level custom home. Sitting on 5 acres. Inside the 3,2695F home is large laundry room and large laundry room and den. Gourmet kitchen with hickory custom-built cabinets, walk-in pantry. #2374366



2BD/1BA Move-in ready in desirable New Westside neighborhood! Fresh new flooring and paint throughout. Cozy pellet stove, large front window for natural light, and built-in cabinets for added charm and storage. #2378625



360.608.4759

\$460,000 5BD/1.5BA Original long bell cabinets, hardwood floors, and wood stove inser in living room. Additional half bath located in the garage. Space downstairs could be perfect for guests or multigenerational living. #2375717

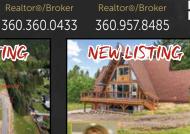


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4 ACRES Rural living on this versatile 4-acre parcel located less than 2 minutes from I-5 and just outside the charming community of Castle Rock. With no CCRs, you have the flexibility to build your dream home. #2378058



Ashley Eckert 360.431.4410

\$685,000 3BD/1.75BA Experience lodge-style luxury in this one-of-a-kind old growth timber A-frame, featuring a grand river rock fireplace as updated with a brand-new kitchen, stainless steel appliances. #2374997



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NEW LISTING

\$435,000 80.64 ACRS 2 Lush parcels of intriguing vacant land. Timber, wildlife, nature & character are abundant. Tour the many aspects this land has to offer. Not in a timber tax program timber tax program. #2379265



3BD/2BA Blends modern comfort with a hint of country. It was built in 2022 and is 1530 sqft with an open floor plan. The kitchen was built for function and style with stainless steel appliances. Fully fenced yard. #2375486

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\$520,702.7213 3BD/2.5BA Suburban homesteading dream property! On a dead-end street offers space & privacy, with convenient access to I-5. Oversized bedrooms and spacious kitchen, w/ a two-car garage. #2352330



7.5 ACRES Large lot, ready to go, on the highly desirable Brockway Rd! Lot is cleared with a driveway and building pad ready for development, so bring your plans! Power on property. Two mountain views. #2373688



\$329,000 3BD/1BA Peaceful 55+ community of Ryderwood! This charming home features updated flooring, fresh paint, and a cozy layout. Enjoy a spacious lot with a fenced backyard, detached garage, and covered front porch. #2379992



6.11 ACRES This beautiful piece of property provides privacy and a fantastic possible building site for a home. The property currently is in designated forestland and can continue on being recreation/ forestland. #2375407



\$220,000 2BD/1.75BA Clean and tidy home in the lovely Golden Estates community. This 55+ park has clean streets, and nicely maintained landscaping. Home has a spacious layout, with comfortable rooms. #2379235



\$815,000 4BD/2.5BA Peaceful sanctuary! Inviting & open floor plan. Small dead end road serves 7 nice homes w/ CCR's in place to protect your investment. 5 acres is plenty of room to create your shop. #2369265

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2379804 **Castle Rock** 4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH HOME ON 3.72 ACRES. LIVING ROOM W/WOOD BURNING FIREPLACE, HARDWOOD FLOORING AND UPPER DECK OVERLOOKING SILVERLAKE. 3 BEDS UPSTAIRS, 1 BED LOWER LEVEL PLUS BONUS ROOM. HEAT PUMP IS 8 YEARS OLD. ROOF WAS REPLACED IN SEPTEMBER 2024. SPACIOUS KITCHEN WITH ACCESS TO BACK DECK FOR ENTERTAINING. ADJACENT TO FORMAL DINING ROOM WITH BUILT IN BUFFET DRAWERS. DOWNSTAIRS FAMILY ROOM W/A SECOND WOOD BURNING FIREPLACE, REC ROOM AND WET BAR. 3 CAR GARAGE, LARGE SHOP/BARN WITH STALLS AND RV PARKING WITH SEPTIC BEHIND SHOP. 2ND DRIVEWAY LEADS TO OLDER MANUFACTURED HOME USED FOR STORAGE, LARGE KENNEL, TOOL SHEDS, FENCED GARDEN AND WALKING TRAILS BEHIND THE HOUSE. PROPERTY BACKS UP TO SEAQUEST STATE PARK



