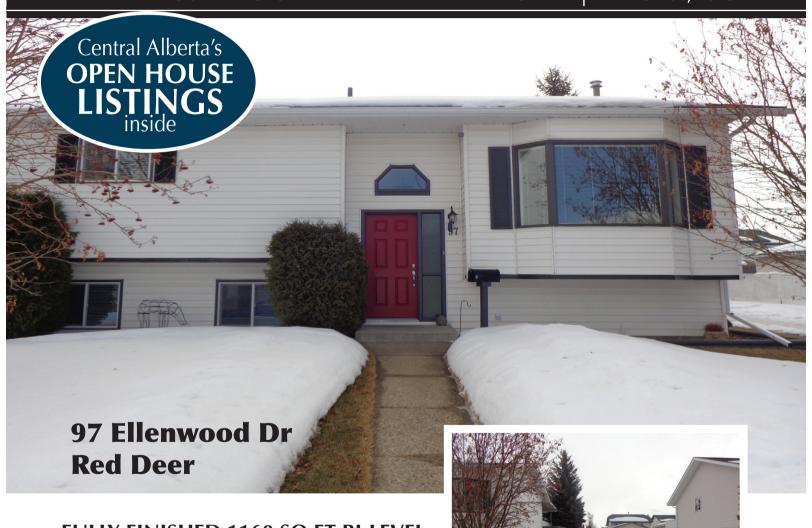
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MARCH 30, 2018



## **FULLY FINISHED 1160 SQ FT BI-LEVEL**

3 bedrooms and 3 baths, freshly painted, with large covered rear deck and is fully fenced. Many recent upgrades!

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28 PAYNE CLOSE Forest privacy in the back! Mo & deer! Large 2400+sq. ft. 2 storey w/5 beds & 4 baths, many renos, hdwd, W exposure, covered deck, steam shower, much more.



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community park, shopping and offers great living. Call Alex! Collicutt centre Call Alex





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Both decorative and functional, handrails should be chosen with care. Here are a few considerations to help you make a smart purchase.

Of course, to achieve visual harmony, you should choose a model that matches the style of your staircase and the surrounding area. But before thinking about aesthetics, it's important to consider the role of the railing as a safety barrier — especially if you have young children or share your home with anyone with limited mobility.

For example, as far as the handrail is concerned, it's a good idea to go with a

rounded shape to make it easier to grip. For the banister, avoid horizontal bars: children can easily climb them. Also, make sure that little ones aren't able to fit their heads or shoulders between the bars. There are various norms and regulations that govern things like minimum railing height — call in an expert to make sure everything is up to code.

Finally, when it comes to choosing a material for your railing — metal, wood, plexiglass — style is of course important, but also make sure to keep maintenance in mind.



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Real estate can be a good investment that helps build wealth and secure a financial future. According to Investopedia, average 20-year returns in commercial real estate hover around 9.5 percent, while residential and diversified real estate average returns of 10.6 percent.

Such figures may seem too good to ignore for many prospective real estate investors. But investing in real estate can be risky, and it's important that first-time investors consider a host of factors before deciding to delve into the real estate market.

## **Current finances**

Real estate can potentially yield big returns, but these may only materialize after investors spend ample amounts of money refurbishing or even maintaining properties. their investment Prospective investors without the capital on hand to finance repairs or routine maintenance may find it difficult to make their properties appealing to potential tenants, which can make it harder to meet

mortgage payments. Prospective investors who already have sizable debts, be it consumer debt or existing mortgage payments, may want to pay down those debts before investing in real estate.

## **Down payments**

According to Wells Fargo, mortgage insurance does not cover investment property, and loans typically require a minimum down payment of 20 percent of the value of the property. So prospective investors cannot count on mortgage insurance to finance their investments in real estate. Investors should not just make sure they can meet that 20 percent requirement, but also ensure they have enough capital left after making their down payments to address any repairs that need to be made. If not, they might have trouble attracting renters willing to pay enough in rent.

## **Interest rates**

Prospective real estate investors may be surprised to learn that investment property loans are often subject to higher interest rates than those for home buyers borrowing to purchase a primary residence, says Quicken Loans. Investors should not count on getting the same or better interest rates for their investment properties that they did when buying the homes they currently live in.

