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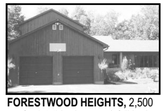

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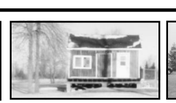

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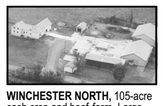

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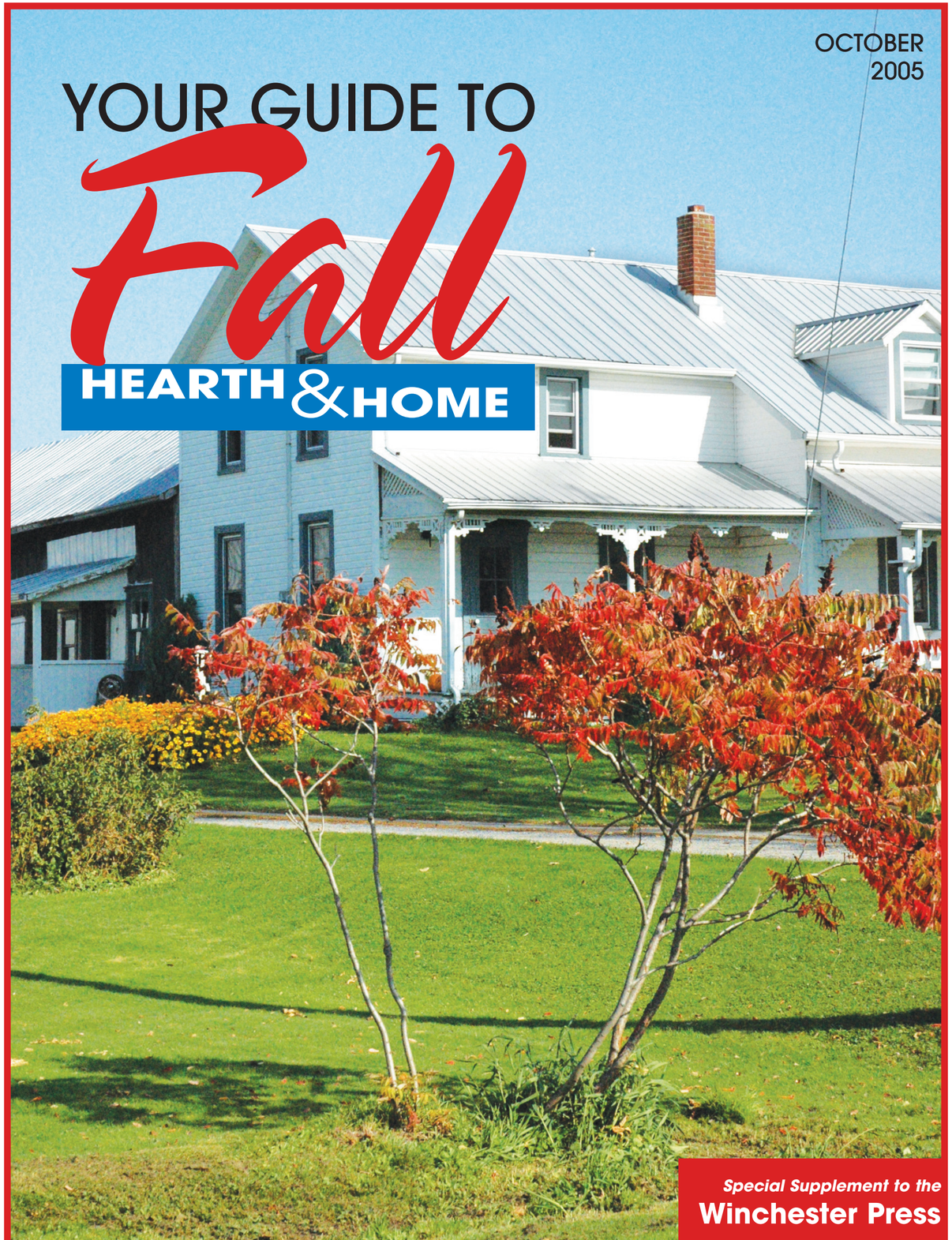

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There are a number of other options to bring water into the home; a simple fountain, a small interior pond, a desktop water feature to name only a few. Aquariums remain the most popular option and offer a vast selection of possibilities in terms of choices and style.

In a sense an aquarium becomes a piece of living art – a colorful canvas bursting with life. It is ideal for creating a relaxing atmosphere allowing people to unwind from their fast paced lifestyle. An aquarium also presents an amazing way to appreciate the beauty and tranquility of nature while in the comfort of the home. Not only will it invoke a sense of serenity and peace, but research has also shown a link between watching a calm and serene aquarium and the reduction of stress.

Creating an aquatic environment is perhaps one of the most interesting and enjoyable aspects of setting up an aquarium in the home. The set-up can be tailored to meet each persons own taste and interests.

But how does one create a breathtaking aquatic display in the home? To establish a beautiful setting that is natural-looking, it is important to keep in mind the plant and fish species that are being kept when selecting aquarium decorations.

When choosing fish and plants it is essential to opt for species that enjoy similar water conditions. Sound complicated?

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Closing the cottage for the season

TORONTO — Fall means cooler nights, shorter days, and a spectacular show of autumn leaves. But, for many seasonal cottagers, the change of season also means it's time to close up their summer home until next season.

As with any regular maintenance, it's best to take a few minutes to plan what needs to be done. What needs to be repaired or replaced now, and what can hold off until next spring? How much time will you need to shut everything down? To help you with the challenge of securing your getaway for the winter, the Ontario Real Estate Association offer the following tips.

There are three main areas you should be concerned with when closing your cottage: security, your electrical system, and your water system. You'll also want to prevent any damage that could be caused by ice, snow, animals and vandals. Here's a basic checklist for closing the cottage — you may want to add to it depending on your situation:

For most cottage owners, the two most important considerations when shutting down the "great escape" for winter are avoiding damage and vandalism. Some people secure their cottages like a vault for the season, while others prefer to leave the place unlocked to prevent damage on forced entry. Regardless of which method you choose, it's a good idea to leave a note on the front door giving a phone number where you can be reached in case of any incidents.

Some people choose to shut off electricity to their cottage in the off-season by throwing the main switch at the fuse box. If you do this, be sure to turn off all major appliances, your water heater, and electrical room heaters before you turn off the main switch. This will ensure a smoother and safer start-up when you re-open your cottage.

If you leave your electricity on to operate security systems or lighting, you should turn off the power supply to your major appliances at your main panel. Also, turn off the power supply to any space heaters. Otherwise they may turn on during cold weather.

Decide what can stay and what must come home with you.

Hide away or remove any sharp items such as knives, axes, saws, or crowbars that could be used by vandals.

Remove any valuables such as stereos or televisions.

Drain your water system completely. Draining the system involves emptying and cleaning all the pipes, valves, tanks and pumps. Put some antifreeze in the toilet bowl in case all the water isn't drained. Turn off the power to your hot water heater before draining.

Clean everything out of your fridge and leave the door open to avoid odors next season.

Remove any canned goods that could freeze and take home any food or edibles in your cupboards. Store blankets, pillows and any other non-perishables in metal containers to keep mice from eating them.

Cover your windows with plywood if possible to protect them from birds, falling branches and other items. Place a cap on the chimney to keep out birds and small animals as well as rain and snow.

