

## www.Homesteadnet.com Tips & Tricks



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

### Working with the Map

One of the new features of www.Homesteadnet.com is a powerful map search.

- Click the **Homes for Sale** tab to land on a page that has a prominent map which displays Monroe County and parts of Orleans, Genesee, Livingston, Ontario and Wayne Counties.
- 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. When you let go, the balloons will recalculate. 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).
- 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.
    - If you roll your mouse over a balloon with multiple listings you will see some average statistics of the homes in that group.
    - If you roll your mouse over a balloon that is a single listing (shows a 1) you will see a thumbnail view (a photo and basic property information) of that property.
    - If you click on the single listing balloon, you will see the full property detail

### Don't like the Map?

It is easy to change from the map view to a list of thumbnails instead of the map. Simply click the **Options** tab in the upper left and choose "**Show results as a list instead of a map**".

### 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 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).
  - 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.

## Open House search

- Select Open House search on right of Home page and enter search criteria (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.

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

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