#### 2310901

Silverlake SILVER LAKE VILLAGE. ONE LEVEL WITH 1589 SQUARE FEET. 3 BEDROOMS AND 2 FULL BATHS. GREAT ROOM WITH VAULTED CEILINGS, PROPANE FLOOR TO CEILING STONE FIREPLACE, RECESSED LIGHTING AND GORGEOUS HARDWOOD FLOORING. INTERIOR FINISHES INCLUDE CRAFTSMAN STYLE PAINTED MILLWORK, U-SHAPED EAT-IN KITCHEN WITH ALDER CABINETS, QUARTZ COUNTERTOPS, BUILT IN WINE RACK, PANTRY AND

STAINLESS APPLIANCE PACKAGE. DINING AREA WITH SLIDER TO COVERED ENTERTAINING PATIO. SEE ATTACHED LIST OF BUILDER UPGRADES TO THIS HOME. MATURE LANDSCAPING, SPRINKLER SYSTEM & FULLY FENCED YARD WITH RV/BOAT PARKING ON A LARGE CORNER LOT.



#### ONE OF A KIND VICTORIAN WITH EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY IN CONSTRUCTION. 3 CAR GARAGE PLUS PARTIAL BASEMENT GARAGE. GOURMET KITCHEN WITH MAHOGANY WOOD CABINETRY AND GRANITE. TWO PRIMARY BEDROOMS UPSTAIRS WITH PRIVATE BATHS. 9' CEILINGS. SPACIOUS ROOMS. WRAP AROUND ENTERTAINING DECK. CUSTOM TRIM AND DETAILS THROUGHOUT INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR. SOLID WOOD DOORS W/STAINED GLASS. INTERCOM STEREO SYSTEM AND CENTRAL VAC. ABUNDANT STORAGE ON EACH FLOOR. BASEMENT WITH ANOTHER BEDROOM AND BATH COULD BE APARTMENT WITH SEPARATE ENTRY OR MULTI GENERALTIONAL LIVING. PLUS ROOM TO ADD A 4TH BEDROOM. OIL PIT IN BASEMENT. MATURE LANDSCAPING. PRIVATE LOT W/MOUNTAIN

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SPECTACULAR PANORAMIC VIEWS Beautiful of Ilwaco's Baker Bav waterfront! 2 homes in one! Could be used as 2nd home, rent the other! Seperate entrances, each has own bedrooms/bath/ fireplace/garage. High end construction with triple paned fiber glass coastal windows, knotty alder cabinets, granite countertops, hardwood fireplace, custom tile showers with heated floors, Samsung black stainless refridgerator and DBL oven induction cook-top. each with own laundry/utility, all appliances stay. 2 BBQ outlets, outdoor shower for washing pets. Gorgeous covered deck to capture amazing views! Plumbed for BBQ. MLS# 2353545

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#### BATHROOM

#### **PLAN OVERVIEW**

This home boasts 3 spacious bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. It also comes with a large laundry room and a centrally located office/play room. Don't forget about the large covered back porch!





Bedrooms





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## So, you're ready to buy a home. Here's your next 111 to-dos.

#### Get Informed - Do Your Research

Research the real estate industry and legal services to understa at's available to you, including the entire process and necessit

Achieve proficiency in federal and state fair housing laws that . means process y in recercit and state for housing laws that protect your rights, you want to be sure that you're not being denied the opportunity to make an after on a home or secure financing based on your roos, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and/or family status.

Research local and national down payment assistance resources.
 These programs can help make your home purchase more affordable.

4. Check your eligibility for down payment assistance programs If you're a Veteran, research home services and loan programs illable to you.

If you're a Veteran, determine whether you qualify for a zero-down VA home loan. Making a down payment is a significant hurdle for many home buyers. Programs like these can open the door to homeownership, for those who know about them and qualify.

Learn about local home prices, inventory levels, and market demand in your desired area. If you are in a hotter market, high demand for homes may affect your buying process and offer strategy

Ensure that all personal and financial information remains confidential to mitigate risk of identity theft. Research the steps that you can take to protect your identity when buying a home.

Throughout the process, know the risks of pasting home search details on social media to avoid being targeted for fraud.

10. Do some research on what home features are currently popular to help identify your preferences and how this may affect the value of the home.