If your cottage is in an area that gets heavy snow, consider hiring a reliable local person to shovel off the roof when necessary or look at installing temporary roof supports.

Drain boat and lawnmower motors and store in a dry, weather-proof place. Coat anything that may rust over the winter with oil. Check with your local cottager's association to see if they have a "cottage-watch" program or consider hiring a local person to take care of your property for the winter.

Some careful planning now will ensure a safe and pleasant cottage opening come spring.

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She pointed out that people sometimes have something they really like, such as a lamp or a family heirloom of some sort, which she can work around and can help provide inspiration for the rest of the room.

After the consultation, Fossitt works to create a style for the client. She selects fabrics, makes sketches, and uses pictures of furniture or accessories to pull together a style board that she then presents to the client — who always has the final say.



Fossitt has a flair with fabrics.

Fossitt noted that often the best place to start redesigning a room is with color, as it makes the biggest impact.

"People are very afraid of color, some people are terrified," she said. "But you can really have some fun with it."

She suggests that once a wall color change is made, people live with it for a week before deciding they don't like it. What may seem shocking or too different to someone at first will often wind up enjoyable.

Fossitt particularly enjoys working on family rooms and sun rooms.

"I find they are what reflect the family the most," she said. She likes to get kids involved when designing a family room, too. "They really like to have input," she said.

While Fossitt loves her work, there are sometimes challenges.

"The biggest challenge is a couple that doesn't agree with each other," she said. Usually a compromise is possible, however.

Fossitt noted that at first her work as a designer felt somewhat insignificant next to the work she had done as a counsellor. However, through her design work she has seen the importance of the effect of design on people's lives and she enjoys helping people achieve a home that is a sanctuary.



A style board like this one, using sketches, fabric samples, and pictures of furniture and accessories is used to present Fossitt's style ideas to her clients.

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The science of burning wood

Harbers celebrate store's 10th anniversary

by Matthew Barbour

WILLIAMSBURG — On the surface, burning wood for heat seems to be a relatively simple matter: A few logs, some kindling, a bit of paper, a match and presto! Heat is produced. And it really can be that simple. Humans have been warming themselves with wood fires for thousands of years, long before paper and matches were even invented.



Harbers Flame Centre and Masonry Inc. carries a wide range of free standing stoves and fireplace inserts — many of them are Canadian made.

These days, when people must cut and gather their own wood, or pay to have it delivered, they want to make sure they get the most out of their investment of time or money. That's where science enters the picture, to help make better use of the fire generated by burning wood and to reduce the amount of heat, smoke and unburned gases that go up the chimney.

Joy and Brian Harbers of Harbers Flame Centre and Masonry Inc. in Williamsburg have made it a point to understand the science of burning wood. They constantly watch the marketplace for the latest innovations and trends in the field. In fact, Brian has gone one step further by maintaining certification in the Wood Energy Technology Transfer, or WETT program. WETT provides training and certification for those who sell, install, service and inspect wood and other biomass fuel burning products.

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Brian and Joy Harbers try to understand the needs of their customers, so they can make suggestions on the most suitable heating system for each individual.

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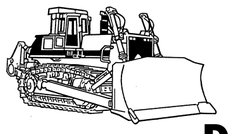

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Regular wood stoves remain the most popular, but Joy and Brian Harbers of Harbers Flame Centre and Masonry Inc. also carry gas fireplaces, as well as corn and wood pellet stoves.

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Harbers

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Aside from building codes governing the installation of these stoves, the industry is otherwise unregulated in Canada.

Brian began as a masonry contractor in 1990, building and repairing brick chimneys. He opened Harbers Flame Centre and Masonry Inc. five years later. An open house celebration marked the store's 10th anniversary in September. The business has grown steadily over the past decade, and experienced a dramatic 40 per cent surge in August, following indications from the petroleum industry and Ontario Hydro that heating costs may rise sharply this winter.

Many companies are quick to build on their successes, and Joy said that while they have identified at least one location where they could open a second store, they hesitate in doing so.

"Brian and I get to know each customer and we try to learn everyone's needs," she said. The two are concerned that they may not be able to provide the same personal service if they branch out too quickly.

Joy was a stay-at-home mom and helped out when she could during the early years of the store, but now the children are in school.

"What was supposed to be a part time contribution has become full time," she said. She too learns everything she can about wood and other biomass heating and can advise customers on the best appliances to suit their needs.

In addition to regular wood stoves and fireplace inserts, Harbers Flame Centre and Masonry Inc. also carries gas fireplaces, as well as corn and wood pellet stoves.

"Stoves that burn wood are the most economical," said Joy. "And wood pellets are the next economical step."

She said some people like the pellet stoves because they have automatic feeding systems and require less attention, while others are discouraged by the fact that pellet stoves have electrical components.

"Pellet stoves need electricity to power the fans and auger," she said.

Regular wood stoves remain the most popular heating device though, and Brian quickly offers advice to anyone who uses wood for heat.

"Burn hot! Never have a slow, smoldering fire," he said. "You should always see flames." He explained that hot fires produce less smoke and reduce creosote build-up in the chimney.

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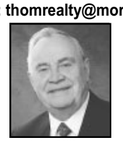

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Wavey River Interiors: helping you find true happiness in your home

by Bonnie James
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Drawing inspiration from nature and water, Marnie Fossitt loves to help people renew their living space through interior design.

"I really feel that your house should reflect your own taste," said Fossitt. "When you walk in the door you should feel like you're home."

Fossitt studied interior design at Algonquin College. In her previous career she worked as a counsellor at Naomi's Family Resource Centre in Winchester for 12 years. At the encouragement of her family and friends, she took a one year absence from work, launched into studies, and took on a couple of interior design clients. She's been at the helm of her own design company — Wavey River Interiors — for about 18 months now.

Fossitt has done a broad range of design work in her company's short history. She has worked on converting cottages into full-time homes, done farmhouse renovations, designed offices and corporate entryways, and created inviting sunrooms.

"I like to think that I can help anyone with any budget," she said.



Marnie Fossitt's interior design company, Wavey River Interiors can help anyone on any budget.

People are often frightened of the cost of hiring a designer, but Fossitt insists that it doesn't have to be expensive. A basic consultation is not pricey and she can then work with a client to select a budget that works for them.

Fossitt said she believes there are ways to complete big impact changes on a small budget.

"You can often choose less expensive fabric and paint to achieve what you want," she said. As well, Fossitt receives a professional discount at some fabric and furniture stores, which may help offset the cost of her services.

As an interior designer, Fossitt will do as much, or as little as her clients need. Some people may just need help with furniture placement and some may want her to accompany them sofa shopping to make suggestions. At the other extreme, clients want her to manage an entire renovation project and all the different people that might be involved. She has contacts with carpenters, seamstresses, and other contractors.

"Some people don't want the responsibility," she said about managing a large project.

Whether revamping a room or designing an entire decor scheme from scratch, Fossitt first does an initial consultation where she gathers information. She has a questionnaire she asks clients to fill out, including questions about pets, kids, and lifestyle.

The initial consultation is her favorite part of the job.

"I find I get really excited," she said about brainstorming with the clients and getting to know their tastes.

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Stage it – sell it fast!

by Meghan Duncan
Press staff

GREELY — Ellen Hughes, of Staged House, knows what it takes to sell a house. But she's not a real estate agent.

