

# NO PLACE LIKE HOME

FALL 2007

## FALL HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS...

### REAL ESTATE BY THE NUMBERS...

Homes For Sale	1393
Avg. List Price	\$224,192
Avg. Days On Market	98
30 yr. Fixed Rate	6.250%
15 yr. Fixed Rate	5.750%
3 yr. Adjustable	6.000%



\*All Data as of MLS and RobEllsworth.com 9.19.07

The leaves are turning, the sun comes out later and goes down earlier, which means we are running full speed into fall.



Courtesy of State Farm, here are some excellent home maintenance items that you should do or have done before we hit winter:

- Check all window and door locks for proper operation
- Check your home for water leaks
- Make sure there are working nightlights at the top and bottom of all stairs
- Have a professional check your heating and air system
- Make sure any exposed pipes are wrapped
- Run all gas powered lawn equipment until fuel tank is empty
- Have a certified chimney sweep inspect and clean the flues and damper
- Remove bird nests from chimney flues and outdoor electrical fixtures
- Inspect and clean dust from the covers of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms

- Make sure the caulking around doors and windows is adequate to reduce heat/cooling loss
- Make sure that the caulking around your bathroom fixtures is adequate to prevent water from seeping into the sub-flooring

Additionally, I would recommend that every 3 to 5 years, you have a professional home inspection done. The same inspection you pay for when you buy a home, will be very useful and can help to avoid expensive maintenance and repairs.

To read the complete article from State Farm, visit:

[http://www.statefarm.com/learning/be\\_safe/home/seasonal/fall.asp](http://www.statefarm.com/learning/be_safe/home/seasonal/fall.asp)

## SOUTH KENNEWICK'S NEWEST NEIGHBORHOOD

The dirt flying in near Southridge High School, is Kennewick's newest development... "Southridge."

Southridge is a unique concept in housing for our market, and has kicked off with a bang. Local, hands on builders, Genesis Construction, Solferino Con-



struction, and GJC Homes have already started construction on their first offerings.



All homes will feature tile roofs, extended use of stucco, brick and/or rock accents. The interiors will be of only the highest level finishes, with things like slab granite, hardwood flooring, custom tile work, etc.

For more information on the development, the builders, or the homes being offered, please call or email [Rob@RobEllsworth.com](mailto:Rob@RobEllsworth.com).



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