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MARKET UPDATE

* Statistics from London St. Thomas Real Estate Board

London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS® (LSTAR) announced 439 homes* were sold in December, up 2.1% over December 2017 and right on par with the 10-year average. The number of home resales for the year was 9,799, down 13.3% compared to 2017, which set a record year for residential real estate.

-Lstar President

Just for Fun!

Q: How do you get a blonde on the roof?

A: Tell her that drinks are on the house!

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Upcoming London Events

Feb 14	Little Big Town - Bud Garden
Feb 23	Paul Brant - Bud Garden
Feb 28- Mar 3	Disney on Ice - Bud Garden
Mar 6-8	Farm Show - Western Fair
Mar 13-17	Seussical - Palace Theatre
Mar 23-24	Speed & Custom Car Show - Western Fair
Mar 28	Luke Combs - Bud Garden

2019 Home Decorating Trends

By Sarah Vander Vloet

We loved seeing those awesome Edison bulb and classic subway tiles 2018 brought but now, as we have started a new year we make room for some new home trends. I have researched and have come up with some great home décor trends that I wanted to share with you.

1. *Matte Black - As a fan of black, this one excites me! A great neutral for lighting, seating and anything from frames to vases.*



2. *Natural Wood - For years a white kitchen was a go-to but now wood is making a come back. Pet owners can smile as dark wood floors are being phased out and light colour wood will make a come back.*

3. *Plants - You can easy bring colour and life into any room with a plant.*

4. *Black and White Décor - How can you go wrong with this bold, visually contrasting trend?*

5. *Decorative Ceilings - Look up in 2019 for painted ceilings, wallpapered or ceilings' with texture. Ceilings will become the new feature wall and really make a statement in any room.*

6. *Natural Elements - Think rice paper, jute, granite, concrete. These materials will add a serene ambiance while environmentally conscious.*

7. *Organic Colours - think green... we will see everything from sage to Hunter hues.*

Cupids Crunch



Ingredients

2 bags microwave popcorn or 1/2- 2/3 cup popcorn kernels, popped
12 oz bag pink candy melts
2 cups pretzels- broken into pieces
1/2 cups M&Ms
Sprinkles, heart-shaped candies for decoration

Directions

Pop popcorn, set aside. Be sure to pick any unpopped kernels out– they aren't fun to bite into when you don't expect them!

Melt the candy melts at 30 second intervals in the microwave if you want this done quickly. Otherwise, you can always do a double boiler method (it'll take longer), stirring frequently.

Toss broken pretzels and M&Ms into the bowl with popcorn. Then pour 1/2 the melted candy over the top and combine with a rubber spatula. (I actually found that using 2 rubber spatulas worked a lot better for me and I didn't get covered in Cupid's Crunch mess!)

Spread mixture out on a sheet of wax paper- drizzle remaining melted candy over the top. Sprinkle candy or sprinkles and let the chocolate harden before you break it up into pieces and store in an air tight container or separate into treat bags.

FAMILY DAY FUN

By Sarah Vander Vloet

I certainly remember when there was no holiday between New Years and Easter. Thankfully back in October 2007, the government created Family day and we first observed the holiday on the 3rd Monday of February in 2008.

Many tack this day onto a Friday – Monday long weekend for a quick get-a-way but there are many fun

things for families to do right here in London Ontario (Childrens Museum, Boler, Sugar Bush, Bowling, Rec Room and Storybook Gardens) or better yet, right in your own homes.

Here are some ideas you can do right in you own home or neighbourhood;

- Family Themed Movie Marathon – The Family Man, Click, The Pursuit of Happiness, Cheaper by the Dozen, Finding Nemo to name a few.
- Make a Family Time Capsule to open at a specific date in the future.
- Play Board Games or organize a minute to win it games day using household items
- Have a cooking/baking challenge or competition.
- Photo scavenger hunt around your neighbourhood
- Hike somewhere near your home and pack a lunch to enjoy along the way



FAMILY
*today's little moments
become tomorrow's precious memories*