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### **Buying older versus newer home**

**MCKEAN COUNTY** – Buying a home is one of the biggest financial decisions most people make in their entire life. But is it better to buy an older home or a newer home?

“Older homes tend to have more character, stronger foundations and more established neighborhoods” said McKean County Association of Realtors’® President Kevin McMurtrie. “However, older homes can also require more updates, more maintenance and have less technological and green features.”

On the other hand, buying a newer home offers a few amenities that older homes don’t have.

“Newer homes will typically have more updated appliances, are more energy efficient and buyers can generally move in right away or soon thereafter,” McMurtrie said. “However, newer homes typically lack uniqueness amongst them, have less established neighborhoods and have less lot space.”

Ultimately, each individual homebuyer is unique in their needs.

“Both newer and older homes have their advantages and their disadvantages,” McMurtrie said. “It’s up to the homebuyer to decide which type of home ultimately suits their lifestyles. A Realtor® is there to help guide homebuyers into the home that is right for them.”

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