

Choosing the Right Neighborhood is as Important as Choosing the Right House!

There are many factors to consider when selecting a neighborhood that is right for you. Below are just a few of the many factors to consider- you may think of others that are important to you. Please write them on your Requirements List so they do not get forgotten.

Neighborhoods have characteristic personalities investigate to determine that the neighborhood in which you choose to look for a home matches your lifestyle and personality.



Scout out the Neighborhood!

It is important that you scout the neighborhood in person. You live in more than your house. Talk to people who live there. Drive through the entire area at different times of the day, morning, afternoon, evening, and late at night, as well as going during the week and on weekends. Look carefully at how well other homes in the area are being maintained, are they painted, are the yards well cared for, are parked cars in good condition, etc.

Neighborhood Factors to Consider --

Look for things like access to major thoroughfares, highways, and shopping. Listen for noise created by commerce, roads, railways, public areas, schools, etc. Smell the air for adjacent commerce or agriculture. Check with local civic, police, fire, and school officials to find information about the area. Research things like soil and water. Look at traffic patterns around the area during different times of the day and drive from the area to work. Is the neighborhood near parks, churches, recreation centers, shopping, theaters, restaurants, public transportation, schools, etc.? Does the neighborhood belong to a Homeowner's Association?