



Kathy Whalen's Monthly Real Estate Newsletter

December 2012



Happy Holidays!

I hope everyone enjoys a relaxing holiday season with family and friends. We are now entering the Winter market which is traditionally a slower time. The market will improve and number of homes for sale will increase as we head toward the Spring market early next year. The good news is that many markets across the United States are now improving (see article in right hand column). This indicates that we have hit the bottom and should continue to see price improvement. See important information regarding the Homestead Tax Credit in the article in the right hand column. THE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31.

Please visit my newly revamped website at www.kathywhalen.com. It is now easier to search the Multiple Listing Service for homes with upgraded map searches, there is more information on Schools, more Community information, easy access to information on upcoming open houses in Montgomery County and DC as well as links to pictures and disclosures for my listings. I also have a new mobile website: m.kathywhalen.com which allows you to search for homes based on where you are located using the GPS feature. Please scan the QR code at the bottom of this article to take a test drive.

If you are thinking of selling your home next Spring, please give me a call so we can meet and determine how best to prepare your house for sale and determine the best marketing strategy for selling your home

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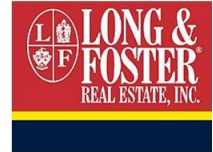
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**TIME IS RUNNING OUT
FOR CLAIMING THE
HOMESTEAD TAX
CREDIT**

The opportunity to claim the Homestead Tax Credit will expire on December 31, 2012. This deadline applies to existing homeowners only. Over the course of the last four years, the state of Maryland has given each homeowner the

Also, be sure to see my listings below, read the real estate articles in the column to the right and visit my website where you can click to see current interest rates and a link to all homes currently listed for sale. As always, if you have any real estate questions or needs I am available to help.

Thanks,
Kathy Whalen .



My Listings.....

ACTIVE

\$455,000

3216 Fayette Road

Kensington, MD 20895



Click on picture above to see additional photos

Charming Cape with Sunroom Addition, Master Bedroom with Sitting Room, Recently Remodeled Lower Level with Family Room and

opportunity to register their houses as their principal residence, thus making them eligible for the homestead credit. If a homeowner has not applied for the homestead status by that Date, they will lose any homestead benefits that they currently receive.

This site explains it:

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Here you can look up properties to see who has or hasn't signed up.

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If you prefer to call for information, the number is:

410-767-2165



Click on image above to go to the Department of Assessments and Taxation Website for more information

Number of Improving Housing Markets Surges to 201 in December

rismedia.com The number of housing markets considered "improving" according to parameters established by the National Association of Home Builders/First American Improving Markets Index surged by 76 to a total of 201 Metros in December

Full Bath. Located in Popular Homewood Neighborhood. Estimated property tax and non-tax charges in first fiscal year of ownership is \$4,338.00

ACTIVE

\$329,9000

1517 Jasper Street

Silver Spring, MD 20902



Click on picture above to see additional photos

Great Price for 4 Bedroom, 2 Full Bath Cape with New Kitchen, Updated Baths and Dining Room Addition.

Estimated property tax and non-tax charges in first fiscal year of ownership is \$3,728.00

SOLD

\$448,000

10514 Cascade Road

Silver Spring, MD 20902



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**Maryland's
Foreclosure
Mediation
Program**



Click on picture above to see additional photos

Four Level Split with Attached Two Car Garage and Master Bedroom and Full Bath Addition! Over 2500 Square Feet! Private, Landscaped Yard with Deck.

Estimated property tax and non-tax charges in first fiscal year of ownership are \$4,315.

SOLD

\$329,900

1622 Cody Drive

Silver Spring, MD 20902



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Three Level Cape Cod home in Popular Forest Estates Neighborhood. With Three Bedrooms, Two and one Half Baths, Remodeled Kitchen, Family Room Addition and Convenient Location



(Click on Above Image to Read Information About Maryland's Mediation Foreclosure Program)

Downtown Silver Spring Information



Montgomery County School Assignment Locator

with Neighborhood Parks and Close to Metro, this is the Perfect Home! Sold in As Is Condition and Requires some work.

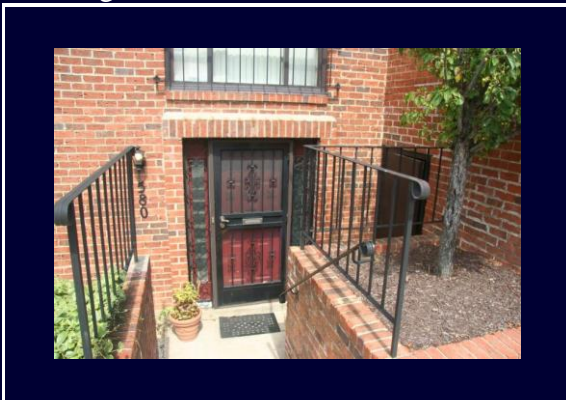
Estimated property tax and non-tax charges in first fiscal year of ownership is \$4,034.00

SOLD

\$275,000

580 Brummel Court

Washington, DC 20012



Click on picture above to see additional photos

Beautifully Updated with New Granite Kitchen, Two Updated Baths, Open Floorplan, Private Front and Back Patios and over 100 Square Feet! Move In Condition!

Estimated property tax and non-tax charges in first fiscal year of ownership are \$2,132.

SOLD

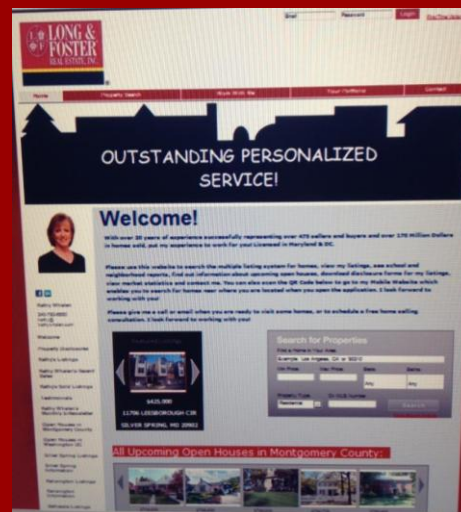
\$236,000

1411 Gleason Street

Silver Spring, MD 20902



Estimated Real Property Tax and Other Non-tax Charges



Visit My Website



Please Click On Picture to See Homes I Have Recently Sold

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additional photos

Immaculate Single Family Home with Charming Front Porch, New Table Space Kitchen, New Bath, Freshly Painted Exterior, Covered Back Patio and Large, Level Yard. Perfect Condition!

Estimated property tax and non-tax charges in first fiscal year of ownership is \$2,965.00

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Thank you for taking the time to read my Monthly Real Estate Newsletter! I hope you found it both interesting & informative. I would love to help you with your real estate needs! Please call or email me & I would be happy to

set up a time to meet
with you to discuss
buying or selling your
home.

Sincerely,

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