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Community Events in Durham
Top 10 Fiction Books to Check out!

- The Lies That Bind (by Emily Giffin)
- The Guest List (by Lucy Foley)
- 28 Summers (by Elin Hilderbrand)
- Fair Warning (by Michael Connelly)
- The Girl From Widow Hills (by Megan Miranda)
- The Secret Messenger (by Mandy Robotham)
- Devolution (by Max Brooks)
- The Swap (by Robyn Harding)
- Stranger in the Lake (by Kimberly Belle)
- The Jane Austen Society (by Natalie Jenner)

Stay Home, Stay Safe,
 Stay Healthy!!

Enter To Win



This month's draw is a combo deal.
\$50 at Dairy Queen and \$50 at LCBO
 These are both great ways to stay cool during the hot summer months.
 Draw will take place **August 3rd!**

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Levelling up your garage

Levelling up your garage is an excellent way to add additional square footage of organized and usable space to your home, which is especially beneficial for houses that don't have basements. Imagine what you could do with all that extra space! Whether you convert it to a room or simply give it a good clean to use for storage, a functional garage is on many homeowner's wish lists.



Use the Walls: Keep the floor clear of clutter by making use of garage walls. Install shelving to store sports equipment, tools and bins. Use broom racks to hold rakes, shovels, and of course, brooms. Hooks can be used to hang everything from bikes to garden hoses. Once everything is up off the floor, you'll instantly feel like you've doubled your space.

Don't forget the ceiling: For garages with ample ceiling heights, the ceiling can be utilized for storage as well. Hang bikes, ladders, even sliding storage bins to maximize space. Just note, before installing this type of storage solution make sure you have a safe way of retrieving items, whether it be a step stool or a helpful neighbour.

Floors make a world of difference: Chances are your garage has a concrete floor that is dusty, dirty, stained, and full of cracks. Take your floors to the next level by adding an epoxy coating. When used to coat concrete flooring it can add stability and endurance to the surface—no more worrying about shock, heat, chemicals, or water. The bonus of epoxy is it comes in a variety of finishes and colours, so you can select a style that matches your own. Not to mention epoxy floors are very easy to clean; simply mop or use your garden hose to clear dirt and debris away.

Install a TV: Televisions are not just for binge-watching Netflix and catching up on the news, they have become an important tool as any in the garage. If you are an avid DIYer, TVs can be a place to stream tutorials or look up project instructions.

Swap the doors: Doors are the most important and overlooked feature of any garage. For homes that have attached garages, they are often the first thing a visitor sees when they arrive, contributing to the overall curb appeal of your home.

You can also get creative with the space by making it into a games room, mudroom, go all out on the finishes, hang a chandelier (yes, a chandelier), or even build a home gym. There are so many ways to level up your garage and turn it into a space that you will love to spend time in.

[Full Article: www.realtor.ca]

Featured Listings



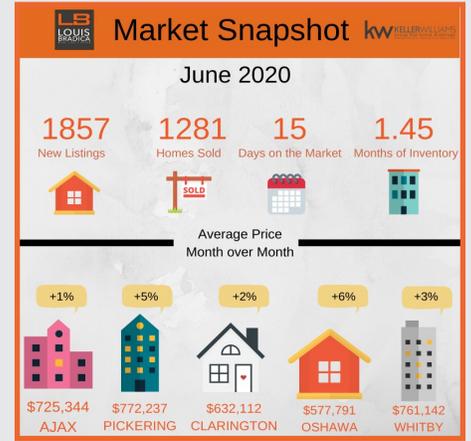
Market Watch

DRAR President Vicki Sweeney reported 1,281 residential transactions in June 2020 representing a substantial 66% increase from May. Residential transactions in Durham Region increased on a year-over-year basis as well by 17% in June 2020.

The number of new listings in Durham reached 1,857 in June 2020 representing a 63% increase from the previous month. On a year-over-year basis, listings were down by 20% when compared to the 2,320 listings reported in June 2019.

As Durham Region enters Phase Two of reopening the economy, the housing market realized a significant increase on month-over-month and year-over-year basis," said DRAR President Vicki Sweeney. "The increase in activity is a very positive result for Durham Region, as home sales aid other local businesses. The housing market is an important driver of overall economic recovery for the Region."

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Featured Recipe >>> Pineapple Salmon Skewers

With the weather warming up outside I don't like to use my oven a whole lot as it heats the house up and makes my air conditioner work harder. As well, cooking fish inside can sometimes leave a smell that lingers for days. I am a lover of salmon, I would eat it every day if I could and paired with pineapple and a big helping of vegetables, this makes for a wonderful filling dinner with very little clean up.

INGREDIENTS:

- ◆ 3 cups cubed pineapple
- ◆ 1 lb. salmon, cut into cubes
- ◆ 3 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- ◆ 3 Tbsp. sweet chili sauce (I used sweet Thai sauce)
- ◆ 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ◆ 2 tsp. freshly grated ginger
- ◆ 2 tsp. toasted sesame oil
- ◆ 1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
- ◆ Kosher salt
- ◆ Toasted sesame seeds, for garnish



DIRECTIONS:

- ◆ Preheat grill to medium heat and place wooden skewers in water to soak, (I used metal skewers). Skewer pineapple and salmon pieces, alternating, until all are used, then place on a large baking sheet.
- ◆ In a medium bowl, combine olive oil, chili sauce, garlic, ginger, sesame oil, and red pepper flakes & season with salt. Whisk until combined & brush all over skewers.
- ◆ Place skewers on grill and cook, flipping once, brushing with any remaining sauce, until salmon is cooked through, 8 to 10 minutes total.
- ◆ Garnish with sesame seeds and enjoy!

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