## **Financial reserves**

Some lenders may require that prospective investors have sizable financial reserves before they will lend them money to invest in real estate. Some may require that borrowers have several months' worth of reserves to finance both their personal lives and their investments. If a 20 percent down payment would make that impossible, then prospective investors may want to wait a little longer to invest and save more money until their financial reserves would prove more acceptable to lenders.

Investing in real estate can yield big returns. But first-time investors should know that such investments are vastly different than investing in a home for oneself.

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Kitchen has granite counter
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This property also has a big
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greenspace! MLS# CA0130143



6 DAVISON DRIVE, RED DEER

4 Beds 4 Baths SF: 1,814 Pie Shaped Lot Anyone? Deer park is a great community and this house is sure to impress with hardwood flooring throughout, vaulted ceilings and Air Conditioning. MLS# CA0126485



79 RUTTAN CLOSE, RED DEER

6 Beds 3 Baths SF: 1,446
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5 Beds 3 Baths SF: 2,723

~ Luxurious fully developed Bungalow on 4.5 Acres ~ 40x80 heated Shop. Open concept main floor with 10-12ft ceilings, chef inspired kitchen, very high end appliances, dreamy master suite with spa like ensuite, Custom Projection tv/theatre room with wet bar and equipped to cook up snacks for movie night. MLS# CA0110833

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### 5514-53 AVE LACOMBE

5 bdrms, 2 full baths, hardwood floors, many upgraded & renovated features. Has a suited style bsmt with private entry. A large & nicely landscaped yard with 24x26 heated garage.

## A GREAT STARTER HOME



### 2110 - 19 AVE, DELBURNE

3 bedroom, 2 full bath mobile home on it's own 50x150 fenced lot. Features vaulted ceilings, a large country kitchen with island and corner pantry. Massive 4 pce ensuite, comes with all appliances.

## UPPER LEVEL CONDO UNIT IN SUNNYBROOK!!



## #10 - 7 STANTON STREET

Immediate possession for this 2 bdrm condo unit. Has a large walk-in closet off the master, spacious living room, laminate flooring thru-out, upgraded kitchen cabinets, all appliances included, & in-suite laundry. East facing balcony.

## LOCATED ACROSS FROM LARGE PARK AND PLAYGROUND



## 97 ELLENWOOD DRIVE

Fully finished 1160 sq ft Bi-Level with 3 bedrooms and 3 baths. Freshly painted walls throughout, new low flow toilets. newly tiled entry. Large covered rear deck, nicely landscaped, well treed, and fully fenced.

## THIS IMMACULATE BI-LEVEL HAS AN OPEN FLOOR PLAN



## 130 BOWMAN CIRCLE SYLVAN LAKE

Quality laminate flrg, 2 large bdrms up & 1 down (4 pce ens off the master). Has 9' ceilings up & down with underslab heat in bmst (partly fin'd). Has a 24x24 underslab htd garage. Backyard is finished with paving stones & gravel. Raised garden boxes.

## LOCATED CLOSE TO FAWN MEADOWS GOLF COURSE



## 2109 - 19 AVENUE, DELBURNE

This 1796 sq. ft. 2003 doublewide modular is on it's own 60x150 lot. Has vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, 3 large bdrms, 2 full baths, Jacuzzi tub, country kitchen, formal dining, 30x30 heated garage, large paved driveway.



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90 Eversole Crescent 2:00 – 4:00 pm Rob White	CENTURY 21 ADVANTAGE	<b>350-1070</b> \$274,900 Eastview Estates
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## Which renovations are worth an investment?

The cost of remodeling a home is easier to stomach when homeowners can expect to recoup a sizable percentage of the costs of the renovation. While basing renovations on their potential impact on resale value may be unwise, return on investment is something homeowners must consider when mulling renovation projects.

Many homeowners wonder which renovations will resonate most strongly with potential buyers when a home is put up for sale. According to Remodeling magazine, homeowners are less likely to recoup their investment in a major kitchen or bathroom remodel than they would with basic home maintenance, such as new siding. That's because buyers are most interested in how the bones of the house — or those elements that keep the house protected and can be costly to fix — were maintained.