"Selling a house is stressful for homeowners," said the staging artist.

And what exactly is a staged house?

A house that is appealing to the prospective purchaser — uncluttered, impersonal, and uses the space in the best possible way to help show off the structural assets of the home.

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"I'm sure it's growing, but a lot of people still aren't sure about it," Hughes said, explaining that some homeowners are more reluctant to give up their personal space to a stranger.

Hughes has been staging homes for about a year, after taking a course in Toronto.

"I can go into a house and see it for what it is — it's not personal for me," she explained. Hughes looks at the structural features like windows and doors that could be shown off with less clutter in the room.

"I always tell the homeowners, 'the day the house goes on the market, it's not a home anymore. It's just a house,'" she said. "It's not a private space anymore, it's a product on the market."

Hughes has had numerous repeat customers — people who have sold the house that she staged have requested her assistance for their new home.

"But I'm not an interior decorator," she confirmed. "I'm just working with what I already see."

Though most real estate agents will make suggestions to the home owner as to how to make their home inviting for buyers, Hughes explained that staging is much different.

"Most real estate agents will say, 'I do that [staging] now,'" said Hughes. "But I take it one step further — to the next level."

Hughes explained that bathrooms are sometimes the most difficult room to stage.

"You have to make it look like no one ever uses it," she said. "Anything that makes it look like someone's been there has to go. It has to be impeccably clean — like a model home."

Magazines, extra toilet tissue, shampoos, soaps, and tooth brushes all have to be tucked away so that prospective purchasers can picture themselves in the space — not those who have come before.

Furniture in other rooms is "edited" or moved around to make the space look as big as possible.

"I've had agents tell me that once a house is staged, people [prospective purchasers] have stayed in it longer," said Hughes. "They felt more comfortable and wanted to stay. And that's what staging does."

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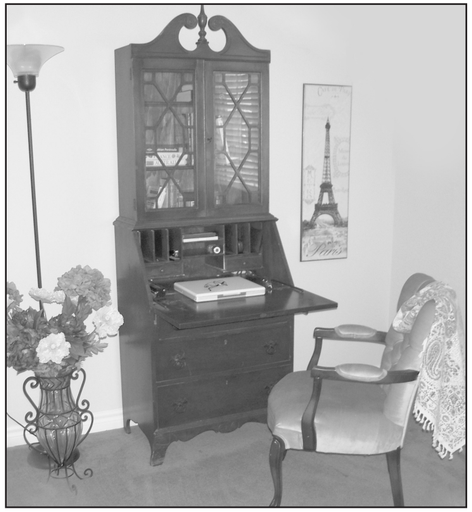

Before (above) and after (right): A staged home can make all the difference to prospective purchasers. Removing clutter, personal items, and editing furniture to ensure the best use of space are all things that Ellen Hughes is trained to do to make the selling process quick and easy.

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Staging

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Hughes spoke of the first two-minute rule.

"If a person doesn't get the right vibe right away, they're not going to stay," she said. "You have to make that first impression."

The goal of staging is to sell the house as quickly as possible, so the homeowner shouldn't have to live with the changes that come with staging for too long. If putting towels away and living with a few less pieces of furniture will make a house sell faster — and maybe for a higher value — then it's all worth it in the end.

Hughes works in two steps: an initial consultation followed by a full-fledged staging.

At the two-hour consultation, Hughes will write down comments and suggestions as she goes through the house, room by room.

She'll also take photos to help her decide what could be changed in the room.

"I'll go over two or three things that the homeowner can get started with, like packing up books and pictures, or cleaning out a closet," she explained. By the next day, the homeowner will have in their hands a room-by-room checklist of things to complete before Hughes returns. "Some homes don't need the next step," she said, explaining that the final process is to make the space as inviting as possible by moving furniture and adding little extras to highlight the home's assets — and removing some items, too, like heavy drapes that shield a beautiful window.

"I also give them ideas for where things can go [to get rid of them]," said Hughes, citing the Canadian Diabetes Association, the Salvation Army, or even the dump as possible solutions to an over-cluttered house. "I give them a little sanity in their lives and get the ball rolling."

Though Hughes has staged homes with the homeowner looking over her shoulder, she prefers to just do what she has to do without complaints.

"But I will work when they're present, I understand that some people just don't like the idea of someone in their home rearranging everything," she said. "Most people are delighted with the changes ... but others can't handle it."

Hughes said that staging a house is an arduous process.

"After I'm finished a job, I'm drained," she said. "I've just been thinking so hard about everything."

Most of Hughes' clients are homeowners who are just putting their house on the market, but other times, agents will contact her to "shake things up a bit" when a house has been on the market for a while without any "bites."

"Living gets in the way [of selling a house] sometimes," she said.

Hughes spoke of one home in this situation that had very little artwork on the walls. In the basement of the house was an office — full of the homeowner's own art pieces.

"It was a field day," she said. "I was like a kid in a candy store."

By using a few of the artist's pieces she was able to bring life to the house, and it sold not long after.

"Some houses are fun and easy [to stage]," she said. "Others are more of a challenge."

Hughes said that a lot of the homes she stages are in the Greely and Manotick area, though she has done a few home in Ottawa. Though she hasn't come further south than Greely, she said she would if there were interested homeowners. She works both directly with homeowners and through real estate agents.

This is Hughes' first full fall season, but this past spring she staged more than 30 homes.

"I'd like to do more consultations," she said. "They're fun, and there are a lot of places that simply need a little bit of tweaking."

Hughes said that she became a stager when she was approached with the idea by a real estate agent. She was previously a teacher, and wanted a change, but wasn't completely interested in being a decorator, she said.

"This is the perfect match for me," Hughes explained. "It was just a natural thing for me to do."

And the before and after results prove that Hughes is good at her job — and she enjoys it, too.

"It's lots of fun, I just love it, love it, love it," she said.



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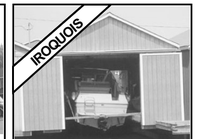
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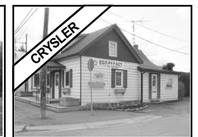
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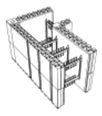
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WINCHESTER — There are 54 lots in phase two of Cloverdale Meadows, one of Winchester's newest residential developments. With purchasers already contacting the developers about lot availability, it won't take long for the subdivision to be complete.

"It's a little different layout this time [compared with Phase 1]," said development co-owner Dave Guy. "There aren't any townhomes in Phase 2." Guy said he has already received phone calls from quite a few interested buyers.

"Quite a few lots are already spoken for," he explained. "We don't really sell lots, we sell homes on lots. We give customers the complete package."

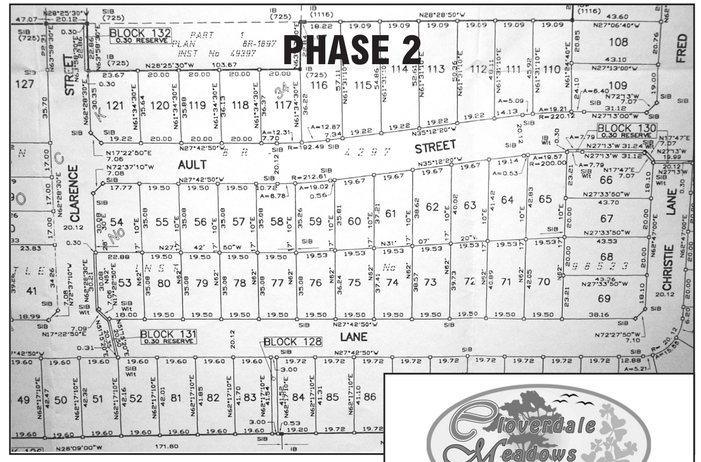
Guy, who has a partnership with Allan Racine for the development, said there has been interest in the subdivision from both local people and city-dwellers looking for a new home in the country.

