



### **Working With Real Estate Agents**

- 1. <u>Seller Agents</u>: Looking out for the seller's best interest.
- 2. <u>Buyer Agents</u>: Looking out for the buyer's best interest
- 3. <u>Dual Agency</u>: Must treat all parties equally.







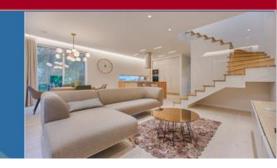
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### What's on Your Wish List?

#### **Must Haves?**

- 1. Number of Bedrooms / Bathrooms
- 2. Yard / Acreage
- 3. Newer / Upgraded
- 4. Basement / Garage / Acreage

#### **Deal Breakers:**

- 1. Steep Slope?
- 2. Stairs?
- 3. Major Repairs?
- 4. Type of Utilities (well water, septic, oil heating, etc.)?





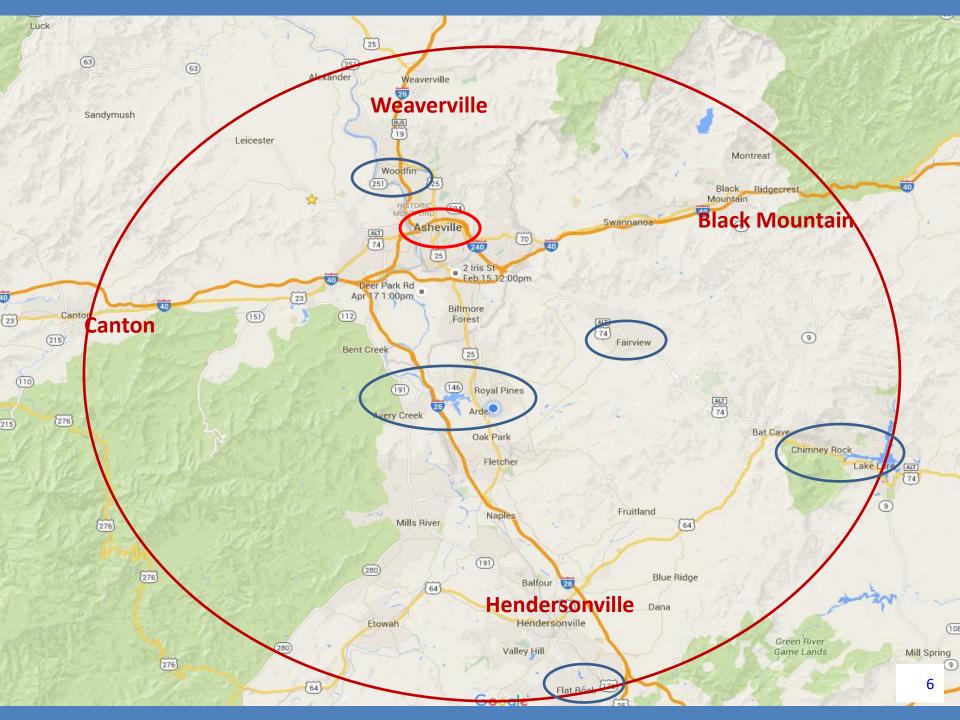


### **4 Types of Homes**

- 1. STICK BUILT: Traditional homes built on the land on a foundation. Highest perceived value for resale purposes.
- 2. MODULAR OFF-FRAME: Valued as a stick-built home. They are built in a factory, delivered to the property, lifted off the steel frame carriers by a crane and placed on a property foundation.
- 3. MODULAR ON-FRAME: Valued as a mobile home. On-frame modular homes are built in a factory, delivered to the property but the steel beam chassis is not removed so it's closer to a mobile home.
- 4. MOBILE HOMES: Lower valued homes, also known as manufactured homes with a data plate tag on the outside.

### **3 Types of Sales**

- CLEAR TITLE: Price is set by seller. Depending on lender can close between 30-60 days.
- 2. FORECLOSURE: REO means "Real Estate Owned" by the bank. You can usually get a good deal. Depending on the Bank, can close between 30-90 days.
- 3. SHORT SALE: Usually not a deal, they are reduced to fair market value. Can take 90+ days to close.







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### Being Prepared Saves Time & Makes House Hunting More Meaningful!





