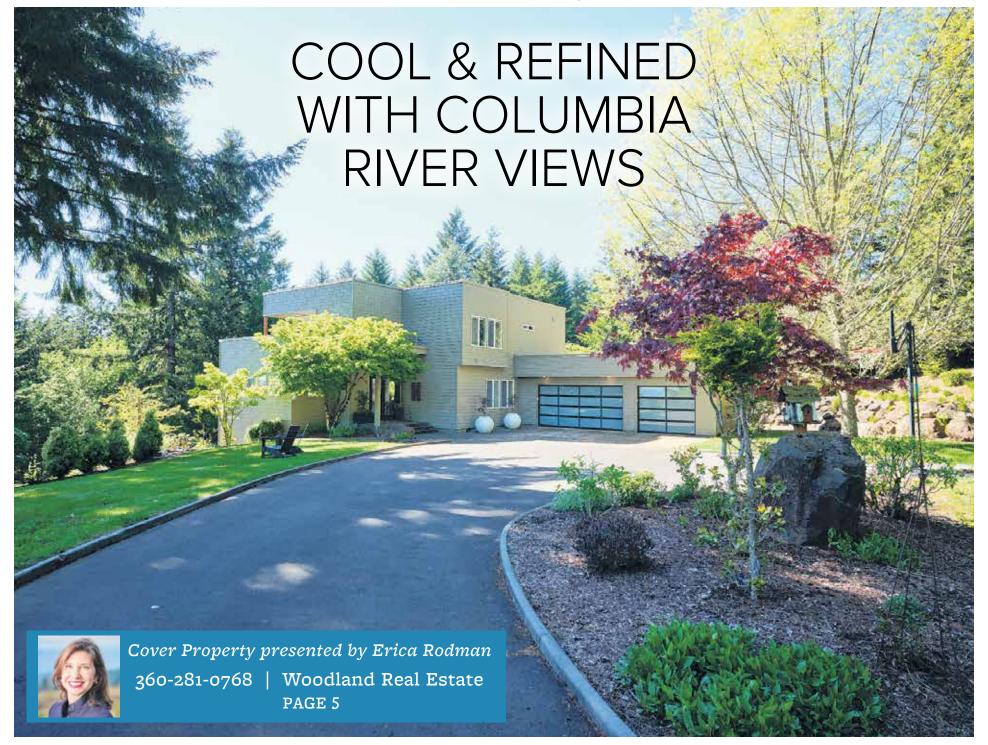
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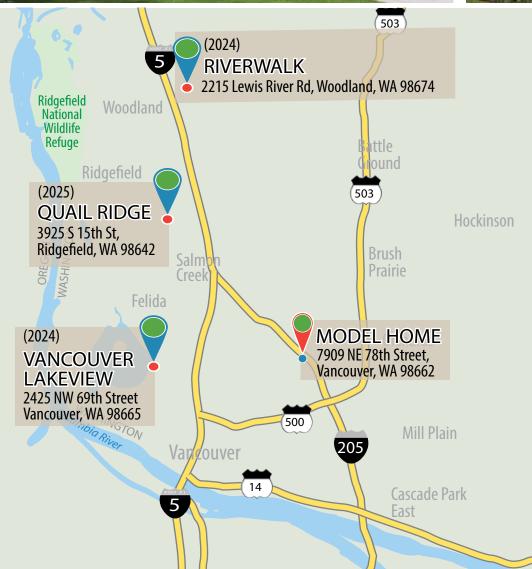


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After mutual acceptance of the offer (where both buyer & seller have agreed to all terms), the home goes into 'pending' status, and this is where your timelines start. From mutual acceptance you have 10 calendar days (or otherwise negotiated) to have the home inspection done, and to request any repairs from the seller.

A few things to remember about the home inspection:

The home inspector does need to be licensed in the state of Washington, but he's usually not a contractor. If you have a concern about something, we will want to request a licensed contractor to look at it. During the inspection, you are having someone take a quick look at the home to see what they can find. You use this information to decide if you will continue with the purchase of the home with the home in its current condition, or if you want to go back to the seller and re-negotiate for some repairs.

