

Phoenix's Flyer

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Real Estate News:

Pending sales around Washington state reached the highest level since October and surged nearly 44% from December, according to the January report from Northwest Multiple Listing Service. Last month's 5,776 mutually accepted offers were down about 9% from a year ago, but brokers seemed encouraged by the "favorable spike." Prices [...]

Out of all 50 states, Washington has been listed as the best state to retire in, according to research by Global Residence Index. The research used seven key factors to rank each of the 50 states, and Washington ranked in the top 10 for five of the seven factors. Air quality, [...]

I'm YOUR neighborhood specialist.

By keeping a close watch on neighborhood sales and getting to know many of you personally, I can do the best job of marketing your home. You'll be seeing more of me in the neighborhood now that spring is nearly here.

Call me with all of your real estate needs. I'm here for you!

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Gardening Tips:

Survey the yard:

- Make note of tree limbs that should be removed or cabled, especially those that overhang structures. Hire an arborist to maintain large trees.
- Cut down last year's perennial foliage, and put in the compost pile.
- Rake mulch from beds planted with bulbs before foliage appears & refresh mulch in other planting areas after soil warms.
- Check fences, steps, & pathways for disrepair caused by freezing and thawing.

Prepare New Beds:

- Clear planting area as soon as soil can be worked, removing sod or weeds & debris.
- Spread a 4 inch layer of compost or well-rotted manure and any amendments over soil. Cultivate to a depth of 10-12 inches.

Plant:

- Plant bare-root trees, shrubs and perennials like hosta, & daylilies early. Choose a cool, cloudy day if possible.
- Transplant container grown plants anytime during the growing season except midsummer; be sure to water thoroughly.
- Sow seeds of cool-season flowers like sweet peas, poppies, calendula & vegetables like lettuce, parsley, & spinach.

Prune:

- Remove dead, damaged or diseased branches from woody plants after plants resume spring growth.
- Thin and trim summer-blooming shrubs such as butterfly bush, hydrangea & most roses, except for old-fashioned once blooming.
- Prune spring blooming shrubs & trees after flowering.

Fertilize:

- Apply fertilizer, fish emulsion & other soil amendments recommending by soil-test result around trees & shrubs when new growth appears.
- Spread high-acid fertilizer & pine needle mulch around acid-loving plants like azaleas & camellias.
- Fertilize perennials when active growth resumes.

Compost:

- Start a pile, or use a compost bin. Collect plant debris & leaves. Chop up to speed decomposition. Add equal amounts of "brown" materials like leaves and peat moss, with "green" things like grass clippings. Layer evenly & add water and bioactivator or redworms. Turn often.

Flower Power

How flowers can make you feel good. Researchers at Rutgers University have studied the effects of fresh flowers on the people receiving them. Chinese medicine bases the healing powers of flowers on their color. Aromatherapy is a widely studied field based on the healing/therapeutic power of various flowers and plants. Here's some information you'll find interesting.

Lilacs & Lavender: Relieve stress. The violet color is cooling and helps counter "hot" conditions like rash, sunburn, and balances metabolic processes by stimulating the pituitary gland. This in turn produces stress relieving beta-endorphins. Lavender scent is calming and steadies the emotions, helps relieve headaches, and is good for respiration/breathing.

Red Roses: Red is believed to stimulate the adrenal glands boosting energy and helping to support healing. Cortisone the bodies natural anti-inflammatory is produced in the adrenal glands. Rose scent is a natural anti-depressant & helps heal grief & relieves insomnia.

Sunflowers & Marigolds: Yellow is stimulating to the brain assisting in alertness, decisiveness and optimism.

Irises: Indigo stimulates the pineal gland which regulates sleep patterns. Indigo may help free the mind from worry & fear.



Thinking of Buying or Selling a home, or know someone who is?

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