#### Set Homeownership Goals and Budget

th. Obtain a copy of your credit report, including your credit score, to assess where you stand, and ensure you have time to dispute errors and improve your score. The better your credit score, the more likely you are to be approved for a martipage and receive a better roto.

Consider all your homeownership wants and non-negotiable needs. You may need a certain number of bedrooms based on the size of your family, or a first-floor bedroom and bathroom if you plan

13. Set your budget and be miniful of the complete cost of homeownership. Consider the purchase cost of the home and any orgoing living and maintenance expenses. Those ongoing expenses may include but are not limited to real elastite taxes, heating, AC, water, yand and applicance maintenance, repairs, hemeowners association ra and appeance mainte is, and commuting costs.

14. Assess your financial ability to purchase a home. The typical rule of thumb is that your total monthly housing payment (mortgage, toxes, insurance, etc.) shouldn't be more than 30% of your gross monthly household income, but individual situations may vary.

Assess your desired market's compatibility with your budget ad an ourrent income and other considerations.

Professionally advocate for yourself throughout the entire process. To do that, you should promote and defend your interests while keeping emotions in check to ensure you get your desired

#### Start Your Home Search

17. Establish and adhere to a schedule for house hunting, mortge approval, and closing to meet your desired timeline. If you miss an millestane deallines, you could be at risk of losing your down payn or losing the home for purchase.

Learn how local markets could affect your buying and owning process. Fewer homes for sale, future development plans, school ratings, access to transportations, and community amenities are elements that may affect demand in a given market.

19. Scout listings and online marketplaces for suitable properties 20. Set up real-time alerts on home search marketplaces to get notifications when matching homes hit the market, and for open houses and price reductions.

21. Compare properties to your wants and needs list to ensure they align with what you're looking for.

Tap your personal network to uncover additional properties of interest that are not yet publicly listed and may become available for sale soon.

23. Contact homeowners in desired areas to see if they are considering selling.

24. Gather information about any homes that might be for sale but are not actively being marketed.

25. Virtually preview properties that you're interested in.

26. Select homes for viewing that align with your specific needs.

22. Schedule multiple in-person home viewings by contacting each home's listing agent. Schedule separate appointments at times that suit the listing agent but may not always suit you.

Periodically reevaluate your needs and refocus your property search, as necessary.

29. Explore all available resources to learn more about prospective neighborhoods. Be sure to speak to local experts who understand the neighborhood and will give you honest feedback.

Tour the amenities, schools, and points of interest, and test commute times in your chosen search area.

31. Cross-reference local crime registries for the neighborhoods you are searching.

S2: Educative spurself on what to look for in property disclosures of home listings while you search to make informed decisions. Require property disclosures vority be state and may include, but are not limited to rights of way, upcoming spacial assessments, whether the home is in a flood zone, past termite damage, and the presence of lead point.

33. Stay ournert with the listing months of market inventory. As with days on the market, this indicates how competitive a given market is and should inform your offer.

34. Consider measures of home value beyond price per square foot. These include neighborhood, praximity to work and community amenities, and community development plans. Be sure to consult with a local expert to get the most comprehensive information.

Research municipal services and other relevant neighborhood information.

36. Be informed about patential neighborhood negatives such as noise levels, venues, or operations that could impact your property

37. Check applicable zoning and building restrictions if you plan to rent out your home or add a unit to generate short-term or monthly rental income.

38. Understand public property and tax information for potential homes. It's important to be informed about the possibility of future i increases and property assessments, which will affect the property taxes you are from year to year.

Gather and consider important data on utility availability and costs. For exemple, you'll want to confirm if the home has good high-speed internet access.

40. Research any environmental factors and risks that could affect year hams, such as fleading, wildlife, heat, air quality, and noise. Some of these factors will offset the cost of ownerhip. For example, if the hams you purchase is in a flood zone, you will need to obtain flood insurnoe.

Narrow down your top home choices for a closer look before considering making any offer.

**Prepare Financing** 

ne the total down payment and Analyze your finances to de closing costs you can afford.

Oother and assess quality lender resources.
 Ask friends and family for recommendations.

44. Consider at least three mortgage lenders during the pre-approval process. Mortgage rates, terms, and eligibility may vary from lender to lende

45. Familiarize yourself with the mortgage pre-approval process, Pre-opproval means that a lender has writed your income, credit background, and other factors and has provided a conditional commitment for an approved mortgage amount. With pre-approv your offer will be considered for more seriously.

