

**BROKER
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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Local Happenings Around Lane County & Some Real Estate News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happiest of New Years! Wishing you all a year filled with great times and beautiful memories. Did you make a new years resolution or set a goal for 2026? I would love to cheer you on along the way. Let me know! H.N.Y.!



LOCAL HAPPENINGS

This month around town:

- UO Men's and Women's Basketball has started (review schedule online)
- Eugene Saturday Holiday Market
- 2-4th- The Book of Mormon @ Hult
- 10th- Celebration of Travel @ VRI
- 12th- Yoga Under the Stars @ Sci Cntr
- 15th-Comedian Nate Bargatze @ MKA
- 18th- Picc-a-dilly flea market @ LEC
- 22-24th - Florence Winter Music Festival
- 23rd- Harlem Globetrotters @MKA
- 30-1st- KVAL Sportsmen's & Outdoor Show @LEC

THINGS TO CELEBRATE

Holidays in January:

1st - New Years Day

19th- 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.afar.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

This month I wanted to tell you about Play in Eugene. Its a family friendly place for the young and young at heart. They have batting cages, a VR golf simulator, dart lanes, arcade games and a full bar. They have an extensive tap list and have plenty of non alcoholic and mocktail options for anyone doing Dry January. I've gone to a couple events there and its a great time!



HOUSING STUFF

I looked at what I wrote last January and see the economist predictions for 2025 and I actually feel they were pretty accurate. Rates are in the low to mid 6s after declining slowly this year. They are anticipating the same slow rate decline through 2026. We are expected to see slow and stable price growth for homes this year. They are also saying next year will bring income growth outpacing home-price growth which should improve affordability.



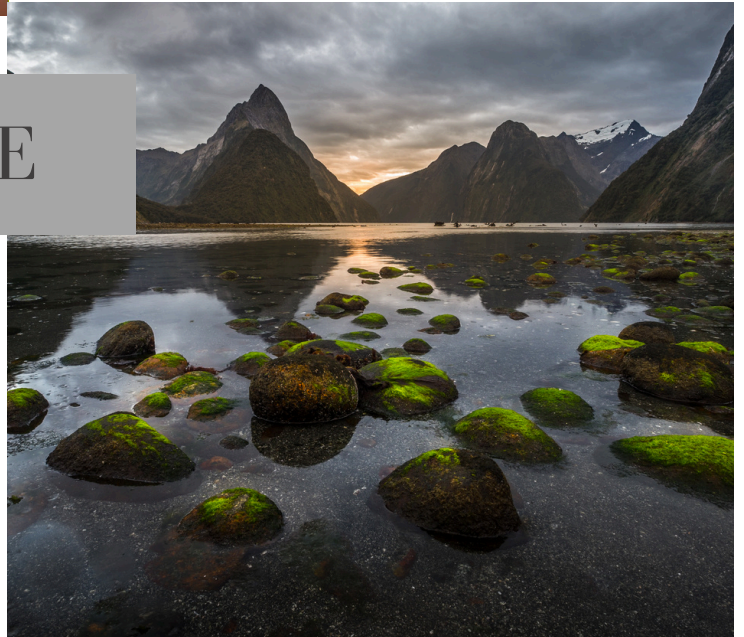


2025 PURCHASE?

If you bought a house with me in 2025, 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 2025 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

New year and same me. Real estating and traveling. I was able to help 26 clients last year. This year I am going to continue to help as many people into houses as I can while seeing more of the world. I have my next trip booked but you will have to wait until the next newsletter to hear more about where I will be off to. Here is a clue --->



LETS 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!!