As of May 2009 active inventory was 803, a 4% decrease from May 2008. There were 58 closings in May 2009, 37% below May 2008. Months of Inventory was 13.8, up from 9.1 in May 2008. Median price of sold homes was $337,500 for the month of May 2009, down 14% from May 2008. The North area is experiencing an increase in buyer activity, with new properties under contract up 8% from May 2008. Contact me for more information and visit my website for details on the $8,000 limited time first time home buyer tax credit.

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Real estate is in fact very localized. Market conditions can vary greatly by not only geographic area but also by price range, as demonstrated in the above Long Realty Research Center chart. Find the price range of interest to you to track relevant market conditions, and contact me for a more in-depth analysis.

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Months of Inventory (MOI) is a good indicator of market health, taking into account both current inventory and sales rates. As a rule of thumb, a market is considered “balanced” when Months of Inventory is around 6. As you can see by this Long Realty Research Center map, market conditions can vary significantly by area. Contact me to get Months of Inventory information for your specific neighborhood.

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