Each year Remodeling magazine issues its "Cost vs. Value Report," which highlights the projects that offer the most return on investment. In 2016, the No. 1 project was the installation of fiberglass attic insulation, which could produce 116.9 percent recouped cost and a resale value of \$1,482. Rounding out the top five were manufactured stone veneer for the exterior, a standard new garage door, a steel entry door, and an upscale garage door.

Projects with the least return on investment tended to be more expensive undertakings that offered returns of roughly 57 percent. Such projects included bathroom additions, upscale



bathroom additions, upscale master suite additions, upscale bathroom remodels, and deck additions.

For those considering more expensive renovations, keep these figures in mind, courtesy of Forbes.

- A major remodel of a 200-square-foot kitchen can cost around \$113,000, with homeowners recouping 60 percent.
- Replacing 1,250-square feet of siding with new fiber siding can cost \$13,000, but homeowners can expect to recoup 80 percent of that cost at resale.
- Replacing 10 existing double-hung windows with vinyl low-e glass windows is valued at \$14,000, and the return can be between 68 and 73 percent.

There are even renovations that seem like good ideas but can actually hurt the resale value of a home. MSN Money lists these projects as money-wasters for those who want to sell soon.

- Lavish lighting fixtures can look dated in a few years when trends change.
- Wallpaper or textured walls can be notoriously hard to change, and buyers know that.
- Kitschy renovations, such as 1950s diner tiles, may appeal to only a select number of people. Neutral renovations are better if resale is the goal.
- Many real estate experts warn against converting a bedroom into anything other than a bedroom even for the purposes of a home office. Such conversions can immediately devalue the property. The same can be said about combining two small bedrooms into one larger space.

Homeowners should investigate potential renovations before committing the time and money to something that may offer little value at resale.

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## Your Realtor can help you negotiate

There are many negotiating factors, including but not limited to price, financing, terms, date of possession and often the inclusion or exclusion of repairs and furnishings or equipment.

The purchase agreement should provide a

period of time for you to complete appropriate inspections and investigations of the property before you are bound to complete the purchase. Your agent can advise you as to which investigations and inspections are recommended or required.

## **Exploring condos and townhouses**



Individuals have many options when seeking places to call home. Among those options are condominiums and townhouses. While quite similar, condos and townhouses are different. Learning what sets these residences apart can help people find the right fit for them.

## **Condominiums**

Condos are private residences owned by an individual or family in a private building. According to Realtor.com, condos are similar to apartments. However instead of paying rent, condo dwellers own the space. Condos share common areas, such as pools, recreation rooms, gyms, and outdoors spaces.

People may be attracted to condos because there is very little maintenance involved. Condos can be in large buildings similar to apartment buildings, and living spaces may be confined to one floor. High-rise condominiums may resemble skyscrapers, offers Coldwell Banker, which notes that a condo owner shares ownership of the land, the roof, the

staircases, and the exterior of the condominium complexes. The only thing the condo owner may own outright is his or her individual living space.

Condo owners typically rely on maintenance companies and other contractors to handle the repairs and upkeep of the spaces outside of the interior of one's specific condo. Residents typically pay condominium fees to a condo board to manage and cover these expenses. Because of the multiperson ownership, condos place strict restrictions on what can and can't be done to the property.

## **Townhouses**

Townhouses are usually multileveled attached properties. Townhouses may fall within a row of other homes or be an end unit where only one side is attached.

Many people are drawn to townhouses because of their various levels and architectural styles. Some also feel that townhouses provide more of a traditional home feel than condominiums. Townhouses may come with a small parcel of land, a driveway or a private garage.

Although there may be some community amenities accessible to owners of townhouses, such amenities are rare. However, because townhouse communities do not handle as much maintenance — exterior repair and roof maintenance may be the responsibility of the townhouse owner — homeowners association fees tend to be less expensive than those incurred by condo owners.

Townhouse owners typically take ownership of the home, the roof and the land that lies below it. However, both townhouse and condo owners are urged to read the bylaws of their communities, which should specifically list responsibilities of the owner versus the homeowner's association or condo board.

Condos and townhouses have similarities and differences, but both can be ideal places to live for those who desire help with maintenance and worry-free living.

