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## THE BENEFITS OF FENG SHUI

The ancient Chinese practice of placement and arrangement of elements in a space to achieve harmony with the environment is quickly becoming an important consideration in new home design, interior design, architecture, interior decorating and landscape design. Feng shui is based on a complex set of rules and guidelines that promote harmony and are said to generate good luck.

Feng shui philosophies have been in use for thousands of years, but only in the last 25 years has the practice moved inside to focus on interior design. The main elements in the discipline relate to health, wealth and relationships. The energy that flows into and through the space, also called "chi", affects each of these key elements.

"In the world of real estate, the feng shui of a home must be considered for certain portions of the population to purchase," says Doris Gee of Re/Max Central Realty. Partner Phil Moore adds, "When selling, any small changes that can be made that positively affect feng shui may provide an advantage, even the difference between making a sale or not." A qualified practitioner is the best way to determine the feng shui of a home.

Location is one of the many considerations that affect feng shui. Proximity to highways and water can generate positive energy. In the world of feng shui, water means money and prosperity. Even placement of trees and bushes on the site have an affect. The direction the front door faces can detract from the energy that enters the home.

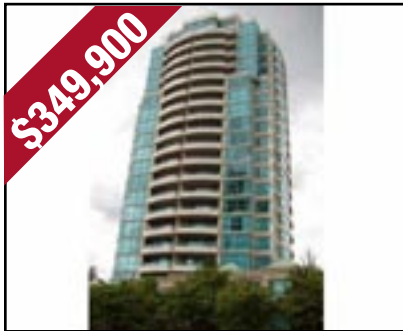
Interior elements are also considered, especially in new home design where builders are now making choices based on feng shui principles. For example, having the toilet face the door would not be recommended in a feng shui design. Where physical changes cannot be made, remedies and cures are implemented to assist the energy to move in harmony, such as keeping the washroom door closed.

Colour is also a consideration because colours carry energy. Neutral colours that relate to nature are preferred.

Although the Asian population is very in tune with feng shui, others are beginning to investigate the benefits to create a more comfortable environment. Because the discipline is complicated, students study to become practitioners under "masters" of the art.

If you would like to improve the harmony in your life and promote vitality, feng shui might be an option to consider.

# Featured Homes for Sale



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2635 BAINBRIDGE AVE



6340 KITCHENER ST



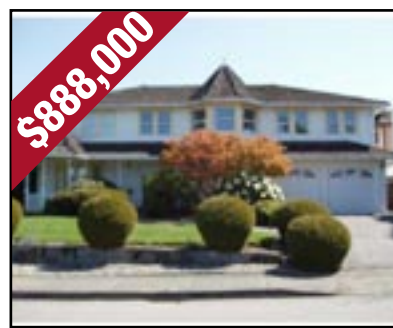
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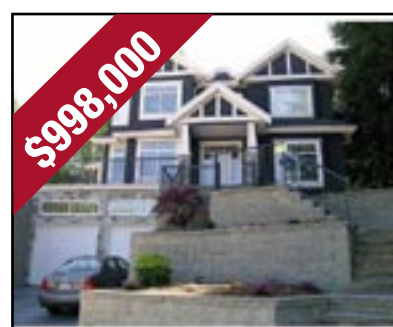
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6493 MALVERN AVE



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2418 NORCREST CT



5780 MALVERN AVE

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