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Dear Clients,

I can't believe Halloween's not even here yet and already, there's more Christmas stuff in the stores than Halloween candy?!?

Halloween is not a good thing at our house. We don't get many trick or treaters anymore but we buy candy anyway "just in case". We sample it right up until Halloween and, by the time Halloween comes, we have nothing left so we have to go out and buy more candy. Maybe this year, we'll wait until 5:00 on Halloween to buy the candy and donate whatever's left to the Food Bank. That might just save us from ourselves.

Anyway, for those of you that are already looking beyond Halloween to Christmas and can't wait for the Christmas craft fairs, here's this year's list of upcoming events starting as early as this weekend. Before you know it, we'll be setting the clocks back, putting up Christmas lights and checking the Big White web cam daily for status of the white stuff on the slopes.



While us skiers begin the snow dance, I wish you all a safe and happy Halloween.

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Market Watch

The real estate market remained strong through September. Highlights of the month include:

- ◆ The number of residential listings in September was up 5% over August and 3% higher than the same month last year.
- ◆ The number of units sold in September was 231, down 16% over August but 12% higher than the same month last year.
- ◆ The value of those sales was \$79,006,720 in September, down 12% from August but 30% higher than September of 2004.
- ◆ The inventory levels are up over last month at 836, 18% higher than August and 15% higher than 2004.
- ◆ The average house price continued its climb. For September 2005, the average house price was \$342,020 compared to 329,287 in August, a 4% increase. That's 15% higher than September of 2004.
- ◆ The median house price remains close at \$320,000.
- ◆ The average number of days on the market for residential homes was 60.
- ◆ For the time period of July to September, the average house prices were over \$400,000 in Dilworth Mountain, Lakeview Heights, Lower Mission, South East Kelowna and West Kelowna.

| Month | # Units Listed | | # Units Sold | | \$ Value of Sales | | Inventory | | Average Price | |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Jan | 254 | 240 | 147 | 145 | \$45,247,970 | \$36,953,200 | 687 | 581 | \$307,809 | \$254,850 |
| Feb | 357 | 292 | 224 | 198 | \$68,439,284 | \$50,743,942 | 774 | 625 | \$305,533 | \$256,283 |
| Mar | 405 | 406 | 260 | 274 | \$80,008,706 | \$73,113,489 | 707 | 684 | \$307,726 | \$266,838 |
| Apr | 416 | 425 | 269 | 282 | \$86,335,471 | \$77,901,647 | 762 | 776 | \$320,950 | \$276,247 |
| May | 359 | 403 | 260 | 243 | \$90,405,467 | \$72,052,893 | 880 | 859 | \$347,713 | \$296,514 |
| June | 412 | 436 | 275 | 250 | \$91,873,014 | \$71,114,737 | 780 | 932 | \$334,084 | \$284,459 |
| July | 340 | 397 | 264 | 221 | \$87,844,654 | \$63,443,581 | 760 | 991 | \$332,745 | \$287,075 |
| Aug | 344 | 368 | 275 | 201 | \$90,554,034 | \$60,314,427 | 704 | 1025 | \$329,287 | \$300,072 |
| Sept | 363 | 351 | 231 | 205 | \$79,006,720 | \$60,668,751 | 836 | 988 | \$342,020 | \$295,945 |
| 2005 Total | 3250 | 3318 | 2205 | 2019 | \$719,715,320 | \$566,306,667 | 6890 | 7461 | \$2,927,867 | \$2,518,283 |

Favourite Family Recipes

We found this recipe recently and served it with a pork roast. It worked out great so we added it to our family favourites list and wanted you to have it because both the apples and the potatoes are at their best now.

Whipped Sweet Potatoes with Caramelized Apples

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| 4 large | sweet potatoes or yams (about 3 pounds) |
| 3 TB | unsalted butter (softened) |
| 2 TB | heavy cream (we use light cream) |
| ½ cup | applesauce, preferably homemade (see below) |
| 2 tsp | grated fresh ginger |
| | coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper |
| 2 | apples, peeled and cored |
| 3 TB | sugar (we use dark brown) |

Preheat oven to 375°. Place sweet potatoes or yams on baking sheet. Pierce each several times with fork. Bake until very tender when pierced, about 50 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool slightly. Cut open potatoes and scoop flesh into bowl of an electric mixer. Add 2 tablespoons butter and cream and beat until smooth. Add applesauce and ginger and beat to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Transfer to ovenproof serving dish. Place in oven until heated through, 10 minutes. Meanwhile, cut apples into 1 inch pieces. Melt remaining tablespoon butter in nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add apples and sugar; saute until golden and nicely caramelized, about 8 minutes. Remove from heat. Remove serving dish from oven; top with apples and serve immediately.