"We've got a lot of interest from people looking to downsize to a smaller home, especially retired people," he said. "Then some are upgrading, too. They like the subdivision because of its proximity to so many things — schools, the hospital."

Guy said that he prides himself on the quality of the subdivision. "We feel we have a good standard and a very attractive level of homes," he said. "We intend to maintain that." He noted that all homes built in Cloverdale are consistently high-quality.

"We want a subdivision that's appealing from end to end," he said. Construction of Phase 2 will begin in spring 2006. There is parkland located right beside the subdivision and a walkway to connect the residents to the park.

Before the snow flies this year, the pavement will be laid for the streets in Phase 2. For more information about the development, call Guy at 774-0444 or Racine at 989-6003.



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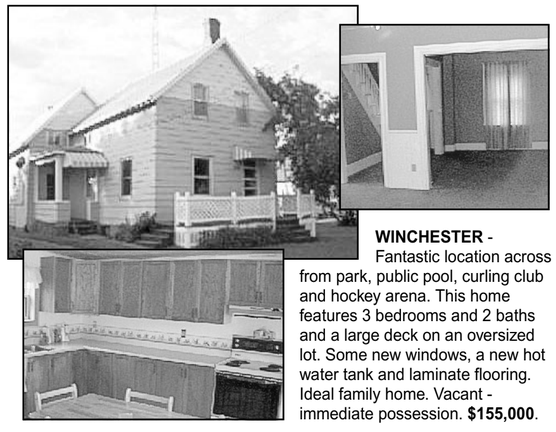

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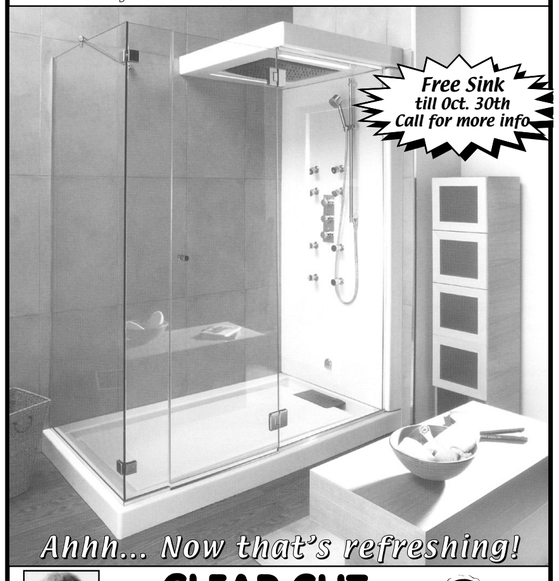


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Tips on being in control from Mike Holmes

Using a contractor for your next renovation or repair can be a great experience, so long as you take the necessary steps to ensure that you are hiring the best person for the job and communicating your needs clearly. To maintain control over the renovation process while outsourcing to the experts, Mike Holmes, host of HGTV Canada's Holmes on Homes and consultant for The Home Depot Canada's Expert Installation Division, bridges the gap between the DIY'er and contracting professionals, offering the following:

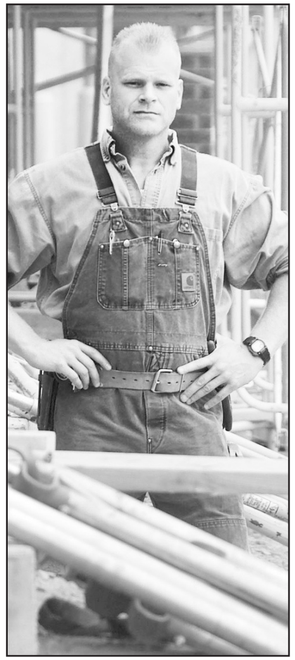
Be patient – Before starting any project in your home, it is extremely important to slow down. If you rush the job, chances are you won't get a professional job done and done the way you envisioned.

Find out what's out there – Educate yourself on the different products that are out there and the proper way of doing things.

Reference check – When you are ready to hire a contractor, make sure you get a least 20 references on previous jobs that he or she has done. "Phone every one of them and ask 101 questions," says Holmes. "Make sure you see at least five sites and inspect the work that the person has done." Due diligence is key to avoiding problems later on. Request a license of certification of all contractors working in your home, including subcontractors. It is important that your contractor is insured, by-the-book and guaranteed.

Get permission – Before starting any renovation or building, make sure you have a permit. A building permit is there to protect you.

Communication is key – Establish how you will communicate with your contractor. Make sure everything is in writing and keep all correspondence archived. Be as detailed as possible in order to prevent problems down the road.



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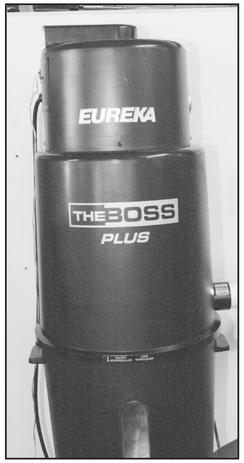



Right: Denis Benoit, of Benoit Furniture in Crysler, demonstrates how easy it is to maneuver this 30-foot hose that comes with central vacuum cleaners.

Above: The main unit of a central vacuum system, much larger and more powerful than portable ones, is usually tucked away in a basement or garage.

Photos – Barbour

by Matthew Barbour

CRYSLER — Usually, when people think about adding value to their homes, renovations to kitchens and bathrooms top the list. A central vacuum system can also increase a home's value — sometimes by several thousands of dollars.

And there's the convenience of it, too. Benoit Furniture in Crysler is a central vacuum system dealer, and co-owner Denis Benoit explained that there is an increased demand for the units.

Central vacuums are gaining in popularity. Many builders are preinstalling the necessary pipe and low-voltage wiring for central vacuums in new homes. This adds very little to the construction cost because the vacuum itself is not usually included, but the fact that a new house is central-vac-ready becomes a selling feature.

Most people still use portable vacuum cleaners that are pulled around the house, with electrical cords being switched from one outlet to another. On the other hand, the main unit of a central vac is in a fixed location, most often in the basement or garage, and a long, lightweight hose with a power brush on the end reaches into every room from just one or two outlets.

The hose is plugged into an outlet, which is part of a pipe network that carries the dust to the vacuum unit. In most homes, two hose outlets per level are sufficient and these are no more conspicuous than electrical outlets. Contractors install the pipe between the walls while a house is being constructed or, with only the odd exception, older homes can be retrofitted with the pipe. In existing homes, piping can be concealed in closets, the attic and even in the cold air return ducts of forced air heating systems.

When it comes to cost, central vacuum systems are at or below the price range of high-end portable vacuums. Because they are not made to be moved around, manufacturers usually use more durable materials. The units also come with bigger, more powerful motors that last longer. Quality is always a good investment, said Benoit, and there is the added benefit of raising the value of the home.

