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The housing market is picking up steam as we hit the spring months, but inventory still remains low, especially for homes priced under \$450,000. Lower-priced properties in good shape or houses with unique architecture like "mid-century modern" are getting gobbled up very quickly. However, there is a new phenomenon at work called "buyer fatigue" whereby many buyers get frustrated because they keep losing out in multiple-offer situations. Losing out in multiple offers can be attributed to many things. Some brokers simply don't have the knowledge and tools to help buyers make the strongest offer possible. Other times buyers may have a contingency or a financial situation that they can't do anything about. While the latter is frustrating, buyers' circumstances can't always be changed, and they have to keep trying. If, on the other hand, agents aren't counseling buyers appropriately to make the strongest offer possible, they may be spinning their wheels for a while, and fatigue might indeed set in. Keep in mind, not all houses are getting multiple offers and not all properties are selling in a week. There are still diamonds in the rough out there, so the key is to keep searching and think out of the box. Remember, a little cosmetic updating can go a long way! And sellers, price and condition are still very important, so stay crisp on the presentation and be a little more aggressive on the pricing to ensure that you don't languish on the market.

For your information, the following is a list of recently sold and closed homes near you in Lake Forest Park. You can visit www.LFPHomes.com anytime and go to the "Properties" header and click on the "Homes recently sold in Lake Forest Park" link for all sold homes in the last 3 months. You can also click on the "Blog" or "Stats" headers for more in depth monthly analysis of Real Estate activity and statistics for King and Snohomish Counties.

If you, or someone you know, is thinking about making a move, I would love to show how my level of expertise and local knowledge can guide you through the buying and/or selling process. Please contact me today for a free one hour Buying or Listing Consultation!

| Address | Bed | Bath | Year | Lot Size | SqFt | \$/SqFt | DOM | List Price | Sale Price | SP%LP |
|----------------------|-----|-----------|-----------|----------|-------|-----------|-----|------------|------------|-------|
| 18920 Forest Park Dr | 3 | 1 | 1947 | 8,194 | 1,760 | \$116 | 61 | \$249,000 | \$205,000 | 82% |
| 19209 Forest Park Dr | 3 | 1 | 1954 | 9,077 | 950 | \$274 | 9 | \$259,950 | \$260,000 | 100% |
| 3008 NE 190th St | 3 | 1.75 | 1949 | 12,150 | 1,350 | \$233 | 6 | \$299,000 | \$315,000 | 105% |
| 4418 NE 178th St | 3 | 1 | 1947 | 8,023 | 1,400 | \$226 | 5 | \$299,000 | \$316,000 | 106% |
| 3045 NE 178th St | 3 | 1.75 | 1940 | 26,950 | 1,540 | \$220 | 109 | \$339,950 | \$339,000 | 100% |
| 3519 NE 190th Pl | 4 | 2.25 | 1980 | 11,000 | 1,780 | \$213 | 86 | \$379,000 | \$379,000 | 100% |
| 3525 NE 180th St | 4 | 2.5 | 1939 | 56,157 | 2,810 | \$143 | 69 | \$465,000 | \$403,000 | 87% |
| 18703 37th Ave NE | 3 | 1.75 | 1964 | 9,300 | 3,040 | \$145 | 3 | \$388,000 | \$441,000 | 114% |
| 17839 28th Ave NE | 3 | 2 | 1958 | 14,800 | 1,810 | \$251 | 8 | \$389,000 | \$455,000 | 117% |
| 2607 NE 184th Pl | 4 | 2.5 | 1986 | 11,068 | 2,850 | \$168 | 3 | \$469,000 | \$480,000 | 102% |
| 3817 NE 189th Pl | 4 | 2 | 1961 | 9,284 | 1,900 | \$263 | 8 | \$499,900 | \$500,000 | 100% |
| 5323 NE 180th St | 4 | 3.25 | 1954 | 26,708 | 3,320 | \$189 | 136 | \$600,000 | \$626,330 | 104% |
| 18025 29th Ave NE | 4 | 2 | 1955 | 23,635 | 2,722 | \$257 | 7 | \$629,000 | \$700,000 | 111% |
| 18520 26th Ave NE | 4 | 2.5 | 2008 | 15,150 | 3,470 | \$210 | 4 | \$739,950 | \$730,000 | 99% |
| 5402 NE 197th St | 5 | 4 | 2000 | 21,998 | 4,370 | \$201 | 45 | \$899,900 | \$880,000 | 98% |
| 4004 NE 178th St | 4 | 2.5 | 2014 | 23,810 | 3,878 | \$245 | 4 | \$949,950 | \$949,000 | 100% |
| | | Averages: | | 17,957 | 2,434 | \$210 | 35 | \$490,975 | \$498,646 | 102% |
| | | High: | \$949,000 | | Low: | \$205,000 | | Median: | \$448,000 | |

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