

## **Location, location, location. Picking the Right Location Makes House a Home!**

When it comes to choosing a new home, picking the right location is as important as selecting the right builder.

Making sure you pick the right neighborhood for you and your family is vital to ensuring your happiness in your new home. When making the selection, it's important to make sure you feel comfortable in all areas and it's also important to understand that you just might have to make some compromises to find a home that suits your needs.

There are plenty of questions that must be answered before you pick a place to call home. Here are a few questions that need answered when you're choosing a neighborhood:

- How close is the nearest shopping center?
- How close is the nearest medical facility?
- Will I have a long commute to work? Is public transportation available?
- Is there room to expand this home?
- Families with young children will want to know the ranking of school district and if the school offers programs to meet your child's needs.
- Dual income families with children will need to know where the daycare facilities are located.

Children and parents will want to know where the parks and other recreational facilities are located. Along the same lines, parents with young children will probably want to live in neighborhoods where there are plenty of other young children.

Determining the proximity and importance of such things will help you choose the right neighborhood. Some people don't mind driving for a while to reach things, while others want shopping centers and hospitals to be within walking distance.

You must determine your needs and try to meet them when picking a neighborhood.

The right neighborhood truly helps make a house a home. And that's why it's important to choose the right location when shopping for a home.

To help you with your search, look to the Builders Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh, BAMP, which represents the region's professional home builders, remodelers and trade professionals who make it their business to serve home buyers like you. BAMP's annual Festival of Homes showcases dozens of new residential communities, new home construction and home renovation throughout the Pittsburgh metropolitan region. While the Festival is held in the fall, the communities remain open and available for you to visit in determining if these houses may become your new home. Visit [www.pghfoh.com](http://www.pghfoh.com) for more details, map of the region and contacts for current communities.