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Upsizing a Home to Meet Current and Future Needs

MCKEAN COUNTY – Many homeowners begin with a house that perfectly fits their needs, but as their lives change, they consider upsizing their homes.

“That once ideal home becomes less than what’s needed when life happens,” said McKean County Association of Realtors’ President Mary Brzenski. “Marriage, children, pets and taking care of aging parents often necessitates upsizing to a larger property. When considering the new purchase, it’s important to keep in mind several things.”

“First, consider how much space you currently need and what are your future needs,” Brzenski said. “Then take a look at your budget to see how much you can afford. There are online mortgage calculators that help you estimate how much house you can afford.”

Next consider where you want to be in the near future. “Your children may be infants now, but consider what type of neighborhood is conducive for children and where would you like them to attend school to help you narrow your choices,” she added.

Assess the reality of how much time can be devoted to house maintenance and repairs. “Purchasing a home that requires renovations may not be your cup of tea,” Brzenski said. “Before purchasing a larger home that needs a lot of work, seriously consider if you have the time and money to do so.”

In addition, take serious stock in what works and what you don’t like in your current location. “Does your home need more living space? More closets? Does your family require more bedrooms? Taking a full inventory of your current home helps you direct your focus to your future home needs,” she added. “Using a Realtor® throughout the process will help you access your needs and focus on finding the home of your dreams.”