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Year ends on an improving note
 — By: Marilyn Jackson



Compared to last year, pending condo sales in Massachusetts were down 20 percent for entire year. However, per sales of condos in Deceml were up 13 percent comp a year earlier, according to Massachusetts Association Realtors. For single-family homes, pending sales incr for the eighth consecutive by 11.7 percent. For [...]

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For election year 2012 the National Association of Re (www.realtor.com) is put together statistics of med selling prices for homes in cities of the primary state lowa the median listing pr a single-family home is \$165,000 in the Des Moir area. That sum can buy a four-bedroom, four-bath l with 1,814 square [...]

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Stunning Beacon Hill condo has private deck



A magnificent home at the top of Beacon Hill, just steps from the State House, has just become available.

Located on Myrtle Street between Hancock and Joy streets, the condominium has one-plus bedrooms, a huge roof deck just outside the master bedroom and amenities that give the feeling of an elegant Paris apartment worthy of being a movie set.

Rob Cohen of Boston Realty Advisors has listed it at \$614,000.

The Boston Street Advisor ranks Myrtle Street as the fourth best street in Beacon Hill or the Back Bay. That is a higher rating than Newbury Street, Beacon Street, or even Louisburg Square.

The only higher rated streets are Marlborough Street, Commonwealth Avenue and Brimmer Street.



Myrtle is a quiet street with several businesses, including a pizza shop, a laundromat, the Beacon Hill Times, a plumber and a liquor and convenience mart. They are all so unobtrusive that you would almost have to know where they are in order to be able to find them.

The Myrtle Street Playground is also there. A grand reopening was held last October highlighting the improvements, including a playhouse for small children and a new rubber surface under the play equipment.

Two short blocks from the Myrtle Street Playground is 3 Myrtle St., which was probably built around 1875 since it is attached to 57 Hancock St., a French Second Empire home that was built then.

Double doors with a transom open into the common foyer.

The south-facing 3 Myrtle has five floors, each with a floor-through condominium with large windows on each floor. The second floor windows have decorative ironwork balconies reminiscent of New Orleans.

Two steps up from the brick sidewalk are the handsome double front doors that open like French doors to the common foyer. They are carved wood with a large