Benoit cautions people about cheap box store vacuums.

"If you buy a $150 vacuum, don't expect to find parts for it — much of the time, parts are simply not available," he said. "That's why they often just replace the whole unit if it breaks down during the warranty period."

He explained that because central vacuums have a longer life, the manufacturers make sure they carry spare parts.

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Central vac

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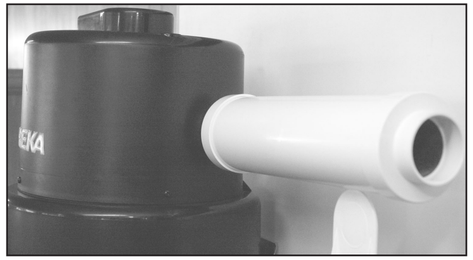
"Usually, we can get parts within two days," he said.

Central vacuum cleaners have several advantages over conventional portable vacuums.

They are cleaner and healthier — no vacuum filter available on the consumer market stops 100 per cent of the dust. Smaller dust particles and some allergens pass right through the filters, re-entering the living space where they can remain airborne for several days. This can cause serious aggravation for people with respiratory illnesses. And of course, the dust settles back onto surfaces around the home.

Since central vacs are usually located away from the living space, such problems are reduced. Benoit suggests venting the vacuum exhaust to the outdoors to completely eliminate the possibility of dust migrating back into the home from the vacuum's location. In addition, a bigger motor delivers three to five times more power than smaller portable counterparts and can pull dirt and dust from deep within carpet fibres.

Central vacuum cleaners are quieter, since the noisy part of the apparatus is tucked away in the basement or garage. So if the telephone rings while the vacuum is on, it can still be heard. Benoit's suggestion of venting the exhaust to the outdoors further reduces the noise in the immediate vicinity of the power unit. Alternatively, for vacuum exhaust that must be vented indoors, Benoit recommends a muffler specifically designed for central vacuum cleaners.





Above: Sound levels from central vacuum cleaners can be reduced substantially by adding a muffler to the exhaust pipe. Another option for noise reduction would be to pipe the exhaust outdoors.

Left: With central vacuum cleaners, a long light-weight hose is plugged into a receptacle that is no more conspicuous than an electrical outlet.

Photos – Barbour



This automatic dustpan can be mounted in the recessed area below kitchen cabinets. When a broom is used to clean bare floors, dust and dirt swept into this unit is carried away by the central vac.

As with portable vacuum cleaners, a variety of attachments are available for central vacs, such as a low-cost utility hose for jobs that are messier than regular household cleaning. One of these hoses and an outlet in the garage can make cleaning the car a breeze. Outlets can also be installed in workshops.

The central vacuum is turned on and off remotely, when the hose is inserted into the wall outlet. There are contacts on the end of the hose that activate the power to the main unit. Some hoses have a switch at the handle end to activate and deactivate the brush attachment and the vacuum unit at the same time. There is no need to have quick and easy access to the main vacuum unit itself, except to empty the canister of the accumulated dust and dirt every few months.

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Bathroom renovation time?

Skylights offer privacy plus health benefits

By Rhonda Barber

Many beautiful bathrooms in homes are occupied with a large window placed directly over the bath tub.

While this may look impressive, it may not be the most practical use of a window, especially if the room is located on the ground floor or where neighbors have a view through the window.

Consider a skylight instead! According to research from American Standard, skylights are selected as the number one option in "dream bathrooms."

Modern skylights offer a wide range of features, for instance, electric venting skylights are available with remote control, blinds, shades, awnings, insect screening and automatic rain sensors.

Both the electric ventilating skylight and the manual ventilating skylight offer privacy, capture abundant natural light, and open to allow maximum fresh air in, and warm air to escape.

In the case that a conventional skylight does not fit in the bathroom, a Sun Tunnel Skylight is an excellent alternative.

This easy-to-install skylight can easily provide natural light in smaller bathrooms.

While considering skylights for a bathroom, remember that venting skylights in a kitchen can release hot air, odors, and admit more light for brighter days and more pleasant cooking and dining experiences.

Further to the advantages of sunlight and fresh air, skylights also address important health considerations.

During the months of October to April, 2.5 percent of Canadians will suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) (Levitt, 2004). Symptoms include emotional depression, fatigue, and increased appetite. Fixed or venting skylights can help sufferers of SAD by allowing abundant daylight to enter a home, and at the same time visually expand rooms in any style or size home.

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Shedding new light on what window fashions can achieve

Light is a delicate balance; it defines what people are going to see. When light is deflected and diverted through the use of blinds and shutters, it is controllable, but harsh. On the other hand, window treatments with two layers of fabric bend and scatter the light so that it is softly diffused.

With these window fashions, the bright light or glare that can obscure details and the hard shadows that detract from them are eliminated. Instead, objects can be clearly viewed with a soft, luminous, ambient light that lends a romantic atmosphere to any home.

WHAT IS LIGHT DIFFUSION?

Light diffusion is a natural effect, akin to the ethereal rays created when sun beams into a morning mist. Famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright understood light diffusion. He used it in his studio where he placed not one, but two layers of canvas draped under the skylight. With two layers, the light coming in shadows across the first layer, then diffuses outward to create a uniform glow on the second layer. The result is an interior with warm, diffused, shadow-free light.

Light diffusion is also why Wright used stained glass windows in his architecture – "Light Screens" – as he called them.

WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN

The idea of light diffusion has been around at least since the invention of the light bulb where light diffusion occurs because the frosting on the bulb acts as the first layer and the shade as the second layer. It is, however, a new idea in window treatments and one that helps you enhance one of the most capricious elements in any room – solar light.

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Surveying the land

by Bonnie James
Press staff

WINCHESTER — Geomatics is the science and technology of measuring, managing, distributing, and using geospatial information that describes the Earth's physical features and existing conditions. Bill Johnston has been a practising geomatics professional, commonly known as a land surveyor, for 45 years.

He is qualified as an Ontario Land Surveyor and as an Ontario Land Information Professional. He attends three seminars each year to maintain his qualifications.

Though the public generally imagines a surveyor sighting a target using a viewfinder mounted on a tripod in a road or subdivision construction zone, the range of work a geomatic professional undertakes can be considerable. Any transaction involving a piece of property — be it a sale, severance, or securing a mortgage — requires an up-to-date survey.

Boundary disputes between neighbors are another area that surveyors may become involved in. Even if neighbors amicably decide on a new boundary line, a survey is needed to make it legal. Sometimes a surveyor must determine where the boundary between two properties lies, and the situation can lead to confrontation — and even court.

"I like to have at least one confrontation per day," joked Johnston a Winchester resident.

In many situations, a surveyor has the power to seriously affect individuals and businesses in a negative or positive way.

"You've got to use it [power and responsibility] very carefully, I'll tell you that," he said.

Geomatic professionals can also be called on to set targets for aerial photography, and then may use aerial topographic maps in their work. Surveying pits and quarries is another avenue of business for W.J. Johnston Surveying Ltd.

Geomatic professionals may also be needed to survey the inside of a building. For example, Johnston explained that his company has surveyed condominiums in Kingston and Gananoque. That involved taking inside measurements of every suite. He pointed out that each condo owner only owns from the back of the drywall in. The space inside the walls between suites is a common element owned by all the owners.

