



# HELPING YOU FIND YOUR WAY HOME

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**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**  
"Always do right. This  
will gratify some and  
astonish the rest."  
Mark Twain

**Congratulations** to  
Karina Sigler, the winner of  
last month's trivia. Thank  
you to everyone who  
participated.

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## Real Estate

According to the latest market data in the greater Portland metro area more than 50% of the homes that were recently sold were three bedroom homes. If you are looking for a single family home investment property, purchasing a three bedroom home typically gives you the greatest market potential.

Condo Appreciation Rates in the Portland metro area to date:

Year	Average Sales Price	Change in Appreciation
06	230,000	12%
05	205,900	17%
04	175,300	7%

## Upcoming Fun Activity

The 2006 Street of Dreams will be open from July 29 to August 27. It is located at Hidden Lake Estates in Clackamas. You will get to tour six expansive and elegantly designed estates. There are thousands of inspiring ideas and this is always fun and quite amazing. Check this out at [www.streetofdreamspdx.com](http://www.streetofdreamspdx.com)

## Trivia Contest

The Smith Family has a mother, a father, and 7 daughters. Each daughter has 1 brother.

How many people are in the family?

- a. 9
- b. 16
- c. 15
- d. 10

## Home Tips

**Tip #1:** Remember that your home is YOUR house, and you can attempt anything you like. Go for it. If you don't like something in your yard, dig it up or change it. If you want to paint your living room bright red, do it. It is your home so don't worry so much about the resale value, unless, of course that is your main goal. Fix it up for yourselves, not some future owner.

**Tip #2:** Do you want to reduce the allergies in your home? The number one thing to do is focus in your bedroom. You spend about 80 percent of your time there and there can be millions of dust mites that live in your bed. What can you do to control these little pests? Wash your linens once a week in the hot cycle, which should be about 130 degrees. You should also invest in an allergen-proof pillow case and bed cover.