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## Great Places to Live

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TV anchor Del Walters and his family built their dream home on two acres near Leesburg.

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#### *Shhhh... Don't Tell*

This is DC's best-kept secret. South of Pennsylvania Avenue near the Maryland border, this neighborhood could pass for Chevy Chase—without the high prices. Manicured lawns surround Colonials, Tudors, Cape Cods, and bungalows on leafy streets. Neighbors—many have been here for decades—organize a garden show, flea market, and crab feast. There are public tennis courts, community flower gardens, and a nearby city park with amphitheater.

Good-sized houses fetch between \$300,000 and \$400,000; stately homes with views of the Capitol and the Washington Monument sell in the mid-\$500,000s.