46. Prepare and collect personal financial information like pay stubs, aredit card statements, and other existing loans/debt, and share that information with the lenders you're considering.

Collect and compare multiple financing options. Beyond traditional montgages, look into lesser-known alternative opti seller financing or rent-to-own programs.

48. Explore various financing options to find the best fit for your needs. Many people use a conventional, fixed-rate 30-year martigage, but martigages with offster terms (e.g., 5- and 10-year fixed rate, adjustable rate, and assumable) might also be options.

49. Coordinate with your lender to discuss discount points, which you can pay to lower the interest rate on your loan.

 Analyze loan estimates. Loan duration, size of your down payment, fees, and other loan terms can affect your overall mortgage poyns costs

51. Obtain a pre-approval letter from your lender, which is more comprehensive than pre-qualification. Pre-approval is a written sommitment from a lender that stipulates the amount they will lend you for a home purchase.

Carefully review the pre-approval letter from your lender to understand its contents and ask necessary austions.

#### Makina Your Offer

53. Review statistics to see what percentage of the list price sellers in your area are currently receiving. This will help you decide whether to offer the asking price, or adjust your offer below or above the asking price, to make your bid more competitive.

54. Consider the current, local average days on the market to gauge property pricing and market competitiveness. Fewer days on market indicates greater demand, which means you may need to raise your offer or offer additional incentives to make your offer

55. Pay for a professional comparative market analysis (CMA) before making an offer to ensure it's competitive. A CAM is a report that details nearch home sales, local market activity, and sales prices to help you craft a successful offer.

56. Research independent home valuation information from online resources like Reater.com to assess an offer price that considers the sale of simal homes in the mean. It's important to make an offer that's in line with local market conditions. You don't want to overpose for a home, or make an affer that's so low it want "even be considered so it's good to talk to an independent adviser who has local market knowledge.

Consider hiring a real estate lowyer for legal representation as you build your offer and for legal due diligence as you review contractual documentation.

58. Review a sample sales contract to prepare to make an offer. This document outlines every focor of the transaction, but it may not include everything you work in the transaction or from the seller, so don't assume everything is there.

59. Understand common contract contingencies and the important of including protective clauses in your offer. These may include but on not limited to your ability to secure fincencing that covers the appraised home value, inspections theme, rador, lead, stal, classing date, date of possession, and owner lease-back terms.

60. Learn about any purchasing incentives that you might be eligible for kome sellers may offer concessions like a pre-paid homeowner warranty, closing oats, or allowance for home improvement/sepains as indicated by a home inspection. You will need to negations these as your own representativo.

Ensure your offer will stand out as the most attractive in the aurent market. Be ready to compete—many homes today are receiving multiple offers and bidding wars are common.

62. Craft an offer that is well positioned to be accepted, and submit it to the seller's agent. An offer typically includes how much you are willing to pay for the home, how much concern more you can provide, when you want to close on the home, and the deadline for the selfer to respond.

#### Negotiations and Offer Acceptance

\*Actual services or to-dos will depend on the needs of the buyer and the transaction - not all 11 things will need to be done in every transaction. \*Based on a 2023 proprietary survey among recent home buyers and sellers.

63. Identify and prioritize your main goals for contract negotiations 64. Familiarize yourself with negotiation best practices.

Be mindful of how your body language and facial expressions can influence a successful negotiation.

65. Develop a negationing strategy to secure the best terms. In addition to price, consider terms such as repairs, closing costs, or the timeline for closing.

97. Request the final closing figures from the closing agent. This is the total amount of money that you will have to bring to the closing table.

99. Be aware of wire fraud risks, and verbally verify all wiring instructions with the select's agent before transferring funds. Get the detailed instructions from your dealing company, and be leavy of any messages you receive that request changes to the original instructions.

100. Provide receipt of escrow deposit to the seller's agent/braker to verify this financial step has been completed.

101. Gather all required forms and documents for clasing. Typically, you'll need a photo ID and a cashier's or certified check for receipt of a wire transfer).

102. Perform any remaining closing activities to complete the

104. Distribute final documents to all involved parties for their records. You'll want to keep this important paperwork sofe.

