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# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Local Happenings Around Lane County & Some Real Estate News

HAPPY 2025!

Happy January and New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful time celebrating the new year in your own way. We got a new system for sending Newsletters and I am still learning it. Sorry its coming late! Take a look at what the start of 2025 has for you.



## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

This month around town:

- UO Men's and Women's Basketball has started (review schedule online)
- Eugene Saturday Holiday Market
- 9th- Bingo Night at Twisted Duck for CASA of Lane County
- 10-11th- STOMP at the Hult Center
- 18th- Celebration of Travel @
- 23-25th - Florence Winter Music Festival
- 25th- Love in Lane County Wedding Show
- 25th-Shen Yun at the Hult Center
- 31-1st- KVAL Sportsmen's & Outdoor Show

## THINGS TO CELEBRATE

Holidays in January:

1st - New Years Day

20th- Martin Luther King Jr. Day



## 9 New Year's traditions from around the world

- 1 Eating lucky foods (various)  

- 2 Redding of the house (giving the house a deep clean)  
- Scotland  

- 3 Wearing polka dots and eating round fruit  
- Philippines  

- 4 Walking around with an empty suitcase  
- Mexico  

- 5 Throwing a bucket of water out the front door  
- Cuba  

- 6 Hanging and smashing pomegranates  
- Greece  

- 7 Setting an extra place at the table  
- Ireland  

- 8 Wearing red underwear  
- Italy and Spain  

- 9 Visiting a temple for lucky charms  
- China  


Source: <https://www.aia.com/magazine/new-years-traditions-from-around-the-world>



## NEW YEARS FUN

Do you have any traditions you do to celebrate the new year? I found this fun graphic from how people in other countries celebrate the new year. I don't have any lucky food that I eat or things I wear but I do like to sit back and reflect on the previous year and make plans in all aspects of my life for the year to come. I think the start of the new year is the perfect time for self reflection and goal setting. How do you set yourself up for a good year?

## SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

I'm not sure if you have been to Eugene's newest steakhouse but Kennedy Steakhouse is all that its cracked up to be. It is pricey, so maybe save it for a special occasion but everyone has been raving about it. They took over the location at 5th street market where the Steelhead Brewery was. Check it out and let me know you made it in!



## HOUSING STUFF

A lot of the economist I have been listening to predict the 2025 housing market to mirror what the 2024 year did. Rates will most likely decline a bit to the mid 6% and homes sales will pick up around 10% this year. Home prices are not expected to fall but rise only modestly around 2-4%. Affordability will improve some as rates lower and household incomes grow. We are settling into a new normal after quite a few abnormal years and I am looking forward to it for all my clients!





## 2024 PURCHASE?

If you bought a house with me in 2024, Thank you! I also wanted to let you know that I will be mailing out a copy of your closing statement for your home purchase. You will need this when you go do your 2024 taxes and I like to mail it out at the beginning of the year so you have it at the top of the pile when you go do your taxes this year. Let me know if you are expecting it and do not get it by the end of the month. (You would have got this when you signed at closing but you may not have it readily available so I also like to send a copy.)

## THINGS WITH ME

I made some pretty big goals this year for my real estate business. If you have anyone in your life that can use my services to buy or sell. I would be honored to have you connect me. Did you make a new years resolution or a goal? I would love to cheer you on along the way. Let me know!



## LET'S WRAP UP

As always, thank you for taking the time to read my monthly newsletter. Do you have anything you would like me to include that you think would be valuable? I would love to hear from you.

And if you ever want to get together for coffee or happy hour to catch up the invite is always there. I appreciate you all so much! Thanks & have a great month!!