

Welcome to HomeSteadNet.com! Below are some tips to help navigate through our site. Please note that we are always updating features so check back here for assistance when you see changes.

Working with the Interactive Map

- You can click on the map on the home page to zoom in on a particular county then click on or near one of the listed towns to zoom in the map search even further and view an interactive map with active listings pinpointed.
- You can also click the **Homes for Sale** tab to land on a page that has a interactive map centered on Rochester, Monroe County. Zoom in or out on the map by using the scroll wheel on your mouse or the + and - icons on the upper left side of the map. You can also drag the map as you zoom in by clicking on a part of the map, holding down the left-click button and then dragging the map in any direction to move your view of the map. As you zoom in, the balloons will re-calculate. This may take a few seconds.
- Change to **aerial view** or, if you are zoomed in close enough, **bird's eye view** (see the top of the map for these toggle buttons).
- If you have narrowed your search using the criteria boxes, click the **zoom map** icon to center and zoom the map to optimally view the matching properties.
- The map has several blue "balloons" w/a number in them. What are these?
 - This number represents the number of active listings in that community.
 - If you would like to see more closely where each of these listings is located, zoom in on the map or click one of the balloons.
 - Roll your mouse over a balloon with multiple listings to see some average statistics of the homes in that group.
 - Roll your mouse over a balloon that is a single listing (shows a 1) to see a thumbnail view (photo and basic property information) of that property.
 - Click on the single listing balloon, to see the full property detail
- If at any time you would like to see a list of thumbnail views for properties shown on the map, click the **List** tab in the upper left of the screen.
- You may also click the "Switch to List View" icon in the upper right portion of the main banner to see thumbnail views of the listings in your search area.

Don't like the Map?

It is easy to change from the map view to a list of thumbnail views. Simply click the **Options** tab in the upper left and choose "**Show Results as a List Instead of a Map**". You may also click the "**Homes for Sale- Traditional Search- No Map**" box on the home page. On this page you can use the same search options, and sort the results in the list several ways by using the **Sort By** field at the top of the list. Please keep in mind that brand new listings

might not have a photo the day they are listed. If you save the listing as a favorite and return later, it will have a minimum of one photo (most have 10-20). If you decide you would like to see these properties on a map, you can click the "Switch to Interactive Map" icon in the upper right.

Saving your Search Criteria

If you would like to save your search criteria for the next time you visit the site or in order to receive notifications of new listings as often as you'd like, click **Save Search Options**. You will need to enter your name and a valid e-mail address. Once you do so you will be able to receive notifications of new listings on a weekly, daily or immediate basis or save multiple sets of search criteria. If you save several sets, you can go back to **Save Search Options** and select which search to view when you come back to the site.

Favorites

If you like a property you can save it as a favorite by clicking the **Favorites** button at the top of the detail report for that listing. This will put it in your Favorites folder. You can access your favorites any time by clicking the Favorites tab. To create a Favorites folder, you will need to enter your name and a valid e-mail address. This information will NOT be shared w/anyone. To delete from Favorites, go to the **Favorites** tab, click on the listings and then click on the **Delete from Favorites** button.

Working with the Search Options

- The basic search criteria are always showing in the top section of the search bar. You can access more fields by expanding the **Advanced Search** section (click on **Advanced Search**).
- You can see basic search result stats by expanding the **Your Search Result Statistics** section.
- Search Tips using the Advanced Search:
 - **Multiple Areas:** To search multiple areas, use the Area box in the Advanced Search section and check all of the areas you wish to see.
 - **School Districts:** If you are searching by School District, we only show the school districts that have active listings (to try to make the list more manageable).
 - There are two boxes at the bottom of this section that will allow you to search for a word or phrase in any of the **Remarks** or **Features** fields. For example, if you are looking for a property with a pool, type "pool" in the search box for Features and then click update results. You will see the search results narrow to only those properties that have a pool in one of the feature fields. The process works the same way for the Remarks field.
 - As you add criteria, you will see updated results on the right (whether you have chosen a map representation of the properties or a list of thumbnail

- reports). Each time you change or add criteria if you click the Update Search button the map will refresh and show you the new matches.
- Use the **clear search** button to clear all criteria and start a fresh search

Open House search

- Select the Open House search on right of home page and enter your search criteria (you may also run an advanced search from the Homes for Sale button and select Open House = Y).
- The homes that have an open house will appear on the map.
 - Hover your mouse on the bubble (with a 1 in it) to view open house info for the property or...
 - Click on the bubble to get property details or ...
 - Select the **List** tab above the search criteria for a list of all properties on map. Clicking on address link will display full property detail with time and date of open house.

Find a Realtor®

- Select the **Find a Realtor®** tab on the Home page and enter search criteria. Realtors® will appear randomly on the list. To narrow the results, use the search criteria at the top of the page.
- Using the **Sort By** box, you can sort your results by First Name, Last Name or Agency.
- If you would like to contact the Realtor®, all of his/her contact information is displayed for your convenience.
- If you are working with a particular agent, you can designate him/her as "Your Agent" by clicking the **My Agent** icon on their contact page. To de-select them, return to the contact page and click **Clear My Agent**.

Whether you are looking for a new home or a casual 'shopper', we wish you luck with your search.

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