Just like a vehicle mechanic, sometimes they don't catch everything. Most inspections are a couple of hours and it's visual. The goal of inspections is to hopefully catch anything major that could affect the

health and/or safety of the home, the occupants, or anything that could require the assistance of a licensed contractor. We don't want you to purchase an unsafe home. During the home inspection, there is a good chance the home inspector will talk with you about things in the home that you should be aware of as a homeowner. You will need to keep an eye on these things for future repair. Some things might be 'need to know'...informational things, and other items might need repair now.

Again, you should attend the home inspection, and your agent should be there as well. We can't help you if we aren't there... and we are here to help you. You and your agent will talk about the home inspection, and what (if any) repair requests you would like to send to the sellers for their consideration. There are going to be things that you will need (or want) to do as a homeowner when you move in, so what we're looking for at the home inspection is anything that (again) is going to affect the health/safety of the home, or the occupants... or that is going to need to be looked at/repaired by a licensed contractor.

As part of your home inspection, I absolutely advise doing a sewer scope. A sewer scope can save you thousands of dollars in the long run. Another inspection you should get is a radon test. Your inspector can help with the radon test, and some will do the sewer scope as well (for an additional fee). I usually advise my clients to hire a plumbing company for the sewer scopes. What if the home is located on an on-site septic system and not a public sewer? Still, do a sewer scope. The sewer scope is an inspection for the sewage lines from the home to the septic tank/ public sewer.

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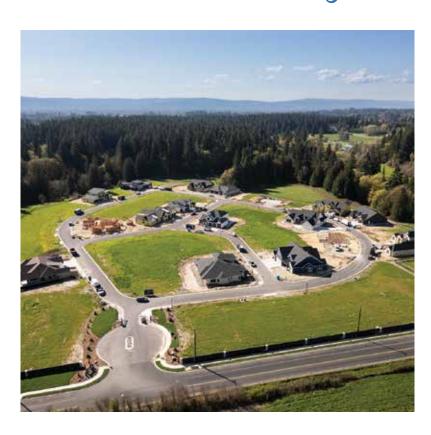
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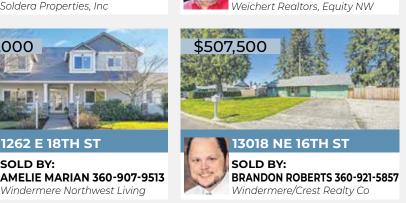
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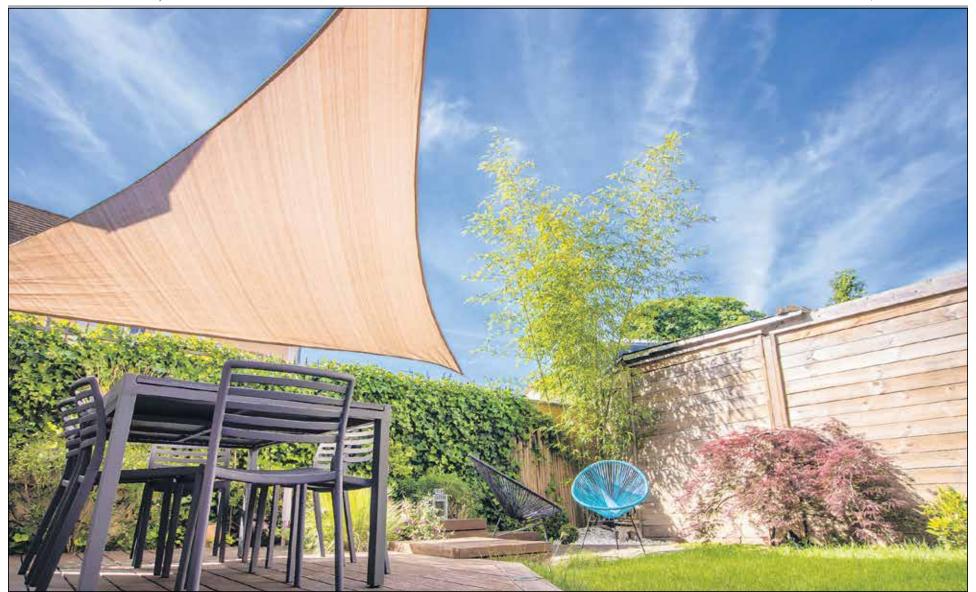
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An Outdoor Escape

Creating privacy outdoors can be the key to creating a relaxing atmosphere where you can really relax and get away from it all.

