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How Important is Lifestyle?

You may have heard the old saying that in real estate, the three most important considerations are, “Location, location, and location.” But you may never have thought about why location is important.

The answer is simple: Lifestyle. Think about it. Would you prefer a home with lots of trees, set on a large lot next to an elementary school? If you have young children, and like to spend a lot of time gardening, the answer may be yes.

And if you have concerns about the quality of your children’s education, you may want that elementary school to have a good reputation.

Are you a hunting enthusiast? Do you like to fish? Is your ideal Saturday one that includes at least five hours of golf? Are you a hiker, a bowler, an opera fan? Are you unable to drive, and dependent on cabs and public transportation?

Sit down and make a list of your hobbies and other lifestyle interests. Put a check beside the ones you could do better if you lived in the right place.

When you are ready to see homes, you may also consider new construction, you can still use a Realtor. It will be useful for your representative, who understands that you’ll be much happier in the home you select if it is located somewhere that allows you to live your lifestyle you want.

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Payment and price are also part of your lifestyle. Often you can get a larger square footage home and more acreage if you move a away from the city.

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