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First Weber is listing a northside Oshkosh house for sale (house not visible), as seen in July.

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Northeastern Wisconsin home sales remain muted in 2025

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Interest rates continue to garner the attention as the summer home sales season winds down in Green Bay, Appleton and Oshkosh.

Northeastern Wisconsin home sales remain muted in 2025 in spite of positive trends in both interest rates and inventory, according to data published by the Wisconsin Realtors Association.

“All of our measures of inventory improved in July, which continues a general trend we’ve seen since April,” WRA CEO Tom Larson said in a news release.

“Addressing the inventory shortage is key to improving sales and moderating the rapid appreciation of prices.”

The region’s median price increases have fallen below 5% in recent months in response to improving inventories locally and statewide, according to WRA.

Existing sales in the Appleton and Oshkosh areas are up 1.7% and 0.9%, respectively, through July while Green Bay area sales are down 5.8%. Green Bay- and Fox Cities-area Realtors said sales have not increased this summer quite like they hoped and expected in part due to a shortage of homes in affordable price ranges and general uncertainty, even as more buyers adjust to

market conditions.

“A lot of people who don’t have to move aren’t pulling the trigger,” said AmyJo Fullerton, a Green Bay area Realtor who exclusively works with buyers. “Buyers looking at homes under \$500,000 have adjusted to interest rates. If they’re ready to buy, they’re ready to buy.”

Here’s what buyers and sellers should know, the “magic number” for interest rates, tips for buyers and sellers and some food for thought on the pivotal question many buyers’ (and sellers’) minds: Buy now or wait?

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Students can get free driver’s education classes

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For a second year, Wisconsin students from lower-income families can apply online for funding to cover the cost of a driver’s education program.

Here’s how it works.

Wisconsin high school students can visit the state Department of Transportation website, or tiny-url.com/DriverEdGrant, to apply online for a grant that covers the cost of driver’s education classes.

Students who are accepted will receive a coupon number, which can be shared with any driving school that is registered with the Wisconsin DMV. A map of driving schools across the state is available on the DMV’s website.

The grant covers tuition costs for 30 hours of classroom coursework, six hours of observation and six hours of behind-the-wheel training.

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OSHKOSH PUBLIC LIBRARY

September lineup has something for all ages

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OSHKOSH – Oshkosh Public Library has announced its September events.

The library will be closed Sept. 1 for Labor Day, according to a community announcement. Throughout the month, the library will offer a variety of programs for all ages.

Storytime for Grownups will take place at 6 p.m. Sept. 2 at Planet Perk. The Teen Advisory Board will meet at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 3.

On Sept. 4, adults can attend Reference Solutions at noon, while teens can join the Animanga Club at 4:30 p.m. Chess Club will meet at 5 p.m.

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