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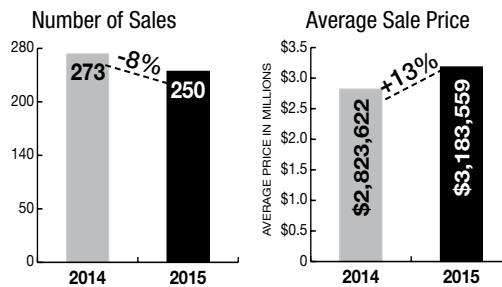
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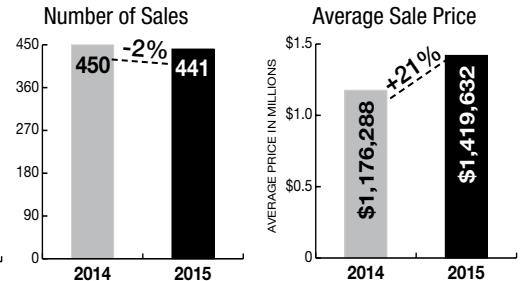
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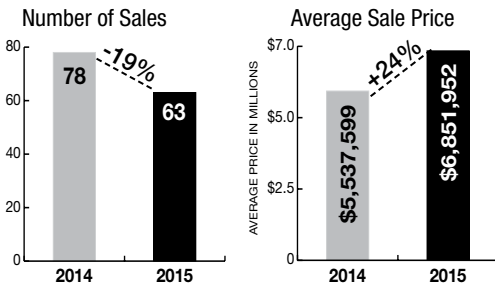
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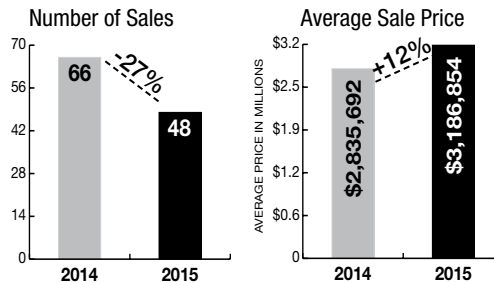
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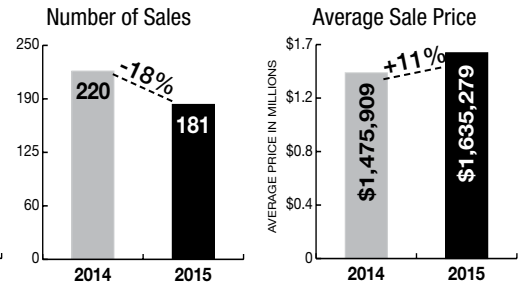
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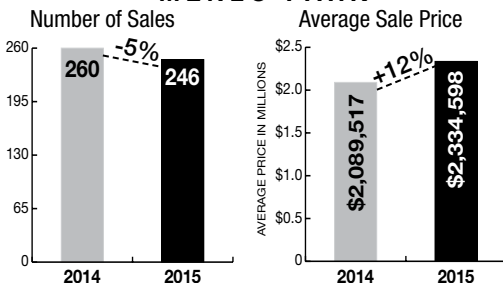
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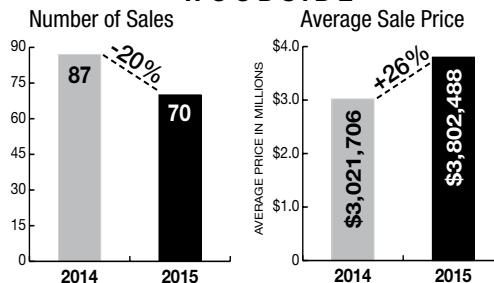
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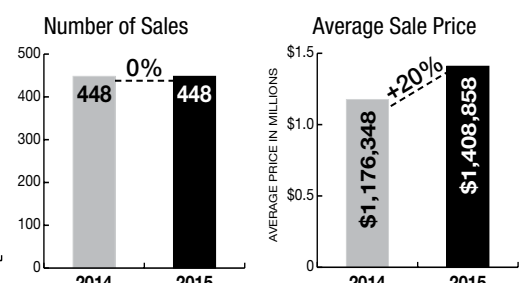
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### SAN MATEO





## The Golden Roommate Years

While it may not be exactly like the TV show, more people are starting to live the Golden Girls – or Golden Guys – lifestyle.

According to a recent article in [changingaging.org](http://changingaging.org), roommates aren't just for college students anymore. While the shared economy is growing among GenXers, the shared living movement is being embraced across the country as an exciting aging-in-place option for Baby Boomers – and the numbers are growing! According to Bowling Green State University's Center for Family and Demographic Research, in 2000, there were 820,000 households where single people ages 46 to 64 shared housing with non-relatives. By 2013, that number had risen to 1,090,000.

It's a wonderful option for people who may find themselves in a home that's a little too large for them – not only do they not have to move, they get help with the bills and mortgage, as well as company. There have been cases where old friends have sold one of their homes to move in together or for more of a business arrangement there are roommate services, such as the Golden Girls Network and Senior Network Services.

If you would like to learn about this aging-in-place option or the value of your home if you're thinking of joining forces with a friend, give me a call.

## Let the Sun In!

Last year, investment in solar installation in California topped \$11.7 billion! That's a 66% jump from 2013, according to industry numbers. The spread of small residential and commercial solar panel arrays has stimulated industry expansion to an estimated 54,000 employees across the state.

There are a lot of benefits to giving your home some solar assistance. A federal investment tax credit (for residential and commercial consumers) is available for both photovoltaics and solar water heating systems. And even though the initial investment is quite high, the payback period is relatively short.

It's a big decision, and a number of online calculators have been developed to help you make a decision about going solar. Plus there is a list of decision-making tools from the US Department of Energy. Still, not every home is good candidate for the addition. And those

## House Cleaning List

### 10 Things People with Spotless Homes Do Every Day

All of these might not be possible every day, but the people at [countryliving.com](http://countryliving.com) have some good suggestions:

1. They take off their shoes before going inside.
2. They make their beds.
3. They squeegee the shower.
4. They clean the bathroom sink.
5. They wipe down the kitchen counters.
6. They empty the dishwasher or dish rack every morning.
7. They do a 5-minute cleanup.
8. They put their clothes away.
9. They open a few outside doors for fresh air.
10. They close the door on the less-than-spotless rooms!



who live in condos and townhomes must talk to the homeowner association to check for restrictions.

If you are wondering if solar has been a popular choice in your neighborhood and how it would affect the value of your home, please feel free to give me a call.

