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On Marti's Mind

Hi! I hope you are having a great summer. It's been kind of crazy for the Reeder Family, but we're happy and together. (My baby girl is getting married in 22 days!)

The real estate market has been crazy too. In just a year's time, we've gone from a buyer's market to a seller's market (for homes under \$300,000-\$500,000 depending on the location), with low inventory and multiple offers in many cases. If you are thinking of selling your home, this is a great time to consider it. Not sure what to do first? No problem. I can help with that! I'm happy to meet with you to share my ideas on how to prepare your home for sale. If you're ready to take the next step, I can help you prepare your listing (including Professional Staging & Photography), negotiate the best terms for you - and make it all happen!

If you don't currently own a home but are thinking about buying one, don't miss the article on shopping for your first home. It gives great tips on finding the ideal starter home, something between your current rental and that dream house you hope for some day. If you're already a homeowner and not planning to move, you might enjoy the articles on home improvement: gardening tips, easy bathroom updates and remodeling your home. Lots of good stuff!

As always, if you have questions about buying or selling a home, mortgages or anything else home-related, give me a call. I'm happy to help or to refer you to a trusted professional who can help with your specific needs. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the summer!

Working for you,
Marti

Shopping for Your First Home? Here's What to Look For



A starter home is a stopgap

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The Pending Home Sales Index Rises in May



In a healthy real estate market, homes go up for sale, offers are made, and contracts are signed. To keep track of market activity, the National

Association of Realtors (NAR) developed the Pending Home Sales Index, a tool that measures the number of signed real estate contracts on existing homes. According to the May findings, more and more home buyers are signing on the dotted line.

The Pending Home Sales Index reached 101.1 in May. Not only is this level up from 95.5 in April, it is 13.3 percent higher than May 2011, when the index rang in at 89.2. Every region of the country saw both monthly and yearly gains in the number of pending real estate contracts. This is the... [Read More](#)

Remodeling Your home? Start from the Outside In



The kitchen and



between a rental and a dream house. In today's real estate market, however, that stopgap is becoming a little less temporary. If you're a first-time home buyer, you should plan to live in your starter home for seven to ten years. Your address might not change

during that time, but your life will. To ensure that your living space suits both your current and future needs, look for a starter home that meets these four standards.

Affordable Price

You may be able to afford an... [Read More](#)

Gardening in Five Minutes a Day



Want a beautiful garden but think you don't have the time? These quick and easy landscape tricks will improve the look of your garden in as little as five minutes a day.

Don't let your plants die of thirst. Establish a watering schedule and post it in a

conspicuous place, such as on the refrigerator or in the laundry room. Most people simply forget the last time they watered and by the time they realize it has been over a week, their petunias are wilted... [Read More](#)

Six Easy Bathroom Updates



If you're tired of your bathroom's decor, but don't want to spend a fortune, try one of these six ideas to take your bathroom from failing to fabulous.

Paint perfection.

Pale yellows brighten up a room and make it appear larger;

darker colors like burgundy or chocolate have a rich, warm appearance. Greens or blues are soothing and exude peace and tranquility. Don't just paint the walls; if your bathroom cabinet looks shabby, paint it too (you may need to lightly sand the old... [Read More](#)



bathroom are at the top of most home remodeling project lists. But homeowners intent on remodeling should also consider

investing in the exterior of their homes—maybe even start there.

That's the advice of Sarah Susanka, one of the nation's leading voices for redefining the American home, and author of the Not So Big House series, a collection of nine books focusing on home design, architecture and remodeling.

The reason for investing in the exterior is simple. The exterior should set the tone for your home's interior look and feel. Also, first impressions really do count to the long-term value of a house, especially when it comes time to sell it... [Read More](#)



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Like new, move-in ready
\$299,950---PENDING!
 4 beds, 2.5 baths 2400'
 Gorgeous kitchen w/pullouts
 Pending in just 4 days!



James Hill Classic
\$224,950---SOLD!
 4 beds, 2.25 baths, 2600sqf
 Sunset & Olympics views
 LISTED & CLOSED IN 30 DAYS!



Custom Schneider Home
\$464,950---PENDING!
 4 beds, 2.5 baths, .5 acre
 3370 sq ft on cul-de-sac
 Gorgeous millwork detail



Vintage East Hill Charmer
\$246,950---PENDING!
 1956 quality construction
 Updated with custom kitchen
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