



March 2016

My Passion + Your Dreams = 1 Great Home!

HOME CONNECTION

Check it out !! >>>



Community Events in Durham

Grand Re-opening

When: March 12, 2016 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Harmony Creek Community & Events Centre

St. Patrick's Day Party

When: March 17, 2016 from 3:00pm-2am
Where: The Corral, 433 Simcoe St. S. Oshawa

Marianas Trench

When: March 19, 2016 7:00pm to 11:00pm
Where: General Motors Centre

7th Annual Easter Egg-stravaganza

When: March 27, 2016 12:00pm to 2:00pm
Where: Oshawa Municipal Airport

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Free Admission to children 10 and under
When: April 2, 2016 from 10:00am to 4:00pm
Where: Harmony Creek Community Centre

Contact Linda for more info on events!!

Find Out What Your Home Is Worth

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 is always a pleasure!

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Tips to Consider Before Buying a Home

You are about to invest in your most valuable asset. Many home buying steps are standard yet there might be slight variations depending on the real estate laws and regulations where you live. Here are some of our top recommendations to make you more confident as you embark on your home buying journey.

Your Credit Rating: Getting your finances in order is probably the most important step you should take. Your credit reports are an ongoing look at how you manage your finances and play a key role in your mortgage approval.

Understanding How Mortgages Work:

Get familiar with the mortgage laws, structure and options. That way, you will be able to decide on the right loan and lender — crucial to your home buying success. It's up to you to determine which lender is best for your needs, and it's always a good idea to have at least a bit of background about the loan process before you talk to a lender.

Getting a Mortgage Pre-Approval:

Do you know how much house you can afford? Probably not, unless you've talked with a lender. Pre-approval helps you in other ways. Consider this scenario. A home seller gets two similar offers. One is accompanied by a letter from the buyer's bank that states she is pre-approved for a mortgage in the amount of the offer. The other has no supporting documents. Which offer do you think the seller will consider first?

Sorting Out Your Needs and Wants:

Buying a home isn't as difficult as you might think, even if you're short on funds. But the process will go a lot smoother if you get familiar with your real estate market and narrow down your wants and needs before you start looking at houses.

Preparing to Work with a Real Estate Agent:

Real estate agents represent buyers, sellers, or both — and in some cases they can work as neutral facilitators for either party. It's essential to understand agent duties and loyalties before you make that first phone call.

The Great Home Search: The Internet is a great tool — you can spend endless hours searching the public version of the Multiple Listing Service website. Plus, your agent will give you multiple listing sheets to study. These are all excellent ways to see what's available out there.

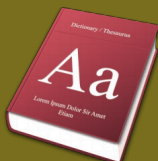
Never hesitate to ask questions. Ask as many questions as necessary to help you understand the entire home buying process. You will feel much better about it if you stay informed and understand what's happening every step along the way.

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Terminology Tip>>>

Housing Starts: The term "Housing start" refers to the beginning of construction work for a new single or multi-family housing unit - the pouring of the foundation of the building. The term "Housing Starts" refers to the number of new properties begun during a particular period. They are used as key economic indicators as they have an important impact on building-dependant industries (retail, manufacturing, utilities etc).



Easter Egg Hunt Tips>>>

- ◆ Decide on the time and date
- ◆ Design an Easter Egg hunt according to the age group
- ◆ Choose the Easter game locations
- ◆ Set up the boundary
- ◆ Make a list of all the hiding places
- ◆ Have some Prizes



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Market Watch>>>

"Even after accounting for the leap year day, sales were above the previous record for February set back in 2010. Sales were up strongly from the 15th day of the month onward as well, despite the new federal mortgage lending guidelines coming into effect that require at least a 10% down payment on the portion of purchase prices between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000," said Mr. McLean.

For Full Market Watch Report

Summary of Existing Home Transactions in Durham Region

	New Listings	Active Listings	Avg. Sold Price	Avg. Days on Market
Durham Region	1,053	710	102%	16
Ajax	171	75	103%	12
Brock	31	60	96%	68
Clarington	193	135	102%	18
Oshawa	245	130	103%	13
Pickering	135	106	101%	17
Scugog	40	46	100%	27
Uxbridge	32	52	98%	33
Whitby	206	106	102%	13



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From My Kitchen Tortellini Meatball Stew

Ingredients

- ◆ 4 cups Beef Broth
- ◆ 4 cups Water
- ◆ 1 Jar Salsa
- ◆ 3 1/2 Servings Cheese Tortellini
- ◆ 48 Pre-Cooked Meatballs
- ◆ 4 cups Frozen Mixed Vegetables (Corn/Carrots/Beans/Peas)
- ◆ 2 cups Spinach Leaves

Directions

- ◆ Combine broth, water, and salsa in a large pot
- ◆ Bring to a boil, add tortellini and meatballs
- ◆ Simmer for 5 minutes
- ◆ Add frozen mixed vegetables and spinach
- ◆ simmer 10 minutes more
- ◆ Season with salt and pepper to taste



Questions about the recipe? Call me!

Questions about the buying or selling process, I am always available to help!! I'm just a phone call or email away! I look forward to hearing from you.

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