We Need a <u>Pre-Qualification</u> Letter or Proof of Funds





### **Contact Your Lender for Updated Information**

PROGRAM	Down	PMI	Qualifications	Credit	Misc. Notes
Conventional	3% - 20%	Goes away with 20% equity	Debt to Income 43%	620	DPA is a second w/o payments that gradually goes away after 15 years.
FHA	3.5%	Never goes away	No income limitations Debt to Income 43%	580	HUD Appraisal Required 60 days to close
VA	0%	No PMI	Must be a veteran Debt to Income 41%	620	VA Appraisal Required Must pass
<b>USDA</b> (bank guaranteed)	0%	No PMI	Income Limits Debt to Income 41%	640	No max sales price Only Rural areas 60 days to close

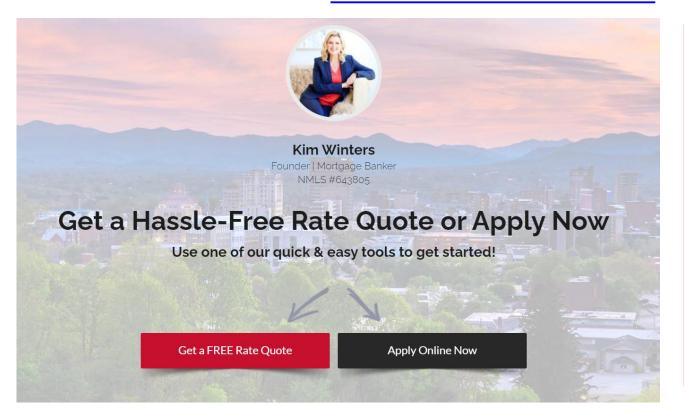
Down Payment Assistance May Be Available





### **Our Preferred Lender**

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PRICING.

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### one**home**

From Wanda Marie Lapointe



## Check your inbox!

(check your spam)

Get the App

https://mls-client.com/3F03C888

I've found 1 new or updated listing for you to review.

#### Highlights



\$425,000 Residential

215 Goodview Drive Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792 3 bd • 2 bth • 1,688 sqft Green Mountain Vistas

MLS #4057864

▼ Price Decreased

**VIEW ALL PROPERTIES** 





### **Shopping Around**

- Open Houses & Model Homes: When visiting open houses or model homes, don't sign in, simply let them know you are already working with a Realtor and you're just previewing the property.
- For Sale Signs & For Sale By Owner Signs: Get me the address and phone number off the sign so I can call and get information on your behalf. Call, email or text it to me
- HomeSnap.com: This is a great app for getting general information about homes and ESTIMATED price or value.











### When Going through Someone's Home

- 1. Leave it as you found it.
- 2. Don't take or damage anything.
- 3. Don't smoke, eat or drink in someone's home.
- 4. Don't use the bathroom in someone's home.









### Be Careful What You Do & Say

Don't post photos or comments on social media.

No strong emotions or conversations inside or near homes because **big brother may be** watching due to security cameras and/or intercom systems.

Wait until you have moved away from the house to discuss.



Cameras in Vents





### Not finding what you want?

Increase Price Point and/or Search Areas



- 1. Go Up! (Price)
- 2. Go Wide! (Location)
- 3. Hold Off (Inventory)







### Remember the 85% Rule

#### **NO HOUSE IS PERFECT**

If we found a home for you that is 85% perfect for you, would that be good enough?

Focus on what matters most.

**Even New-Builds are Not Perfect.** 



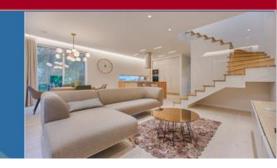




## I Found THE House – What's Next?







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### Making An Offer

**Under** \$450,000



**SELLER'S MARKET** 

More Buyers - Fewer Houses

Over 450,000



**BUYER'S MARKET** 

More Houses – Fewer Buyers





### **3 People Must Agree on Price**

- 1. Seller
- 2. Buyer
- 3. Appraiser



(In a bidding war, don't be afraid to offer full price)





### Pay For Your Due Diligence Period

This is usually 30-40 days

Because you can cancel the contract for <u>any</u> reason during this time, most Sellers want to be paid a fee. <u>This is the price you pay for the privilege of taking their home off the market</u> to decide if you want to buy it.