## **Ask Charles**

I listed my house with a real estate agent after seeing their ads all over my community, but my showings and correspondence are always with another member of the real estate agent's 'team.' Is that allowed? I thought I was hiring the person in the advertising.

On the surface of it, there's nothing wrong with what you've described, but it's important that the agent didn't mislead you into thinking you were hiring just them.

When you list your home with a real estate professional, you're actually listing your home with their brokerage; the company they work for. The agent you deal with is the person working on your behalf as the representative of the brokerage.

If the brokerage is a common law brokerage, it technically means that all of the individuals within that brokerage are working on your behalf, and the law assumes they all have the same information about you and your property. If you're working with an individual from a common law brokerage, then yes, other real estate professionals within that brokerage work for you as well, and can take care of your showings, provide services to you, and negotiate on your behalf.

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be your "designated agents." They will be your representative(s) in your transaction on behalf of the brokerage. Other individuals in the brokerage who are not named in the listing agreement do not have a working relationship with you or your listing. Your agent(s) cannot share your information with other individuals within the brokerage, and they will not provide services to you or work on your behalf.

Whether you're working with a common law or designated agency brokerage, when you sign your listing agreement – be clear with your real estate professional about who you want to be directly working with. If you want to only deal with the individual, you're meeting with, tell them, and see what they have to say. Some real estate professionals will only work as part of a team and won't be prepared to offer such a guarantee.

Don't sign anything you're not comfortable with. If you ex-

pect to work with the individual whose face is in all the advertising, make sure you make that clear in writing and discuss it with them before you hire them.

If the person in the advertising says you'll be communicating and working with only them, and it turns out you deal with their team or others within the brokerage, and never see or hear from them again, there could be grounds for a complaint if they misled you about your working relationship.

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### 195 Cedar Square Blackfalds

- Beautiful bungalow Close to schools Open floor plan
- Fully finished

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   charming character bungalow, many upgrades
- double detached garage
  very private park-like setting
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- 11 Towers Close Large 2 storey home with 3700+ of living space 6 beds and basement summer kitchen
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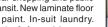


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Across the country, people are packing boxes, hiring trucks and moving short and long distances. The U.S. Census Bureau says that around 12 percent of the population moves each year. According to a survey by DuProprio, a Quebec-based real estate advice site, 28 percent of Canadians feel the need to move every five years. Surprisingly, DuProprio also found that 14 percent of owners wish they could move every year.

The main reasons people move are expansion of the family, a career change, retirement, empty nest situations, or when moving is more practical than large-scale home renovations. While some people stick close to previous home locations, a 2015 American Community Survey found approximately 16.9 million people moved to a different county in 2015.

Whether a move is across county lines or overseas, it can take some time to acclimate to a new neighborhood. These tips can help anyone get acquainted with their new surroundings and make friends in the process.

**1.** Host a housewarming party. Get to know immediate neighbors by hosting a party. After some unpacking is done, host a simple get-together for people who live nearby. Ask if neighbors can help out by bringing chairs. Offer light refreshments and some type of activities for children. The event doesn't have to be extensive, just long enough to engage in some conversation and introduce yourself.

- 2. Walk and drive around. Scout out the area by driving around and making note of shopping centers, parks and places of interest. Schedule times when you will get out of the car and walk around on foot, which makes it easier to take everything in. Use a website like Walkscore.com to find places within walking distance of your new home. Bring the dog along. Dogs can be great ice breakers with new neighbors.
- **3.** Check out community blotters. Community events may be posted in print and distributed through a local newspaper and also on municipal websites. Find out where the locals go on weekends or during the week. Communities may take pride in certain activities. It's easier to get a feel for the neighborhood by spending time with the locals.
- **4.** Become active in the community. Find a volunteer organization or join a local house of worship. Check with the local chamber of commerce for ways to get involved or clubs to join. Like-minded people can make living in a new locale more enjoyable.
- **5**. Dine out once a week. If budget allows, try a new neighborhood eating establishment each week to get a lay of the land. You'll identify hot spots and hidden gems and will also be able to mingle with the community. An app such as Open Table can help you find places to eat nearby.



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