



Homes & Neighbors®

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Warren Buffett Believes in the U.S.

Billionaire investor and philanthropist Warren Buffett recently expressed support for America's real estate market. *"Homeownership makes sense for most Americans,"* he wrote, *"particularly at today's lower prices and bargain interest rates."*



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most-recent Berkshire Hathaway shareholder letter states that purchasing wedding rings is the only investment he's found to be better than owning your residence.

"My family and I gained 52 years of terrific memories with more to come" living in their five-bedroom stucco home in Omaha, NE, Buffett explains.

"There is an abundance" of opportunity in this country, he

adds. *"Our citizens now live an astonishing six times better than when I was born."*

Fortunately, we don't have to be billionaires to gain the advantages which our country offers.

"America's best days,"

Buffett concludes, *"lie ahead."* ■



Buying a house lets us build an enjoyable life — while our owner equity also grows over time. Buffett's

Homes Are Affordable

Comparing home prices to average U.S. incomes today shows *"the cost of a house is the equivalent of about 19 months of total pay for an average family,"* reports The Wall Street Journal.

Homes haven't been this affordable in 35 years, the Journal adds. Typically properties cost about two year's pay. *Renters in some communities find they actually can save on their housing costs by purchasing,* states the Journal.

READY TO RISE

Some experts say more investors are purchasing houses now, since they're aware prices could start picking up soon. Areas where jobs and incomes are growing provide positive real estate conditions, and a great outlook for future price increases.

If sales are rising and the number of homes on the market is falling, it's likely you'll be able to sell profitably in the future. Experts say *it's best to plan on staying in your home for several years,* though.

"The worst of the housing bust is over in most areas," adds the Journal. Homebuyers can be more confident today as a result.

Schedule a meeting with me to find out what your monthly payments would be on a home that you'll enjoy for years. Now is your time to benefit from super prices and low mortgage rates!

I'll help you get ready to buy, so you'll be able to make a solid offer when you find the right home. Instead of simply shopping for a new house, you'll be in position to buy one. ■



BEARS NOTING



Five years from now mobile phones will show us holographic images of callers, according to IBM researchers.

We'll talk directly to three-dimensional likenesses, the scientists say.

Every year IBM asks its 3,000-member research team to name five developments which are expected to become reality within five years. One recent prediction is that *batteries will last ten times longer in 2015.*

Those new batteries will recharge simply by coming into contact with air, or being shaken periodically. *Heat generated by hard-working machines in computer data centers also will be recycled to keep buildings warm.* ■