If a privacy fence is not an option — for example if you'd like to preserve the view, or if privacy fences are not allowed by your homeowner's association — consider these creative ways to carve out your own outdoor space.

CURTAINS

If you have an existing structure such as a pergola, add curtains in a weather-resistant fabric. In an area that experiences a lot of wind, be sure to buy curtains that have a grommet at the bottom corner of each panel to anchor the curtains to the ground. Some brands even include a weighted tie-down in a coordinating fabric.

DAYBEDS

Daybeds are a trendy way to provide private space outdoors. From a small wicker daybed

with a folding canopy to a large double-size daybed with a teak canopy and weather-resistant curtains, there is a daybed to meet your needs. Expand your design theme to the daybed area with coordinating throw pillows, curtains or fabrics.

HANGING PLANTERS

Potted plants hung at varying heights can help create a wall of privacy.

To keep costs low, opt for large foliage, such as ferns, or make a wall of color with bright blooms.

Another adaptation of this con-

cept is a vertical pallet "wall" with mounted potted trailing plants.

PRIVACY SCREEN

For small areas that need privacy, privacy screens are available in a wide range of colors, materials and designs.

Some fold up for easy storage, and they can easily be moved around the yard to provide privacy wherever you need.

GREENERY

Whether real or faux, greenery can help block unwanted sight lines. Grow a vine on a fence to

cover gaps, or install a wall of tall arborvitae evergreens to provide the privacy of a fence. Look for faux greenery mounted on a free-standing frame.

SHADE SAILS

Shade sails can help block prying eyes from above. Made of weather-resistant materials with heavy duty hardware, a shade sail can cover a large space at a relatively low price tag. You will need sturdy supports from which to hang the shade sails.

-Green Shoot Media

Settle Into these Sofa Trends

Just like natural tones are hitting walls, natural shapes are coming to a seating area near you.

Jane Lockhart, founder of Jane Lockhart Design, told Living Etc. that puffy, feather-filled couches with curved, lush forms are hitting showroom floors.

Look for versatile pieces such as daybeds and chaises that bring a casual vibe to a formal space. Choose a design that's sophisticated and adds warmth and charm. Asymmetry will help give the piece some whimsy and is a nod to natural shapes.

For the awkward or small space, consider a sectional or L-shaped sofa that gives plenty of lounging room and can be bookended with tables for storage. "The textural scale alone begs for relaxation and invites intimate conversation," says Regan Baker of Regan Baker Design. "With a few cozy blankets



and pillows galore, it's a perfect timeless backdrop for personalization."

Fluted or tufted sofas can add soft structure to a space. The soft forms are simple yet tidy and can keep the furniture looking great even in busy homes with kids, pets and other furniture-destroying creatures. A Chesterfield sofa, with its high arms and tufted upholstery, is a timeless piece that works well with this trend.

Curved sofas are once again having a moment. The right piece can fill up a corner or awkward space and make more room for entertaining or other pieces. Many modern curvaceous couches have a distinctly mid-century feel that has appeal for homeowners who lean into that aesthetic.

Shelf-end sofas are great solutions for a small space that give the space a sleek, modern look. It eliminates the need for another piece of furniture, making it an appealing choice for the apartment dweller. Look for these sleek pieces with natural finishes and contrasting warm, textured fabrics.

Cover these sofas in punchy, statement-making color. Deep blue is a popular choice, as is charcoal gray and moss green. Interior designer Jonathan Adler told Living Etc. that he's most excited about pairing the natural feel of rattan with couture details such as high gloss lacquer and flashes of color. "It's laissez-faire fabulousness, with a hint of pop!" -Green Shoot Media





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