#### **During this time you are to:**

- Get your loan approved (if needed)
- 2. Have the property appraised
- 3. Schedule and conduct home inspections
- 4. Negotiate any major repairs needed



With Foreclosures you only get 7-14 Days for Due Diligence Depending on the Bank





### **Making the Offer**

- 1. Price to Offer (bottom line?)
- 2. Earnest Money Deposit
- 3. Due Diligence Fee
- 4. Home Warranty
- 5. Any Extras Wanted (appliances?)
- 6. Closing Date (mid-week is best)







### **Inspections Are Out-of-Pocket Expenses**

You Don't Get This Money Back



DON'T FOCUS ON WHAT CAN BE CHANGED Like carpet, paint and cosmetic details

Appraisal (ordered by lender) \$500 Basic Home Inspection \$600 Pest Inspection \$125 Radon Testing \$150 Septic Inspection \$550 Well Inspection \$350 Well Water Testing \$250 Survey Performed

#### THESE ARE ESTIMATES

Prices vary depending on size of the home Manufactured homes require foundation inspection











### Sellers Don't Have to Negotiate!



### **5 Major Repairs to Consider**

- 1. Roof leaking
- Foundation not stable
- **3.** Electrical not safe
- **4. Plumbing** not working
- **5. HVAC** not working properly

#### SELLERS DON'T PAY FOR UPGRADES

#### Other Items May Include:

- Pest Control
- 2. Radon Mitigation

**Seller may choose to** repair, pay to have repairs done, or offer credit so you can have repairs done after closing.





### Ready to Close the Deal?

- 1. Offer Accepted
- 2. Loan Approved
- 3. Inspections Complete
- 4. Repairs Understood

**During Your Due Diligence Period** 

Purchase the House

Cancel the Contract







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### **From Contract to Closing**

Time is of the Essence

- 1. Attorney for Buyer Hired to do a Title Search (paid at closing)
- 2. Contract to Lender (if getting a loan)
- **3.** Loan Documents Signed (GFE Received)
- **4. Appraisal Ordered** by Lender (paid for by Buyer)
- **5. Inspections Scheduled**, paid by Buyer (*home, pest, septic, well, radon*)
- **6. Repairs Negotiated** (roof, foundation, plumbing, electrical & heating)
- 7. Attorney Hired by Seller to prepare the deed and transfer title to Buyer
- **8.** Homeowner's Insurance arranged by Buyer (Flood Insurance is separate)
- 9. Loan Package to Buyer's Attorney to prepare Settlement Document
- 10. Final walk-through of the property by Buyer and Agent
- 11. Settlement Conference held at the Attorney's Office
- **12. Certified funds from Buyer to Attorney**; settlement documents signed; Deed is recorded; Buyer receives the keys. Sellers are paid.





### **Final Walk-Through**

Final Walk-Through the day of closing. This is not the time to further negotiate repairs, this is just to make sure the house is still standing prior to signing the loan documents.







### The Settlement Conference

#### In Person *or* Electronic Signatures

Plan to spend some time signing LOTS of paperwork if you have loan documents to sign.

- 1. Buyer brings the funds needed to close the deal.
- 2. Closing documents are reviewed and signed.
- 3. Attorney gets the deed recorded at the courthouse
- 4. Keys are given to the buyers.
- 5. Checks made to sellers and for agent commissions.







### The Cost of Buying in NC

#### **Out-of-Pocket Up-Front Costs**

- 1. **Due Diligence Fee**. Can be \$2500 more or less, depending on property and the sellers. Paid by cash or check directly to sellers for taking their property off the market. **It is not refundable if you don't buy.**
- **2. Inspections.** Can be as much as \$2500 more or less, depending on the property and types of inspections you select.

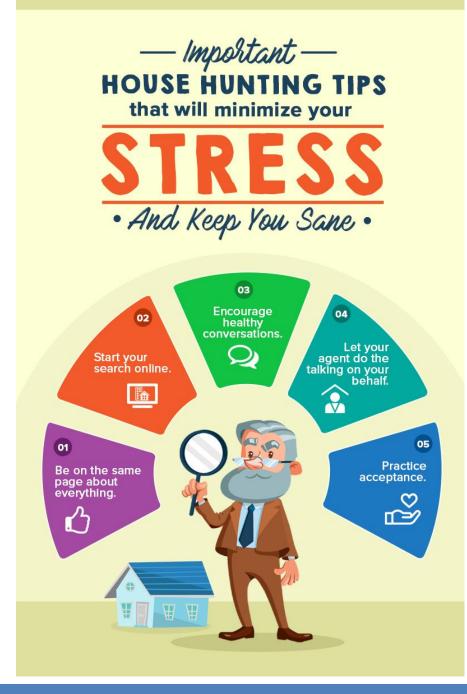
#### **Costs Paid at Closing**

Your lender will guide you on estimated closing costs. Closing costs will include your **Attorney fees and Agency Fees**.