W.J. Johnston Surveying Ltd. has recently worked on several subdivisions, including ones located in Iroquois, South Mountain, and at Cloverdale Links Golf Course. Surveyors design the subdivision, determine where the lot lines will lie, where the roads will run, and where any park areas will be located. They use contour maps to consider drainage to make sure nobody ends up with a lot that floods after a big rain. Johnston noted that he works closely with the client and the municipal planner when designing a subdivision.

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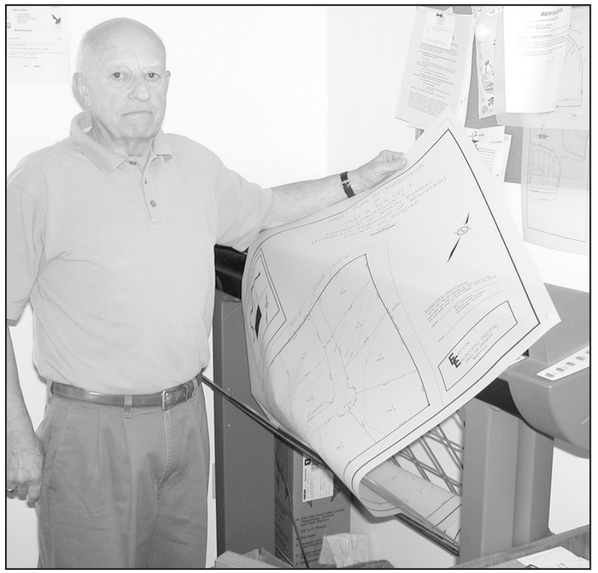

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Bill Johnston of Winchester has been in the surveying business for 45 years. W.J. Johnston Surveying Ltd. does a variety of surveying work in Eastern Ontario.

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The job requires a lot of paperwork and a lot of research, Johnston pointed out. He spends a great deal of time researching both in his own office and at the land registry office. It is through some of the old registry information that he can clearly see how much the surveying profession has changed over the years.

"This whole area was laid out in chains and links," he said, referring to the tools used many years ago. Chains were 66-feet long and contained 100 links. Rods were used to measure height.

"Data collection is easier now," said Johnston.

Surveyors now use Global Positioning Systems (GPS) to obtain information. For measuring distances, they use a robotic system that bounces light off a prism.

Geomatic professionals are monitored by the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors. Every survey that is completed is filed with the association's survey review department. There are audits as well.

"It's open book, that's what it is," said Johnston about the business.

Johnston has had his own business since 1996, and currently employs himself and two other surveyors, including his son, Sandy.

"We've got a good practice here, and some very good clients," he said.



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Tarion on call to protect home buyers

(NC)—The members of Tarion Warranty Corporation's Enforcement Department protect home buyers and the Ontario building industry from problems that can result from illegal building activity.

David Roberts heads Tarion's Enforcement Team, which consists of eight former police officers. Each member brings seasoned investigative expertise to their role, and as a result does not require a significant amount of additional training to begin the search for illegal building activity.

Former police officers make up enforcement staff

Tarion is a private corporation that protects new home buyers according to the terms of the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act. The Act requires that builders in Ontario provide warranty coverage to home buyers and it stipulates that they must register with Tarion and enrol every housing unit prior to the start of construction. Tarion is responsible for enforcing the Act and managing a guarantee fund to ensure that the builder's warranty will be honored. Since its inception in 1976, Tarion has guaranteed warranty protection for over 1.3 million newly built homes in Ontario.

Roberts' team is in the field everyday, working with municipalities, building officials and Home Builders' Associations to uncover builders who haven't registered or enrolled their homes with Tarion. "If a builder does not register with us and enrol homes they are building, then there is a good chance that homeowners will not find out about the warranty coverage they are entitled to by law," says Roberts.

He further points out, "When you buy a new home that's properly registered and enrolled, you have peace of mind knowing that the builder has met a number of standards required by Tarion."

In 2004, Tarion's Enforcement Team identified 5,792 unenrolled homes. When illegal building is discovered, offenders are charged and the courts can levy fines, up to a maximum of $100,000. In 2004, a total of $575,000 in fines was levied by the courts and two repeat offenders received jail time.

Recent convictions are posted on Tarion's website. If you suspect that illegal building is going on in your community, call Tarion's anonymous phone line at 1-800-786-6497.

Whether you're a new homeowner or a new home builder, knowing that Tarion's Enforcement Team exists is reassuring. By uncovering companies that break the law, they're helping to keep the entire new home building industry on a solid foundation.

To check whether your builder is registered with Tarion, visit www.tarion.com and click on the "Find a Builder" area on the upper right hand corner of the homepage, insert your builder information, then click search or call 1-877-9TARION.

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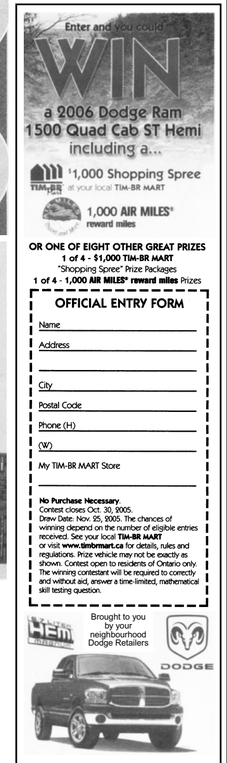

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Steve Summers' real estate perspective

WINCHESTER — Realtors rely on many different sources of information to help them understand their local markets. They use this information to assist their clients when making decisions to buy, sell, or price property. This same information is helpful when making home improvement decisions — how much to spend and what to spend it on. Below are some of the useful information sources Steve Summers depends on to bring you qualified, professional, real estate support in the Winchester area.

The Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) predicts home sales are headed for a new annual record. According to a revised forecast prepared by the association, as of August, Canada's resale housing market is headed for its best year on record. CREA is also predicting that the sales momentum will carry over to the third quarter, as many homebuyers jump into the market this fall to take advantage of pre-approved mortgage rates and avoid the widely-expected bank rate hike. The CREA forecast estimates the annual Multiple Listing Service (MLS) average home price in Canada will be $245,500 in 2005, up 9.5 per cent from 2004, and will increase by a further 6.5 per cent to $261,400 in 2006.

According to the Canada Mortgage and Housing corporation, the seasonally adjusted annual rate of housing starts was 201,000 units in August, down from hitting the highest level of the year in July at 242,600 units.

Canadians are optimistic about the economic future and the overall consumer outlook is good.

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Kitchens and bathrooms, the most used areas of any home, are also the focus of the majority of renovation projects undertaken in Canada. Careful planning is essential to ensure that renovations deliver the desired benefits. Lighting is one of the most important considerations in any effective renovation plan.

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KITCHEN

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Kitchen renovation tips

- Position the sink in front of a window to maximize daylight; install recessed halogen bulbs above the sink or fluorescent bulbs in side valences.
- Use suspended decorative pendant fixtures fitted with CFLs to light tables, breakfast counters and islands.
- Reduce countertop shadows with fluorescents mounted under cabinets.
- Install a separate dimmer switch for each area to maximize flexibility and efficiency.

