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# DICK NATHAN'S REAL ESTATE NEWSLETTER

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"FIVE KEY THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2015 SPRING HOME BUYING SEASON." That's the headline from a May 29<sup>th</sup> post at Forbes.com. The article as about national trends, but most of them apply to Arlington as well: #1, inventory is still short [more buyers than sellers], #2, prices are on the rise, #3, financing has eased but mortgage rates may rise, #4, lower-priced homes are moving fast, #5, competition is easing from investors.

"THE MOST LIVABLE CITIES." The May AARP Bulletin lists "the top cities and towns to stay healthy, get around and enjoy life." In the Medium Size Category, Arlington is ranked #6 out of 10.

Additionally, <u>Walkscore.com</u> awards Arlington with the *highest scores in the state of Virginia* for walkability, transit, and biking: 67 for walkability, 56 for transit, and 71 for biking.

MORTGAGE RATES HEADING UP. I've been working with buyers for several weeks. During that period their mortgage interest rate has risen from 3.875% to 4%. Granted, a small up-tick, but this *may be a sign of things to come... higher mortgage rates*.

HOW MUCH IS YOUR HOME WORTH? The May 30<sup>th</sup> Washington Post featured a column by Kenneth Harney [The Nation's Housing] that discussed the fact that homeowners sometimes have an inflated idea as to what their home's value is. Quoting a study published in the Journal of Housing Economics, Harvey noted that homeowners on average "overestimate the value of their properties by eight percent." The main culprit: unrealistic expectations about how much improvements will add to resale value, especially if the property is overimproved compared to the neighborhood or if the improvement is highly personal and costly.

<u>PREFERRED PROVIDER LIST</u>. Please contact me for my complimentary list of service providers... painters, wood floor/carpet person, handyman, etc. Call me at 703/284-9318 or email me at <u>dick.nathan@longandfoster.com</u>.

FOR CURRENT MARKET UPDATES AND FEATURES, search Facebook for "Dick Nathan Arlington Real Estate." Several new items are posted on the page throughout the week. No fluff, just solid stuff!

Dick Nathan has been an Arlington realtor since 1983. He graduated from The College of William and Mary and earned a master's degree in urban planning from George Washington University. A multi-million dollar producer, Dick is a member of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors' Top Producers' Club, and has a sales volume among the top 5% of realtors nationwide. He is a member of Long & Foster's Gold Team, and is currently ranked #7 sole practitioner in his office of 105 agents. He holds the CRS designation, held by only 4% of all realtors nationwide. Additionally, Dick holds the Accredited Buyer's Representative [ABR] and Seniors Real Estate Specialist [SRES] designations.

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## **HOUSES AND CONDOMINIUMS FOR SALE AT PRESS TIME**

Analostan	None		
Arlingwood	One:	one 4-BR	\$2,950,000
The Berkeley	None		
Berkeley Square	None		
The Birches	None		
<u>Black Oak</u>	None		
Cathcart Springs	None		
The Dakota	None		
The Glebe	None		
Glebe House Mews	None		
Harrison Place	None		
The Hawthorn	None		
Hillcrest	None		
Hunter Oaks	None		
<u>Hyde Park</u>	None		
Lorcom, Ridgeview, Randolph	None		
<u>Lynnbrook</u>	None		
Memorial Overlook	Two:	two 3-BR	\$1,897,400, \$1,795,000
Merry Mews	One:	one 3-BR	\$725,000
<u>The Monroe</u>	Two:	two 2-BR	\$1,179,000, \$849,000
Rixey View	None		
Shirley Woods	Two:	one 5-BR	\$1,399,000
		one 4-BR	\$1,150,000
Spy Hill/Stone Ridge	One:	one 4-BR	\$1,165,000
Tower Villas	One:	one 1-BR	\$424,999
Townes of Lyon Park	None		
<u>Virginia Square</u>	One:	one 2-BR	\$560,000
The Weslie	Three:	three 2-BR	\$1,649,000, \$1,095,000, \$950,000
Westview at Ballston Metro	Six:	four 2-BR	\$514,900, \$499,900, \$472,000, \$468,000
		two 1-BR	\$449,000, \$349,850
The Williamsburg	One:	one 3-BR	\$810,000
Woodbury Heights	Three:	two 2-BR	\$549,800, \$489,900
		one 1-BR	\$349,800
<u>Woodmont</u>	None		

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