105. Verify receipt of all keys, access codes, garage door openers, and manuals for all equipment and appliances.

106. Prior to moving, consider rekeying your locks and changing access codes as an extra precoulion to safeguard your home fro anyone who may have had access prior to your ownership.

107. Remember to transfer all utilities and services to your new residence so you do not incur casts on your former residence. This ensures everything is up and running in preparation for your move-in date.

108. Turn your home inspection report into a maintenance to-do list

309. File claims with your homeowner's worranty company as needed. A home worranty is a policy that covers the cost of major repairs or appliances.

110. Stay engaged and proactively follow up on any pending items or concerns poet-closing. Keep a running checklist handy to ensure you stay on top of any potential warranties, including their expiration dates.

Arrange for the move-in day in your new home by contacting movers. Buy yourself a bottle of champagne. Congratulations, you're a new homeowner now.

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103. Review all closing documents with the closing age or ottorney. Be prepared to sign a ton of paperwork.

Post-Closing Activities

98. Review your title insurance commitment carefully to ensure all information is accurate.

66. Negotiate the best price with the seller's agent. The seller's agent will be negotiating on the homeowner's behalf. You will be negatiating with a professional who likely has extensis experience in this area, and you may be at a disadvantage.

67. Be prepared for multiple-offer situations. Don't get discouraged, and have your negotiation strategies ready.

68. Consider using offer stratagies like an escalation clouse, which raises the price you're offering by a certain amount over the price that another buyer is offering, offering flexibility on move-in/ possession date, or waiving various contingencies.

19. Explore optional contingencies, and understand their advantages and disadvantages. If you agree to waive the inspection contingency, for example, you are accepting that inits of purchasing a home that may have myriaid defects or require additional funds to regain or bring unto cocke.

 Be aware that all known material defects should always be disclosed to you. Know what questions to ask, and ensure you receive and comprehend all required disclosure forms by state and federal laws. These forms vary by state.

Agree to final terms with the seller, and sign the contract. In some states an attorney may be required.

72. Verify the final offer is signed by all parties

23. Prepare your lender for listing agent colls. The agent representing the home seter will contour your lender to confirm per-approval and arrange other settlemant details. These details will likely favor the home setter, since that agent is representing their interests, so you may want to participate in these calls to negativate or your behalt.

#### Facilitate Closing

74. Coordinate communications effectively among all parties, including your lender, the seler's agent, the closing attorney, and any additional third parties.

58. Seek additional guidance for transactions involving short sales, foreclosures, or bank-owned properties. These transactions often involve additional title, ownership, and financing considerations, and they may be as-is -meaning, the properties may be damaged or require costs for repairs that the buyer is accepting as a condition of purchase.

76. Estimate the gross out-of-packet cost of completing the transaction. This may include, but is not limited to, closing costs, a till eserch, francing points (to "pay down" the mortgage interest rate), and transfer taxes.

Acquaint yourself with flood insurance. If the home you purchase is in a FEMA-identified flood zone, you must abtein flood insurance as a condition of evenetixy. Yuu may also consider adding flood insurance to your regular home insurance policy because most regular policies do not cover domage from flooding.

78. Learn about title insurance, and consult a qualified insurance broker. Title insurance covers any pre-existing title problems that you may discover after you've purchased the home (e.g., tax liens, uppid/joutstanding mortgages, previous ownership claims).

70. Fully investigate your options for a home inspector, title company, appraiser, and other services. Fongaing a home inspection is not advised as these professional inspectors wi provide a comprehensive assessment, of a home's current condition and risks.

Create a list of required and optional home inspections, including environmental, roofing, and mold. This will help you determine what inspection contingencies to include in your purchase offer.

B. Ensure that necessary property surveys are ordered. A property survey will help you understand where your property begins and ends, and determine any potential issues—such as assements or encroachments—before you take ownership of the property.

Discuss any concerns arising from the home inspection. Use any negative findings from your home inspection report as lever for repairs or credits.

80. Track and meet all contract deadlines. Depending on the ten of your offer, these may include deadlines for inspections, final financing/loan, down payment and earnest money deposits into escrew. the searches, and sottlement date.

84. Order the appraisal. Confirm whether your lender will accept an independent appraiser or require an appraisal management company to conduct the appraisal.

