



THE NEIGHBORHOOD

There are many factors to consider when selecting a neighborhood that is right for you. Think about the location in terms of commute to work and proximity to shopping, schools, parks or any other places you frequent. You may think of others factors that are important to you. Please write them on your Home Search Criteria form so they do not get forgotten.

Scout out the Neighborhood!



It is important that you scout the neighborhood in person.

- Talk to people who live there.
- Drive through the entire area at different times of the day, 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, water, and flood planes.
- 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 have a Homeowner's Association?