



Lexington: Straight From The Horse's Mouth

“The Horse Capital of the World,” Lexington, Ky., is famous for its picturesque horse farms with white, wooden fences. In 2010, the city’s status in the horse world will rise even higher, as the Kentucky Horse Park, located just north of Lexington, hosts the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games. Never before have these games taken place outside of Europe. The event is expected to bring more than 600,000 spectators, 1,000 media members and \$150 million to the Bluegrass region.

Lexington collects numerous accolades each year. In 2006, it was

ranked as the 48th best city to live in the entire world (World Wide Quality Living Survey, Mercer Consulting). Other surveys have recognized Lexington as a top city for health care, entrepreneurship, low business costs, an educated workforce, an attractive cost of living and retirement, among other draws.

The Lexington real estate market has also garnered its share of positive attention. A June 2008 article posted on Bloomberg.com touted Lexington as a “top market with low risk” and a “true housing bargain.”

“Lexington-Bluegrass Association of Realtors statistics also support this point, as the region outpaces the nation in existing home median sales prices, housing affordability and sales,” says Judy Craft, the association’s president.

Home to the flagship campus of the University of Kentucky, Lexington is known as a regional health-care center, and the larger Bluegrass region is well-known for its production of bourbon, its wineries, and its traditional arts and crafts. For more on what Lexington has to offer, visit the Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau Web site at www.visitlex.com. ■



> HERE: COLUMBIA, MO \$219,900



> THERE: LEXINGTON, KY \$204,900

Columbia Vital Statistics

Population: 94,428*
Median Household Income: \$38,260**
Median Home Price: \$158,500***
1-Year Change: 2.26%***



Address: 200 Reedsport Ridge

Description: A distinctively designed ranch in the Bellwood subdivision, the interior features custom trim throughout. Amenities include an elegant formal dining room plus informal breakfast room, oil-rubbed bronze fixtures, ginger maple cabinets and custom closets; the subdivision will feature an infinity-edge pool in 2009.

Style: Ranch
Square Footage: 1,900
Year Built: 2008
Bedrooms: 3
Bathrooms: 2
Garage: 2-car, side entry
Lot Size: 87x120 (0.24 acres)

Columbia, Mo., home information provided by Jackie Bulgin & Associates, House of Brokers Realty Inc.

Columbia community information sources:

*U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 estimate

**U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2006 estimate

***Third Quarter 2008 Boone County data provided by Columbia Board of Realtors.

Lexington Vital Statistics

Population: 279,044*
Median Household Income: \$44,211**
Median Home Price: \$162,000***
1-Year Change: 1%***



Address: 1024 Marco Lane

Description: Traditional home features crown molding and wainscoting in the formal living and dining room; open kitchen overlooks large family room with windows to large, fenced backyard; updated windows, stainless steel appliances and carpet; master suite offers well-appointed master bath. Andover Golf and Country Club is nearby.

Style: Brick-faced, two-story
Square Footage: 2,224
Year Built: 1994
Bedrooms: 4
Bathrooms: 2½
Garage: 2-car attached
Lot Size: approximately 0.25 acres

Lexington house information provided by R. Ed Carr, Realtor, Coldwell Banker McMahan Co.

Lexington community information sources:

Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau

Commerce Lexington Inc.

*U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 population estimate for Lexington-Fayette

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***September 2008 figures from Lexington-Bluegrass Association of Realtors