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Don't Let This Opportunity Pass You By!

Given the current slow down in the housing market, now may be the best time to consider buying a home. New construction is a great value while interest rates are low and prices have stabilized. And, Landed Gentry homes come with the piece of mind of working with a solid, community oriented company. We've been building homes and communities in western Washington since 1979, and we remain dedicated to serving the needs of our customers.

While Washington real estate has remained strong compared to the national picture, the real estate industry is cyclical, and increases in materials, labor and energy costs will eventually put an end to the current buyer's market. So, take advantage of the market and start looking for the home of your dreams!

A Home that Works When Working at Home

Today's home offices have changed residential design forever. They are now a mainstream feature in nearly every type, size, and price of new home. Professional, market-sensitive builders know that families need a separate space to conduct business from home. The successful integration of work and living environments is critical to meeting individual family needs.

At last count, more than 4 million people work full time from home, and professional builders are making space in their floor plans to meet the need for a work space that is both separate and private. Many builders provide more than one room in which owners can conduct business, and the floor plan placement, access, and other features of current home offices are increasingly sophisticated.

Compared to the adapted work spaces in dens, libraries and even garages just a few years ago, home offices are now specifically designed for office use. Builders often locate these rooms on the main floor, frequently just inside the front door. This allows privacy by separating the office from other family areas. In addition, the office might provide built-in bookshelves, extra storage and surfaces for files and office equipment, and wiring/cabling for internet connectivity. In model homes, home offices are marketed to make sure that potential homebuyers are aware that the builder offers a dedicated office space in addition to the bedrooms within the floor plan.

Secondary office niches can also be carved out of the master bedroom, family room, kitchen or loft space. These smaller office areas work well for home management tasks, such as paying the bills, maintaining the family schedule, and providing family access to a computer or homework area for school-age children.

Regardless of the context and however accommodated in the floor plan, there's little doubt that home offices have changed basic housing design. This trend is sure to continue as work and home management evolve in response to advances in electronic and communication science.



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Warm regards,

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