

*Working and Living in Durham**Darlene Breault*

*I treat each of my clients as if they are my only client!*

## 4 Tips for Simplifying a Move

Moving doesn't have to be an overwhelming event. Here are some steps you can take to simplify the moving process and ease some of your stress.

- Arrange a mover at least one month in advance or more. Summer is the busy moving season, so be sure to book your moving company early if you're moving during that season. Booking your mover 3 months ahead of time for a June or July move isn't unheard of, and you'll get to choose a date and time most convenient for you. Winter is a slower season, so you should be fine with 4 weeks or so.
- Obtain moving boxes and moving supplies from a single source. Collecting old newspapers and scrounging around for second hand boxes can take up valuable time. By using cardboard boxes and bubble wrap specifically made for moving, you'll not only save time, you'll save yourself some headaches.
- Pack ahead of time. The sooner you get started, the easier it will be. Begin cleaning out and packing areas that don't see much traffic. The attic, basement, and closets are good places to start.
- Make a checklist and stick to it. Include transferring school records, cancelling newspaper subscriptions and submitting change of address forms. Refer to that list frequently and check off each task as you complete it.



That way, on moving day, you won't get that nagging feeling that you've forgotten something. With these few simple steps, your home move will be a breeze!

<http://movingblog.twomenandatruck.ca>

For more tips when buying or selling, visit my website at [www.ListedByDarlene.ca](http://www.ListedByDarlene.ca)

As your Neighbourhood Realtor I am always happy to provide you with a comparable market analysis of your property. So please do not hesitate to call. I will be happy to assess the current market value of your home and talk about any

Real Estate queries you may have.

It's always a pleasure!

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## Market Statistics Average Selling Price Up Strongly in January

February 5, 2014 -- Home ownership in the Greater Toronto Area remains affordable and there are many people looking to purchase a home. In January, the number of homes listed for sale was down quite strongly compared to last year, which means that it was difficult for some buyers to find a home.

Greater Toronto Area REALTORS® reported 4,135 sales through the TorontoMLS system in January 2014. This result was down by 2.2% in comparison to January 2013. New listings entered into the system were down over the same period by 16.6% to 8,822.

“Looking forward, it is possible that strong price growth, and therefore an increase in home equity, will act as a trigger for more households to list their homes for sale. This is especially the case for households whose life styles are changing, including those with an expanding family looking for a larger home or empty nesters looking to downsize,” said Dianne Usher, President, Toronto Real Estate Board.

The average selling price for January 2014 sales was \$526,528 – up by more than 9% compared to \$482,080 in January 2013.

“The pace of price growth will remain strong in 2014. Similar to last year, competition between buyers for singles, semis and town homes in the City of Toronto and surrounding regions will continue to exert upward pressure on selling prices. At the same time, mortgage rates will remain near historic lows, so despite strong price growth, home ownership will remain affordable for the average household in the GTA,” said Jason Mercer, TREB’s Senior Manager of Market Analysis.

### Summary of Existing Home Transactions in Durham Region

	New Listings	Active Listings	Avg. Sold Price	Avg. Days on Market
Durham Region	859	919	97%	38
Ajax	133	104	99%	22
Brock	25	66	96%	93
Clarington	147	147	98%	33
Oshawa	206	179	98%	31
Pickering	116	112	99%	26
Scugog	29	68	96%	44
Uxbridge	43	99	94%	39
Whitby	160	144	95%	26

Full Report available at [www.ListedByDarlene.ca](http://www.ListedByDarlene.ca)

## Community Events

### Family Day Celebration

When: Feb 17 2014, 1-3pm  
Where: The Robert McLaughlin Gallery



### GALAXY DANCE PARTY

When: Saturday Feb 22 2014, 8pm-1am  
Where: OSHAWA NAVY CLUB  
A DANCE FOR ANYONE OVER 30

### KWE Night with the Generals

Kingston Frontenacs @ Oshawa Generals  
When: Feb 23 2014, 6-8:30pm  
Where: Generals Motors Centre

### 4th Annual Free Family Skates

When: Mar 1 2014, 2:30-4:15pm  
Where: Children's Arena, 199 Arena Street

### Your Event Could Be Here

If you would like an event that you are hosting published here, please don't hesitate to contact me!

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