Hire a Local Professional to Work With You and Get You To the Closing Table!

North Carolina is a Buyer Beware State.

The law states that we (Realtors) must have a signed Buyer's Agreement before we are allowed to show you property.







### **Buyer Agency Services**

- Look out for your Best Interest
- Auto email property alerts and Market updates
- Organize private showings of select properties
- Run comps on what has sold and what's active, so you feel confident about making an offer.
- Research and provide a full property report prior to offer
- Guidance on making an Offer and handling the paperwork
- Negotiate and prepare counter-offers
- Assistance with setting up all the Inspections
- Negotiate repair costs and concessions
- Walking through the Closing Process





### **The Buyer Agency Agreement**

Our fee is 3% of the Purchase Price Paid at Closing Our Agreement covers All of Western North Carolina

- North Carolina law says we are not allowed to show you property without a signed agreement.
- We are not allowed to discriminate at all.
- Not allowed to give professional advice beyond real estate
- All Offers you make are confidential even with Dual Agency

Our job is to look out for your best interest and to help you find the best property that meets your criteria at the best price possible.







Wanda Lapointe Co-Owner /Trainer Broker-in-Charge

# The Double Duty Girls Team With Over 20 Years Experience!





Jennifer Lanning Co-Owner/Broker Fearless Negotiator



Debbie Turner Showing Agent





### We Have Done It All!



#### **PROPERTY TYPES:**

- 1. Residential
- 2. Raw Land
- 3. New Construction
- 4. Commercial

#### **SPECIALTY PROPERTIES:**

- 1. 55 & Over Communities
- 2. Intentional Communities
- 3. Elite Subdivisions
- 4. Farms & Horse Ranches





### When You Love Your Clients, They Love You Back!

#### Posted on Trulia:

To Wanda Marie The Best Realtor Ever, Thank you! Thank you! My appreciation could never express all the gratitude I have for the generous and courteous attention shown to me. You stepped far beyond the bounds of just being a realtor. Your gracious attitude and patience was greatly valued. I would truly recommend anyone I know to you, because you are a diligent and faithful worker. Never ceasing to the job is done. There was so many times I thought I would not be able to buy the home, but yet you were there encouraging and treading on. "We will make this happen!" And you did. Thank you! Thank you! ~ A new homeowner, Rose Locklear

Posted to Zillow: Wanda was fantastic to work with throughout our home search/purchase process. She was well organized, efficient, knowledgeable and extremely responsive...as well as patient with our frequent questions. I feel fortunate to have found Wanda as a result of an internet search, and would definitely choose to work with her again. I have already recommended her to several friends. ~ David Siress & Jean Sibblers

Personal Note: Wanda Marie. Mark is in heaven. We so appreciate everything you have done to get us into our dream home. Your patience and kindness will always be remembered. We hope you will keep in touch and we will do the same. Thanks again! ~ The Hegbergs

#### **P**osted to Facebook:

Wanda made my dreams come true. As a first time home buyer I honestly wasn't sure what to do, but Wanda as a first time home buyer specialist eased my mind completely and helped me find the home of my dreams, which didn't take long. I was first going towards a mobile home but Wanda guided me into the direction of a better idea. She is very knowledgeable and professional and helped me find exactly what I was looking for. And, for any of my friends or anyone seeing this post, I would guide them directly to her because she is amazing and also somebody I am proud to call my friend. Thank You Wanda for your love and support and helping me with my future.

~ Jessica Jarvis





### **Buyer Agency Agreement**



## Are We a Good Fit?





### **Your Job as Buyer**

- 1. GET READY: Get your finances in order. Speak with a Lender if you need a loan.
- 2. GET SET: Be proactive. Shop online daily and make a list of potential properties (mark your favorites). Let us deal with FSBOs for you.
- 3. GO: When you're ready schedule time for us to go out together once a week to preview properties you've marked. And, don't be afraid to make an offer. If we're in a Seller's Market, you'll have to be prepared to act quickly to get what you want.







### I'm Your Broker-in-Charge

#### **Best Times to Reach Me:**

Monday - Saturday 11:00am to 7:00pm

(Wednesdays I'm Usually Training/Coaching until noon)

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