BATHROOM

In most homes, bathroom lights are used for an average of two hours a day. Following the tips below can help you cut your bathroom-lighting costs.

Bathroom renovation tips

- Take particular care when lighting areas near mirrors and vanities. To eliminate shadows, install lights alongside, rather than above or directly opposite, mirrors. If lights must be installed above a mirror, a light-colored countertop will help reduce shadows. Warm-colored bulbs, such as those with rare-earth phosphor coatings, are ideal for dressing areas.
- Install recessed vertical fluorescent lights with electronic dimming ballasts over vanities.
- Use recessed low-voltage halogen spotlights to highlight features such as faucets and plants.

The Government of Canada has issued the One-Tonne Challenge to all Canadians. It's a personal commitment to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by one tonne, or about 20 percent, per year. Choosing energy-efficient lighting can help you reach that goal.

For more information about CFLs and Energy Star, or to learn how to reduce your energy bills, contact Natural Resources Canada's Office of Energy Efficiency (OEE) toll-free at 1 800 387-2000, visit oee.nrcan.gc.ca or energystar.gc.ca, or write to the OEE c/o S.J.D.S., Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 6S3.

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Keeping young ghouls and goblins out of harm's way

As families put together their scary costumes for a night of trick-or-treating, homeowners are decorating their yards for a night of haunting good fun. For homeowners and parents alike, Halloween safety should be a priority. To help reduce "bumps in the night" consider the following:

Halloween safety tips

Spooky lighting – If you have a Jack-O-Lantern, use a battery powered light source or light stick in lieu of a candle to reduce any potential fire hazards.

Stay lit – Clip-on, battery-operated blinking lights or reflective tape can be easily added to costumes, and glow sticks or mini flashlights help increase a child's visibility to passing cars.

Light the way – For those left behind to answer the doorbell, help guide the young ghouls and goblins by turning on porch lights and making sure driveways and paths are well lit and clear.

Keep your haunt clear if you want to make your home scary, but don't want the blood to end up being real:

• Pick up and stow garden hoses tools and other objects in your yard or driveway.

• Fill holes in the yard and cracks in pavement.

• Trim limbs or bushes away from areas leading to your home.

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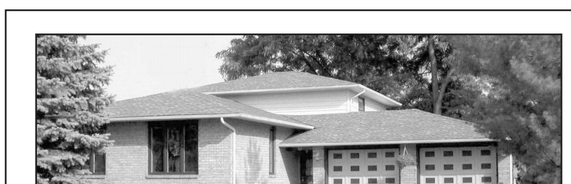

Perfect family home

This fantastic three-bedroom, three-bathroom home in the village of Morrisburg is perfect for the growing family. It's a large triple-split home with over 2,000 square feet of living space.

It features an eat-in kitchen with oak cabinets, a formal dining room, a large foyer, and a living room all on the main level. There are three bedrooms upstairs with a four piece bath and two-piece en suite. The lower level contains a den or office, a laundry room and a family room with patio doors to back yard.

The lovely and private back yard is impressively landscaped with mature plants to compliment the home. It would be wonderful for entertaining or playing with the kids.

The basement has a large utility room, rec room, and a possible fourth bedroom, making this a spacious and delightful family home. It's immaculately clean and in move-in condition. The asking price is $244,900.

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ELMA — An original stone house — all charm with all the modern facilities — sits three kilometres east of County Road 31 off County Road 7 on Marcellus Road. The four-bedroom home, perfect for a home-based business, is situated on a 244-foot by 317-foot lot in the hamlet of Elma.



The main home is a one-and-a-half storey stone house with approximately 1,800 square feet of living space. The kitchen, 21 by 15 feet, has been entirely renovated, complete with rich woodwork complementing the open, eat-in atmosphere. The house also boasts an 18.5 by 28-foot living room, a 13 by 16 foot den, and three-piece bath with laundry.

Other finished rooms can have several functions. The 27 by 13.5-foot room with patio doors to the pool area could be used as a rec room or a home office. A workshop or exercise room could utilize the 23.5 by 14.5-foot space, while another 66 by 30-foot room could be used as storage, or a games room or workshop. The property has a one car garage (25 by 11.25 feet) as well as a utility garage (17 by 29.5 feet), of which the complete second storey is not insulated, but accessible and useful for storage. The driveway is single width, paved with a five-vehicle parking area.

A landscaped patio and pool area with a heated 18 by 36-foot in-ground pool, hot tub, and a covered barbecue area adds to the home's overwhelming appeal. A 12 by 22-foot fully winterized side porch provides a quiet, peaceful family area. A well-built, 66 by 30-foot addition is very versatile. A yard entrance to the home provides a mudroom as well as access to the garage.

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Winchester: best-kept secret in region



WINCHESTER — This classic Canadianna century stone home sits on Winchester's Main Street. It has all the character of yesteryear with all the conveniences of today. Winchester has a smorgasbord of homes — and a secret.

Locals know this secret. Quick commuter routes via Anderson or Boundary Roads lead to Highway 417 and drive time to the east end or downtown Ottawa is only 30 to 40 minutes.

"Getting the Ottawa buyers to realize how easy a commute there is available without battling with traffic is the hard part," said realtor Butch Oldford. "Once we tell them the routes and what we have to offer, it's not hard to sell Winchester.

The real estate market in Winchester continues to grow. Oldford said he can tell immediately how quickly a property will sell based on its appearance from the street. "Usually, in a house, what you find outside is what you see inside," he said.

There are always buyers for well-maintained homes, especially when they offer additional touches such as gardens. Seniors and young families from Ottawa are eager to explore the possibility of locating in a rural area.

Oldford noted services such as Winchester District Memorial Hospital are huge selling points. Also, facilities such as the Winchester Centennial Pool are highly impressive. Younger families are easily sold on the community when they realize there are probably more opportunities to play sports in Winchester than they would have in Ottawa.



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Getting your home in top selling condition

WINCHESTER — Most people cannot look past fuchsia-painted walls or a large collage of someone else's personal photos when looking at a potential new home. Appearance is the most important thing to prospective buyers.

It all starts at the curb. Here are a couple of curb-appeal tips. Check shingles, siding and eavestroughing for damage and repair or replace as necessary. Mow the lawn, stack the woodpile, trim the trees, sweep the walkways, and wash the windows.

Enter your home with the buyer in mind. Store, throw away, or donate anything you don't need to reduce clutter. Fix any loose door handles, cracked baseboards, or leaky faucets. Apply a fresh coat of light, neutral paint to the walls and shampoo the carpets. Open window blinds to bring in natural light and wash window frames and sills.

Remove excess personal items and rearrange the furniture in all rooms to make them appear bright and spacious. Remove magazines, games, toys, etcetera. Clean appliances and make sure they are in good working order.

When it comes to the basement, garage, and attic, get rid of the unnecessary items you haven't touched in years. Stack all boxes neatly and take care of any stale or musty odors. Open the windows, dust and wash the floors, and purchase room deodorizers.

Then it's show time. Make sure your property folder is out in the open. It should contain your Multiple Listing Service (MLS) profile, utility bill, and extra brochures. Do a quick clean up, play soft music, and make the home smell fresh — either with potpourri or by opening some windows.

Feel free to call Tammy Zollinger at 229-6415 with any questions or for a free private home market evaluation.

