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MARKET UPDATE

"After two consecutive months of sharp declines caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, local home sales saw a strong rebound in June. The London and St Thomas Association of REALTORS® reported that 1,188 homes exchanged hands last month in its jurisdiction, up 13.8% from June 2019 and 11.7% more than two years ago. In fact, this makes last month the second best June for home sales since LSTAR began tracking data, back in 1978." - *Istar.ca*

THE AVERAGE HOME PRICE IN LONDON IS \$486,372
(June 2020)

We are Passionate about OUR Community!

Finally... An Upcoming London Event

Over the past few months, there have been so many cancelled events, fairs, concerts, and finally there is some GREAT NEWS! The London Air Show will take place September 12-13. This is a drive-in style socially distant air show. Visit www.londonairshow.com for details.

Stay at Home Playlist

By: Sarah Vander Vloet

Staying home has become the new normal and most of us are enjoying the extra time we have been spending at home. I had an idea to make a Stay at Home Playlist and recently asked the question on social media – "what is a song with the word home or house in the lyrics" and I have compiled a great list of songs for my stay at home playlist. Thanks to everyone who provided the great songs ideas! I hope this inspires you to create one to listen to in your homes and yards this summer.

House Party – Sam Hunt

Coming Home – John Legend

This Old House – Loretta Lynn

Home – Michael Buble

Sweet Home Alabama – Lynyrd Skynyrd

My House – Flo Rida

Take Me Home, Country Roads – John Denver

The Bones – Maren Morris

The House that Built Me – Miranda Lambert

Burning House – Cam

The House of the Rising Sun – The Animals

Our House – Crosby Stills Nash and Young

Brick House – Commodores

Burning Down the House – Tom Jones

Two of a Kind, Working on a Full House – Garth Brooks



Just for Laughs

I recently decided to sell my vacuum cleaner — all it was doing was gathering dust.

Watermelon Lemonade

When life gives you lemons... make watermelon lemonade!

4 cup cubed Seedless Watermelon
1/2 cup Sugar
2 cup Water
1/2 cup Lemon Juice



Combine sugar and 1/2 cup water and bring to a boil. Stir to dissolve. Allow to cool. Place watermelon, sugar syrup and lemon juice in blender. Run until completely liquefied. Add remaining 1 1/2 cup water and run to mix. Chill and serve over ice. Garnish with watermelon or lemon slices.

House Numbers... The Great Debate

By: Sarah Vander Vloet

Polls are a great way to get feedback on even a small home improvement or DIY. Some trends are not accepted by the masses and I had a feeling that written house numbers was one of those. If you are thinking about even a small home project like picking a paint colour, create a poll on social media and have your friends and family chime in – it might be as clear as this debate was. 90% of poll respondents agree that classic house numbers beat out the trendy written numbers, and very few like the mix of classic and written. My vote is not a clear yes or no, but rather dependant on what the address is. For example, if the house number is single digit, I love it but something like ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR would be a NO from me!



REAL estate With Sarah Vander Vloet

There are two new segments in my YouTube Series REAL Estate with Sarah Vander Vloet. In June, I posted a segment “Things you Should Know about Viewing Homes” - there are many things that have changed as we have adapted to the Covid-19 safety protocol. Watch this short video to find out what home viewing looks like during these times. In July, I kept it light and fun and shared a few of the things we have seen while showing houses. There are some funny, odd and crazy things that we had to share, complete with photographic evidence! We hope you enjoy this walk down memory lane as I share a few of the things we have seen that made us shake our head or exclaim, “now this is interesting!”

