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MARKET UPDATE

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Local home sales decreased more than 50% in April, as the COVID-19 pandemic and the social distancing rules incurred by it slowed the momentum on what was shaping up to be another record year.

Last month, there were 469 home sales in the entire jurisdiction of the London and St. Thomas Association of REALTORS®, down 55.4% from April 2019 and 54.8% less than in April 2010. The number of listings dropped to 738 in April, which represents a 50.3% decrease from a year ago and 56.8% from ten years ago.

We are Passionate about {the safety of} OUR Community!

Upcoming London Events

Typically, in this section of our newsletter we list the fun upcoming events in our Community. Last time we put together a list of things that are NOT cancelled. This month wanted to share a few ways we all can show kindness to friends and neighbours right now as building a strong community start begins with each of us.

BAKE & DELIVER COOKIES

SEND AN ENCOURAGING NOTE IN THE MAIL

CUT YOUR NEIGHBOURS GRASS

DROP OFF A PLANT OR FLOWERS

OFFER TO SHOP FOR SENIORS

TREAT SOMEONE TO DINNER DELIEVERD

TALK TO SOMEONE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD THAT YOU HAVEN'T MET BEFORE

Summer Stay-cation at Home

By: Sarah Vander Vloet

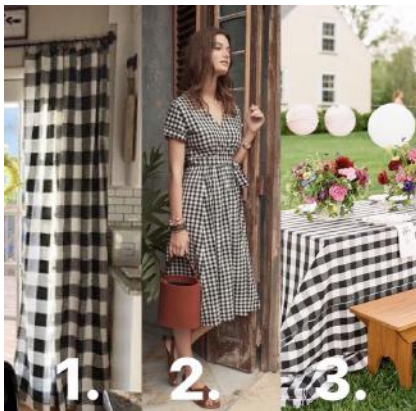
Nobody knows how long we will be staying close to home. It is wonderful that the weather has been improving and we are able to spend more time outside. If there ever was a time to have an epic Summer Staycation it's Summer 2020. Here are a few fun ideas to make the most of your time at home. Camp in your own backyard, complete a project inside or outside your home as a family, movie night in your backyard, set up a minute to win it inspired competition, explore Trails in and around your area and scavenger Hunt or geocatch activity.



Just for Laughs



Who wore it better?



We love a funny poll!
Recently we completed a poll to find out our followers preference when it comes to gingham. Over 80% voted for the table. What do you think?

OH CANADA!

As time passes, we continue to hear about all the events that are being cancelled in 2020. Most recently, for the first time EVER, the Western Fair will not happen! It can be so tough on everyone who is used to attending events and festivals as traditions.

This is the first Canada Day where we might not have large gatherings of patriarchic Canadians joining together at dusk on July 1 to watch fire works and celebrate our beautiful country.

This will pass and we will get through this together! However we may be celebrating this year, we wish you all a Happy Canada Day!

With glowing hearts we see thee rise

THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT CANADA :

- Canada has an '**Apology Act**' that allows apologies in court to be considered a sign of empathy, not guilt!
- Peterborough, ON is the **canoe capital** of the world
- 15,500 of the world's 25,000 polar bears live in Canada
- Canada has **more lakes** than all other countries **combined** (250,000+ in Ontario alone)
- All letters to Santa end up in Canada, and volunteers reply in over 200 languages
- Canada has more **donut shops per capita** than anywhere else
- Canadian inventions include: the electric wheelchair, IMAX, Trivial Pursuit, the baseball glove, insulin and Hawaiian pizza!
- Canada's **literacy rate** is over 99%
- Canada is the largest exporter of **blueberries** in the world

Supporting Small Businesses

By: Sarah Vander Vloet

There have been a lot of posts on social media about supporting small businesses in our communities. We know this pandemic has thrown a huge wrench in business plans for 2020. We have been trying to offer our support and if you follow the Leading London page on facebook, you may have been online to catch some of the live interviews I did with some of the members of my networking group. These interviews are with some incredible businesses owners in our area and help us all understand more about how small business owners have had to pivot and shift their businesses during this pandemic. I have posted the videos on the leading London YouTube channel if you want to view them and are not on facebook. Stay Safe!

