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LSTAR Market Update

** Statistics from London St. Thomas Real Estate Board*

Total Units Sold

(2 storey, bungalow, ranch, townhouse)

Nov 746 Dec 475 Jan 475

Average Price of SOLD Homes

November \$268,786

December \$ 254,141

January \$253, 140

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Upcoming London Events

March 4-6	London Farm Show - Western Fair
March 8	Gord Bamford - London Music Hall
March 18-19	Blue Man Group - Bud Garden
April 10-12	Spring Home and Garden Show - Western Fair
April 17	The Tragically Hip - Bud Garden
April 22	One Republic - Bud Gardens

Spring Homeownership Checklist

By Sarah Vander Vloet



We may have huge snow banks in our yards but spring is on its way! It will soon be the time of year when the snow melts, the temperature rises and you begin to see your neighbors come out from their homes and spent time walking in the neighborhood or working in their yards.

We all have the inevitable spring-cleaning to do inside our homes but it is nice to enjoy the warmer days and get outside to get a head start on preparing your homes exterior for the Spring and Summer seasons. Ensure your home is ready to welcome spring with this checklist.

- ✓ Ensure your gutters eaves and downspouts are clear and survived the heavy weight of winter's snowfall.
- ✓ Complete an outdoor clean up of your lawn and gardens and prep for planting season. Add mulch to flower beds.
- ✓ Touch up or repaint any outside trim or siding as needed
- ✓ Sweep and power wash walkways and driveway
- ✓ Check and clean vents
- ✓ Edge along walkways and driveways
- ✓ Clean and set up outdoor furniture
- ✓ Locate all gardening tools and replace if needed. Sharpen lawn mower blade
- ✓ Check hose for holes, replace if needed

Springtime Strawberry Lemonade



Feeling the Winter blues? This strawberry lemonade recipe will give you a taste of Spring!

1 cup sugar, 1 cup water, 1
¼ cups fresh lemon juice
(from about 6 lemons), 1 pint
strawberries, hulled and
sliced, 24-28 oz fresh cold
water, ice

Directions

Bring the sugar and water to a simmer. Stir so that the sugar dissolves and remove from heat. Place the strawberries in a blender and process until smooth. Pour pureed strawberries in the sugar water and stir well. Add the lemon juice. Combine the strawberry lemon syrup and the cold water in a large pitcher. Stir well and add lots of ice.

Serves 6

Leading London's Featured Listing 500 Ontario Street, Ontario MLS 554362 Asking \$189,900

Over \$25,000 put into the property in the past 2 years. Fantastic Curb appeal with this yellow brick 3 bedroom, 1.5 washrooms in the heart of sought after Old East Village. This freshly painted 1 ¼ storey home offers loads of charm and character, private double driveway and a cute fully fenced court-yard style backyard perfect for the busy homeowner or someone looking for a condo alternative. Main floors high ceilings, gas insert fireplace, pocket doors, trim work and hardwood will be sure to impress. Home offers a large dining room and bright kitchen with door to backyard. Both washrooms renovated. Majority of home has updated vinyl windows. Upstairs you will find a sizable master bedroom with a full wall of closets. Just a short walk to all the awesome amenities offered in OEV; Boyle Community Centre, Aeolian, restaurants, library, market and more. All appliances included in asking price.



Tried & Tested Natural Cleaning

Our client Anne experimented with natural cleaning recipes and wanted to share them with you!

1. Make your **windows** sparkle with BLACK TEA

Method: 3 black tea bags steeped for about an hour in 8 ozs of boiling water. Transferred it to a spray bottle. Spray on windows, wipe off with lint free paper towel then buff with a microfiber cloth. *Anne's Tip: Just be careful not to get on woodwork or trim, as it could stain.*

2. Clean medium to dark **hardwood** with BLACK TEA

Method: Steep 6 black teabags in 6 cups of boiling water for about an hour. You can put it in a bucket and dip mop into it, squeezing out excess or put it in a spray bottle, spray a section of floor then mopped up with a microfiber mop. Conceals scratches too! *Anne's Tip: This worked really great & adds protection to the floor as well as being anti bacterial.*

3. **Laminate Floor** Cleaner that gets doggy drool off and water spots, and restores shine.

Method: add 1cup rubbing alcohol, 1cup water, 1cup vinegar
2 drops dishwashing liquid, 3 drops tea tree oil, 3 drops essential oil (for smell, lavender, citrus, anything like that, cuts the vinegar smell)
Mix in spray bottle, wipe up with microfiber mop.

4. **Bathtub** Cleaner - Soft on sensitive skin and chemical free.

Method: Cut a grapefruit in 1/2 and sprinkle with some salt. Rub over tub and rinse.