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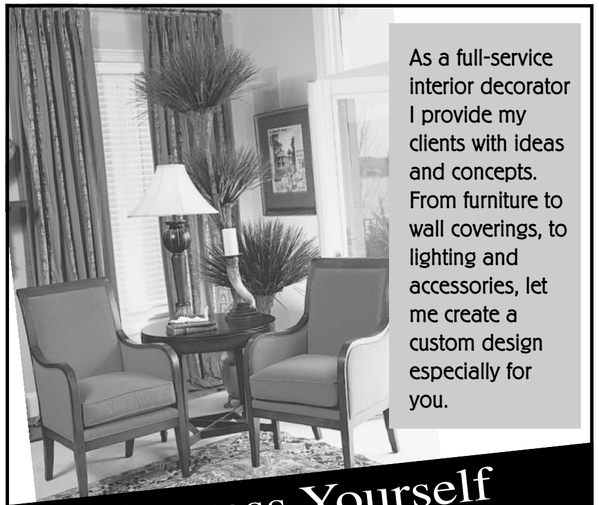

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WINCHESTER — The new subdivision off St. Lawrence Street in Winchester is already in full swing. Two houses are in the construction phase and a third lot has been sold.

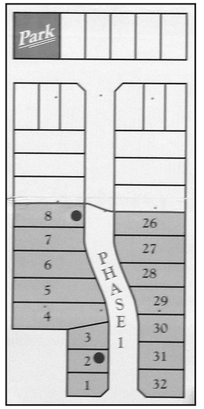
"We've got several more prospective buyers looking right now, too," said Winchester real estate broker Butch Oldford.

The Davidson Heights subdivision is situated on what was the Davidson family farm for many years. Three generations of the family lived on the farm.The street that is currently in place is called Wintonia, which was the name the Davidsons used for their registered purebred dairy cows. The street for the second phase will be called James Street, after James Eldon Davidson.

Davidson Heights subdivision



The Davidson Heights subdivision holds 32 lots and currently three have been sold. Its proximity to Winchester District Memorial Hospital and other amenities makes it appealing to a broad range of buyers. *Press Photo — James*



The subdivision has 32 lots in total, with 17 in the first phase and the others following in phase two. Phase one will likely be completed in 2006 and phase two in 2007.

Oldford describes the lots as being "premium sized." Some are 70 feet wide and others are up to 200 feet deep.

Buyers are free to select their own builders. There are a few restrictions to ensure the neighborhood has a cohesive feel, but each home will be custom built. Houses must be at least 1,300 square feet in size, must have a brick front and must follow a certain setback distance from the road.

With the subdivision conveniently placed so close to the hospital and other amenities, it has a wide range of appeal, including retirees and young families. All the lots are on municipal water, sewer, and gas. Once phase two is complete, parkland will be added.

The lot prices range from $39,900 to $49,900, depending on size.

"There have been a lot of inquiries about it," said Oldford, who expects the lots to move quickly.

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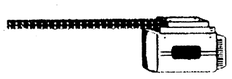

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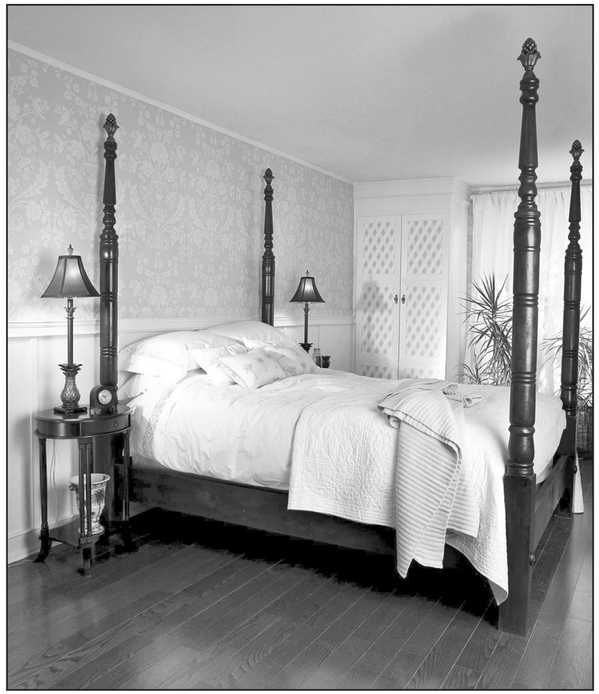

If you are allergic to dust keep it where you can see it. New generation hardwood flooring is guaranteed not to gap between the planks where dust and dirt can hide, and can be lifted to check for mould and mildew. Room by Debbie Travis.

Coping with allergies

Hardwood flooring a healthy choice

One of the most common allergies these days is dust.

A study in England showed that 10 per cent of the general population, and 90 per cent of people with allergic asthma, are allergic to dust mites. And in the U.S., studies indicated that at least 45 per cent of young Americans with asthma are allergic to house dust.

Suffering from a dust allergy can be very frustrating, especially when dust occurs naturally in our homes on virtually every surface we touch.

If you have carpet in your home, dust can be even more of a problem for your allergies, because dust and the tiny, microscopic dust mites are trapped by carpet fibres, remain unseen and aren't always removed during vacuuming.

What's a good alternative? Hardwood —It's a hard-surface floor and doesn't trap dust fibres and mites that can set off your allergies. It's also a timeless classic that adds value to your home.

When you have a dust allergy, you need to vacuum or dust every week or as dust becomes visible. Hardwood floors are easy to care for with simple vacuuming or dustmopping.

You have two choices in hardwood flooring. You can install "conventional" hardwood but these floors tend to gap during dry winters. Then there's the "new generation" of hardwood floors, guaranteed to be dust and gap resistant. These floors also can be easily unclicked and lifted to check underneath the floor for mould and mildew, and then clicked back into position.

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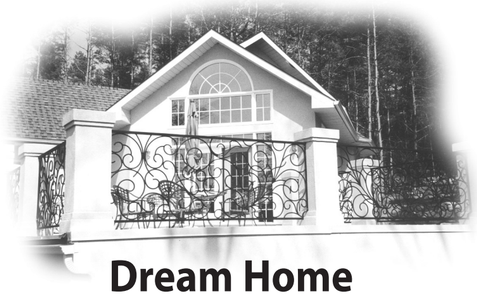

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Victorian charm

CHESTERVILLE — Here is an amazing property combining old world charm with modern living. This gorgeous Victorian home is built with a style and craftsmanship that is rarely duplicated.



The eat-in kitchen is framed by cherry wood cabinets, and the whole area is light and cheery. There's a pleasant living room with a gas fireplace brightened by a large window. The dining room is separated from the family room by sliding French doors, and both rooms are cozy and comfortable.

There are windows everywhere and the ceilings, with cove mouldings, are lofty and impressive. There is wainscotting in the kitchen, and beautiful hardwood floors throughout the main floor.

The staircase and the woodwork surrounding it is yet another example of great workmanship. The stairs lead to four sizable bedrooms and the bathroom on the second floor. Above the bedrooms is the third floor (loft or attic) the full length and width of the home. This large unfinished area is so special because of the unique windows.

Outside, a verandah wraps around most of the home and shows the restful, family area at its best. There is an above-ground swimming pool, recently installed, and also a garage with its own second floor — good for storage or a play area. This home has a metal roof, is brick on all sides, and is located on King Street in Chesterville.



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