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## MARKET UPDATE

\* Statistics from London St. Thomas Real Estate Board

### Total Units Sold

(2 storey, bungalow, ranch, townhouse)

June 1348 July 1084 Aug 1058

### Average Price of Home

June \$359,730

July \$349,502

August \$342,307

"Compared to August 2016, which holds an unprecedented record, the August 2017 numbers represent a slight decrease in homes sales activity. However, if you look at the historical data, last month turns out to be the best August for our REALTOR® Members since 2005,"

## We are Passionate about OUR community!

### Upcoming London Events

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| October 13    | London Comic Con - Western Fair District |
| October 09    | Happy Thanksgiving!                      |
| October 13-29 | Pioneer Village - Donnelly's After Dark  |
| October 21-30 | Storyspook Village - Storybook Gardens   |
| Nov 11        | Veg Fest - Western Fair District         |

## 5 Things YOUR Home Needs in The Fall

By: Sarah VanderVloet

1 – **Fall Scented Candles**; Last week while at Bath & Body Works, I purchased several fall candles. If you love the scent of pumpkin you can find some amazing candles including Vanilla Pumpkin Marshmallow, Pumpkin Apple, Sweet Cinnamon Pumpkin and my personal favorite Pumpkin Cupcake

2- **Warm throw blankets**; Check Homesense, Indigo or Pier One for a chunky knit or soft cozy throw blanket in a faux fur or fall hue.

3 -**Mums**; They are at the front doors of most grocery stores and will look great as a replacement for your summer planters. Just when I was thinking I would purchase a yellow mum, my neighbours bright orange mums and white pumpkins on her front porch caught my eye this morning. I will be opting for orange this fall!

4 – **Pumpkins**; Nothing feels like fall more than decorating with Pumpkins. Place them on your porch or front stairs. The mini decorative pumpkins are great for filling a lantern or a bowl.

5- **Dining Table Centre Piece**; Now that the slow cooker is coming back out of the cupboard we tend to sit down and enjoy those comfort foods we all love in the fall. Having an autumn themed centerpiece will add warmth and colour to your home. A simple bowl of gourds or an arrangement of dogwood branches can be a simple yet pretty arrangement. I have found gorgeous metal pumpkins and a great burlap runner that now adorn our dining room table.



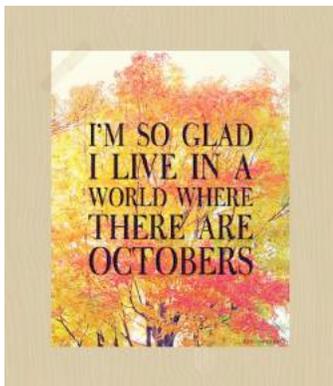
*Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!*

homemade  
APPLE CIDER  
gimme some oven



12 medium assorted apples  
2 oranges  
4 cinnamon sticks  
1 whole nutmeg  
1 Tbsp. whole cloves  
1 tsp. whole allspice (optional)  
1 gallon (16 cups) water, more or less  
1/2 – 1 cup brown sugar

*Directions: roughly cut fruit into quarters. Place in a large stockpot. Add cinnamon sticks, nutmeg, cloves and allspice. Cover with water, filling the pot until it is nearly full. Bring to a simmer over high heat, stirring occasionally. Then reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer for 2 hours. Once the apples have softened after an hour or two, use a potato masher to mash the apple and orange slices once they are soft. Cook for one more hour. Strain the apple cider into a clean pitcher or pot. Stir in your desired amount of sweetener until it is dissolved. Serve hot. Can refrigerate for up to 5 days.*



## {Featured Leading London Listing}

190 Emily St., Parkhill Ontario

MLS #610146 Listed at \$259,900

Two Separate 2 Bedroom units separately metered for gas, hydro & water. Main unit accessed through the front door offers a beautiful foyer with original hardwood floor and staircase and trim work. You will love the bright eat in kitchen with an island. The living room offers a large window and high ceilings. Laundry and 4pc bathroom along with 2 bedrooms are found on the upper level. You will love the built in storage in the master bedroom! Second unit is accessed from the side of the house and offers an eat-in kitchen, living room, laundry and washroom on the main and 2 good-sized bedrooms upstairs. This unit is currently rented. Property offers two driveways and plenty of parking, a detached single garage and storage shed. All appliances are included in asking price. This home is walking distance to all shopping and amenities.



## Preparing YOUR Home for the Cooler Temperatures

By Sarah VanderVloet

After the incredibly warm fall we have had, it's hard to believe fall is actually here. This is a critical time of year to ensure your home is ready for the cooler temperatures. Proper maintenance will insure you are not only protecting your investment but you will be sure to have less work to do in the Spring!

- \* Cover your BBQ
- \* cover your AC unit to protect from ice/snow
- \* store/cover lawn furniture
- \* give the lawn one final mow
- \* check to ensure all outdoor lighting works
- \* cover small trees/shrubs with burlap
- \* Change your furnace filter
- \* Ensure gutters are free and clear of leaves and debris to prevent issues related to ice damming
- \* drain and store garden hose
- \* check doors and windows to ensure there are no draft or cracks and add weather stripping or caulking to keep your home air tight
- \* Trim trees
- \* Rake up and bag all the fallen leaves
- \* Test Carbon Monoxide detector
- \* Inspect roof shingles to ensure there are no damaged or missing shingles
- \* Check/change batteries in the smoke detectors\*