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The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals.

~Melody Beattie

Here are four housing predictions for 2018

Entry-level home prices could increase up to 11%

<https://www.housingwire.com/articles/42184-here-are-four-housing-predictions-for-2018>

New year, new tax brackets. Here's where you stand

New rates are 10 percent, 12 percent, 22 percent, 24 percent, 32 percent, 35 percent and 37 percent

<https://www.cnbc.com/2017/12/29/heres-where-you-stand-in-the-new-2018-tax-brackets.html?recirc=taboolainternal>

Tax bill 101: What the new law means for homeowners

The good news is that in 2018, you're probably getting a tax cut. The individual rates fall across the board. The new law not only lowers rates across all seven tax brackets, but lowers the threshold for each bracket. This applies to taxpayers who file jointly as well.

<https://www.curbed.com/2017/12/20/16797590/tax-bill-salt-real-estate-mortgage>

Cost Of Living Is Surging In These Major Cities And What It Could Mean For 2018

Seattle and Portland in the top 7! Nearly a decade after the 2008 recession and housing crash, much of the U.S. has fully recovered. As a result, most of the country is experiencing a rise in the cost of living, especially as home prices return to and surpass pre-crash levels

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/andrewdepietro/2017/12/28/cost-of-living-is-surging-in-these-major-cities-and-what-it-could-mean-for-2018/#17ac874971c6>

Mortgage rates drop in opening week of 2018

Housing market gets a breather before anticipated interest-rate hikes

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/mortgage-rates-drop-in-opening-week-of-2018-2018-01-04>

Utah County couple sends \$91,000 to fraudster who posed as real estate agent

A Utah County couple is hoping the FBI can help them recover \$91,000 they lost when sending a wire transfer they thought was part of the purchase of a new home, but turned out to be a fraud.

<http://kutv.com/news/local/utah-county-couple-sends-91000-to-fraudster-who-posed-as-real-estate-agent>

CoreLogic Home Price Insights

The Home Price Insights Report is your source for the most comprehensive and current home price trends.

http://www.corelogic.com/about-us/researchtrends/corelogic-home-price-insights.aspx?WT.mc_id=crlg_180102_T4LtD&elqTrack=true#

Tax Changes Could Hurt Affordability At High End Of The Housing Market

The new tax law is forcing a lot of people to reconsider whether they want to buy a home and how much they can pay, and that could affect housing prices, says Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

<https://www.npr.org/2018/01/02/573798749/tax-changes-could-hurt-affordability-at-high-end-of-the-housing-market>

The rapid rise of new Seattle: Time-lapse video shot over 3 years captures city's massive growth

Here's the 4-minute video you've been waiting for to illustrate why a 4-mile drive in Seattle takes 45 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2MTiUGvqyE>

The Power of Visualization

The Power of Visualization – 5 Tips that will change your experience

<http://www.sportpsychologytoday.com/sport-psychology-for-coaches/the-power-of-visualization/>

King County says homeowners can't prepay property taxes to avoid big 2018 hit

King County Assessor John Wilson warned of a "one-two punch" coming at homeowners.

<https://www.bizjournals.com/seattle/news/2017/12/27/king-county-assessor-property-tax-prepay-deduction.html>

Value of U.S. housing market climbs to record \$31.8 trillion

The total value of all homes in the U.S. increased in 2017 to a total \$31.8 trillion, according to the latest report from Zillow.

<https://www.housingwire.com/articles/42176-value-of-us-housing-market-climbs-to-record-318-trillion?eid=311687380&bid=1960766>

Will the economy bust out in 2018?

The U.S. economy in 2018 may finally unload some of the baggage that has slowed it down since the Great Recession ended in 2009.

CoreLogic Home Price Insights

The most geographically comprehensive and current home price index.

http://www.corelogic.com/about-us/researchtrends/corelogic-home-price-insights.aspx?WT.mc_id=crlg_151103_aHqc0&elq=d6379903117d41bcbe7b9f6a82f2189a&elqCampaignId=2692&elqaid=7659&elqat=1&elqTrackId=097f671c98fc48249757d8ddbd229326#.Vj1WlvnnuUl

Bureau of Economic Analysis

U.S. Economy at a Glance

<http://www.bea.gov/index.htm>

U.S. Housing Market Tracker

The U.S. housing market has struggled to find equilibrium after the bubble of the past decade. Here's a look at where various gauges of supply and demand stand today.

<http://graphics.wsj.com/us-housing-market/>

Mortgage Market Survey Archive

Compilation of Weekly Survey Data for 2015

<http://www.freddiemac.com/pmms/archive.html>

Housing Economics

NAHB produces in-depth economic analyses of the home building industry based on private and government data. Our economics group surveys builders, home buyers, and renters to gain insight into the issues and trends driving the industry.

<https://www.nahb.org/en/research/housing-economics.aspx>

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