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## MARKET UPDATE

\* Statistics from London St. Thomas Real Estate Board

"It was a very strong summer for home resales, with August achieving very solid numbers," said the 2018 LSTAR President. "Resale activity has performed high above the 10-year average, despite low inventory, which the marketplace has experienced all year. The average sales price continues to rise: it was \$378,511, up 18.0% from August 2017. When you go back five years, that's up 54.2% compared to August 2013."



## We are Passionate about OUR community!

### Upcoming London Events

Oct 10	Jann Arden - Bud Garden
Oct 19-29	Story-Spook Village - Storybook Gardens
Oct 26-28	Comic Con - Western Fair District
Oct 27-28	Monster Jam - Bud Garden
Nov 1	Chris Young - Bud Garden
Nov 20	Russell Peters - Bud Garden
Nov 29-Dec 2	Christmas Craft Fest - Western Fair District

## FALL FRONT PORCH DECOR

By Sarah Vander Vloet

It's been said that you only get one chance to make a first impression and this is why our front porches and front entryways are so important to the overall curb appeal of our homes. This fall put forth some effort and you will be surprised what a difference the addition a few fall items can make to the overall first impression of your home. I found this awesome fall planter for under \$25 at Costco, added a fall wreath, and a bowl of some faux mini pumpkins I had down in my basement to set the scene for our fall front porch.



Some other ideas include; a few pumpkins, a wicker basket filled with colourful leaves, an outdoor lantern filled with mini pumpkins (I love the white mini pumpkins) or a quick addition of corn stalks and hay bales will be sure to complete your fall look.

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

## CREAMY PUMPKIN CRISP

1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin  
1 cup evaporated milk  
1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 box yellow cake mix  
1 cup chopped pecans  
1 cup butter, melted  
Whipped Cream (optional)  
Ground nutmeg (optional)



### Step 1

Stir together first 5 ingredients.

Pour into a lightly greased 13- x 9- inch baking dish. Sprinkle cake mix evenly over pumpkin mixture; sprinkle evenly with pecans. Drizzle butter evenly over pecans.

### Step 2

Bake at 350° for 60 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven, and let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve warm or at room temperature with Whipped Cream and nutmeg, if desired.

## NEW HOME TREND ALERT – Try layering your doormats & rugs!

By Sarah VanderVloet

We love the cozy look of a couch adorned with several throw pillows. Stagers fill beds with layers of pillows and cover beds with blanket upon blanket to bring the feeling of warm luxury. I have recently noticed a new trend and wanted to share it with you. Layering rugs and doormats.... Check out these examples I have seen. Now it's time to use your creativity to see how you can add another dimension to your floors, porches and decks. We would love to see what you come up with - send us a pic!



## Just for Fun!

Q: What kind of house weighs the least?

A: A lighthouse!

