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## Do many renters make the transition to homeownership?



**T**here's nothing like being the king or queen of your own castle. After years of living under someone else's roof, whether at your parent's house, your dorm or your rental, you might be ready to live on your own terms, in your own home, especially if you are a Stamford millennial. The influx of available luxury rental apartments in Stamford has drawn a huge, financially-qualified population to our city. Renters have the opportunity to sample Stamford. They sample, then stay. This is a city that has it all. It's the perfect combination of city and

country living, and it's affordable. Renters become owners in Stamford because of the diversity our city offers. On any given evening, you can dine in town at a five-star restaurant, then return home to your acre of wooded property and enjoy the peace and solitude. Or you can mountain bike in the backcountry, or lounge on the beach, then return home, jump on the train to NYC and meet your friends for drinks and dinner. There are five key things you need to know before you start shopping for a home. One of those five elements is

desire. Searching for a house takes commitment, and ultimately the buyer has to really want it. You should also create an action plan. Find out all five things you need to know at the next Harbor Point Home Buyers' Series. The walk-in event will be held from 1-3 p.m. this Saturday at William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty's Stamford Harbor Point brokerage, 111 Towne Street, across from Fairway Market. Everyone is welcome. At the event, potential buyers will be connected with a team of experts that help them achieve

the dream of homeownership. The team includes lenders, attorneys, inspectors and interior designers. Also, a representative from Citimortgage will be there who can help you determine your buying power, and even pre-approve you for a mortgage on the spot. Buying a home is one of the most exciting times in your life. Start with this event to make it easy, fast and above all, fun.

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