Home made Apple Sauce

My wife also serves this with the pork roast and uses the leftover applesauce in oatmeal muffins.

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| 8 apples (we use a variety) | 1 TB fresh lemon juice |
| 1 cup fresh apple cider (or juice from 2 apples if you have a juicer) | |
| ½ cup sugar | 1 cinnamon stick (or ½ tsp cinnamon) |

Peel, core and cut apples into large chunks, tossing them with lemon juice to prevent discoloration. Place apples and remaining ingredients in heavy pot and bring to boil. Reduce heat to simmer, cover partially and cook until apples are very tender, about 15 minutes. Uncover pot and cook 5 minutes more. Remove pot from heat and discard cinnamon stick. Coarsely mash apples with cooking juices. Cool to room temperature, cover and refrigerate until ready to use, up to 5 days. Makes 5 cups.

| Date | Craft Fair | Address | Time | Contact |
|-------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Oct 22/23 | Country Craft's Annual Christmas Arts & Crafts | Laurel Building –admission by donation | 10am-5pm 10am-4pm | Judy 766-0539 Jeannie 768-5402 |
| Oct 29 | Apple Fair | Laurel Centre – corner of Ellis & Cawston | 10am –3pm | 769-9248 |
| Nov 5 | Mission Painters Art Sale | Mission Activity Center – 4398 Hobson Road | 9am-5pm | |
| Nov 5 | St David Presbyterian Church Craft Fair | St David's Presbyterian Church – 271 Glenmore Rd | 10:30am-2:30pm | Joan 762-0624 Margaret 763-6000 |
| Nov 5 | Farmers Market Christmas Market | Parkinson Rec. Center | 10am-3pm | 878-5029 |
| Nov 12 | Quilters' Craft Show & Sale | Okanagan Mission Hall Dehart & Lakeshore | 9am – 5pm | Beth 763-3368 |
| Nov 12 | Craft Fair | Anne McClymont School 4489 Lakeshore Road | 9am-4pm | Sheryl 764-2923 |
| Nov 12/13 | Christmas Arts & Crafts Extravaganza | Prospera Place | Sat: 11am-8pm Sun: 10am-5pm | Ramona Shuster 764-8083 |
| Nov 12/13 | Holiday Food Festival | Grand Okanagan Resort | 11am-8pm 10am-5pm | Ramona Shuster 764-8083 |
| Nov 12/13 | Potter's & Artisans' 7 th An- nual Christmas Show | Rotary Centre for the Arts | | Bonnie Anderson 763-1875 |
| Nov 18/19 | Christmas Craft Sale | Elks Hall 2040 Springfield Road | 1pm-8pm 9am-3pm | Connie 860-5841 |
| Nov 19 | Kelowna Waldorf Christmas Fair | Kelowna Waldorf School 429 Collett Road | 10am-4pm | Chris Janko 764-8925 |
| Nov 20 | Farmers Market Christmas Market | Parkinson Rec Centre | 10am-3pm | 878-5029 |
| <u>Nov 20</u> | <u>Benvoulin Church Craft Sale</u> | Benvoulin Church 2279 Benvoulin Road | 9am-6pm | Fran 762-6911 |
| Nov 26 | Christmas Extravaganza | Immaculata High School 1493 KLO Road | 9am-3pm | Cally Lange 763-1724 |
| Nov 26 | St. Paul's United Craft Fair | 3131 Lakeshore Road | 10am-2pm | Jan 762-5443 |
| Nov 26 | Dorchester Christmas Craft Bazaar | Dorchester Retirement Resi- dence - 863 Leon Ave | 10am-3pm | Julie 860-0725 |
| Dec 3 | | First United Church 721 Bernard | 10am-4pm | Lorraine 762-3311 |
| Dec 11 | Heritage Society Old Fash- ioned Christmas | Benvoulin Church 2279 Benvoulin Road | 2pm Concert & carols | 861-7188 |