85. Question the oppraisal report if it affects your financing. Check for errors like square footage, incideauate home comparisons, or incorrect descriptions of the home or neighborhood.

86. Order the title search A clean property title means the buyer and lender agree there are no claims on the property that could become an issue after ownership is transformed.

Regularly contact your lender to ensure the loan process is on track to meet the closing requirements.

88. Ensure any necessary funds, like earnest money or de payments, are received by the stated deadlines to avoid any risk of the selier terminating your contract.

Ensure all parties have all forms and information needed to close the sale. Missing or late paperwork can cause delays.

90. Check addendums and alterations for agreed-upon terms 91. Take note of the location and details of your closing meeting

92. Confirm and communicate the closing date and time to the seller's agent, noting any changes. 93. Schedule and conduct a final property walk-through. Create a comprehensive checklist of your concerns regarding the home, and then confirm that any agreed-upon repairs were addressed or fixed by the seller.

94. Confirm the clear-to-close status, indicating all documents and conditions to approve your loan have been met, with your lender.

95. Review your closing statement. It explains the terms of the mortgage, the projected monthly payments, and how much your fees and closing costs will be.

96. Double-check all taxes, dues, and prorations related to your purchase.



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#### \$575,000 ~ CASTLE ROCK

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#### \$499,000 ~ KELSO

Beautifully Remodeled View Home on Old Kelso Hill! Your guests are greeted with a nautical theme & beautiful gate at the cozy front entrance to a pristine home boasting 2,040 SF, 3 bdrm, 3 bthrms, Great Room Living w/wall of viewing windows, living room w/FP, light and bright dining rm w/ FR doors to large viewing deck for entertaining, spacious updated kitchen w/SS appls-island eating bar-new cabinetry-quartz countertops-rock back splash-natural gas cooktop, primary bdrm on upper floor w/ensuite-tile floor-full bath, 2nd primary bdrm on main w/full bath-dual sinks, spacious family rm w/FP on lower level-door to covered patio & private back yard, lower level 3rd bdrm, new hardwood floors throughout, vinyl windows, utility rm & 1 car garage. MLS #2362547



#### \$977,500 ~ GRAYS RIVER

Live the amazing life only a farm on a river can provide! Remodeled farm home on 69.39 level acres with 7,000 feet on the peaceful Grays River. Pristine home boasting 3 bdrm, 2 bthrm, open concept living w/walls of windows to take in the panoramic views, living rm w/wood stove & slider to covered deck, spacious kitchen w/eating bar & tongue & groove pine ceiling, dining rm, custom staircase to primary bdrm -3/4 bthrm-skylights-viewing deck, den/office, pantry/utility rm, crafts/exercise rm, ductless heat pump, vinyl windows, 806 SF attached garage/shop & 1 car carport. The grounds feature a 60x100 barn-shop-hanger, a 1,000 foot turf air strip w/taxi way, pastures, fruit trees & gardens. Additional home on the property w/remodel potential.MLS #2342691









#### \$519,000 ~ LONGVIEW

Pristine Northwest Contemporary Home in a Magical Wooded Setting! Beautiful home boasting 2,106 SF, 3bdrms, 3 bthrms, Great Room w/cedar tongue and groove vaulted ceilings-wall of light filled windows, frml living rm w/wood FP & sliders to wrap around viewing deck, dining rm w/large windows to take in the serene wooded views, kitchen w/ vaulted ceiling-LVP flooring-all appliances-slider to side viewing deck, spiral staircase to large lower level family rm w/wet bar-wood FP w/insert-slider to lower covered patio & a private wooded sanctuary, spacious laundry room & oversized 594 SF garage. The wooded grounds offer an additional .20 acre parcel, flower beds and an incredible "Sea of Trees" view! The home is located minutes to Longview & Kelso. MLS #2374900



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\$1,550,000 ~ VADER Stunning Victorian Estate on 20.55 waterfront acres! Luxurious residence boasting 5187 SF, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, Great Room living w/9' coffered ceilings, frml living rm w/FR doors to large patio, frml dining rm, gourmet oak kitchen w/replica stove/oven-island w/eating bar, immense family rm w/wet bar-Fr doors to viewing decks-FP, spacious primary bdrm-jetted tub-walk-in closet, heat pump & 4 car garage. The manicured grounds feature a gated entry-2 rail fence-creek frontage-pond w/covered bridge, 2740 SF shop w/kitchen-half bath-720 SF awning-144 SF porch, a 2350 SF shop w/half bath-utility rm-12,000 lb car lift, 720 SF RV carport w/hook-ups & an ADU-("2019" 40' RV w/3 tip outs). The 2 shops are on a separate .54 acre commercial parcel. MLS #2348400











#### \$584,900 ~ LONGVIEW

Stunning Craftsman home in Longview's Historic Old Westside! Beautifully updated home boasting 2,340 SF, 4 bdrms, 2 bthrms, frml living rm w/gas FP & refinished hardwood floors, frml dining rm w/French doors, remodeled kitchen w/quartz countertops, bdrm on main, partially finished basement w/bdrm-office space-utility rm, newer heat pump, roof & vinyl windows. The 1 car heated garage & attached ADU feature a spacious kitchen & living rm w/10' ceilings-large bdrm-3/4 bthrm & heat pump. The private back yard features a capped block wall w/lighting for ambiance, raised garden beds, ornamental trees & shrubs, pavers to ADU/garage, sprinkler system, and RV parking or patio next to the garage. The home is located minutes to town & Lake Sacajawea.MLS #2341873











\$619,900 ~ LONGVIEW Check out all the amazing updates on this beautifully appointed Columbia Heights home. New fully tiled kitchen with stone counters and SS appliances that all stay! Beautiful stone tiled showers in both updated main floor bathrooms. Newer floors throughout the entire home. Enjoy the end of summer evenings on the new deck, and the spacious backyard with raised beds for your growing aspirations. Park all of your toys in the detached carport and in your oversized breezeway connected 2 car garage. Upgrade possibilities with plumbing in place for a wet bar in the basement, and electrical panel in place in the garage to add your EV charging port to. This one is a must see!. MLS #2291519





#### \$579,000 ~ LONGVIEW Colonial in desirable Columbia Heights! "1996" Street of Dreams home boasting 4 spacious bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, formal living room





\$499,900 ~ KELSO Commanding views from this Mount Brynion Country Home on 2.44 Acres! 2,400 SF, 4BD, 2BA, living rm w/wood stove-bamboo hardwood floors, dining rm w/built-in china & dining room, cozy family room w/gas fireplace, built-ins, Primary suite w/walk-in closet-ensuite w/double sinks-tile floor, gournet hutch, spacious kitchen w/alder cabinets. Primary bdrm w/ensuite & walk-in closet, huge kitchen w/breakfast nook-stainless steel appliances-island w/eating bar-Corian countertops, grand staircase w/balcony, vinyl windows family rm w/built-in closets & door to back yard, vinyl siding, newer roof, 30x50 shop/ garage & RV parking. includes a communication tower that can be utilized for a Ham w/wood blinds & new luxury vinyl floors throughout, central air conditioning, 2 car garage, beautifully landscaped grounds, fully fenced operator or leased for additional income. MLS #2363305





#### \$333,000 ~ LONGVIEW

Beautifully updated Craftsman home! Pristine home. 2 spacious bedrooms, updated bathroom w/soaking tub, large light and bright living room, remodeled kitchen w/new cabinetry-countertops-SS appliances-bay window/eating area, new fixtures, large utility room, new luxury vinyl flooring throughout, new interior and exterior paint, new fixtures, newer roof, new heating system, oversized garage/ shop & additional storage area, private fenced back yard w/2 apple trees & cherry tree, alley access, nicely landscaped. Minutes to parks-shopping-restaurants-recreation and I-5. This home is a true Gem! MLS #2381137



#### \$419,000 ~ LONGVIEW

Wonderful home on 1.35 acres located in desirable Columbia Heights location. Adorable home boasting 3BD, 1.5BA, formal living room w/bay window, formal dining room, spacious updated kitchen w/eating space and French doors to large covered deck, cozy family room w/wood stove, primary bedroom on main, 484 SF shop area and 460 SF to tub/sauna room. Large flower beds, garden space, nature trails, large asphalt sports court or future shop floor on 1.35 private acres! Plenty of room for ADU. MLS #2357207



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