

The spring real estate market with Brad Cox



Welcome to 2011! The snow has melted and the Real Estate market is starting strong.

I'm seeing a real imbalance so far this spring. There are a lot more buyers than product on the market. This always changes as sellers realize increased selling prices but at the

moment we are back to multiple offers and fast deals. Great if you're selling, but more work if you're a buyer.

To find out how this may affect you please give me a ring, send me an email or page me. I'd love to answer any questions regarding your real estate needs.

FEATURED PROPERTIES



133 HELENDALE RD. — This is my first project with Joe Cornachia of Merin Developments. I've seen a few of his projects and they are beautiful. Joe and his team have very diverse style ranging from Ultra Modern to Classic Contemporary. The project on Helendale is a top up from the original bungalow. It has been blown out the back to add 15ft on all 4 levels. It's a deep lot and features 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms and 3400sf of living space. Helendale runs east west just a few blocks north west of Yonge and Eglinton. It's a fantastic neighborhood in a great school district. **Asking \$1.299mil**



22 FAIRVIEW AVENUE — We're almost complete on Fairview. It will be ready for a move in by June '11. This is a special house. Custom built in the true sense of the word, this house was literally gutted and rebuilt from the inside out by Ironwood construction. Boasting 4000sf of living space and custom features and fixtures too long to list. 22 Fairview is located between Playter Estates and Riverdale on a quiet little street that was developed close to 100 years ago for executives and upper management employees of Bell Canada. **Asking \$2.1mil**

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Andrea Meynell has been guiding mortgage clients to the right deals and cost savings for many years.

There are many elements to a mortgage and the choices can be confusing. It's difficult to choose what will serve you best in the short and long term. If the last few years have taught us anything, it is that things can change at anytime. We do not live in isolation, so the decisions are very personal.

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Summerhill Nursery and Floral is a destination garden centre. Located south east of Casa Loma, there's simply nothing else like it in the GTA. Most city garden centres consist of a small store front and a few flowers stuffed onto racks. At two and a half acres, this place is huge by comparison. Summerhill has a full selection of annuals, perennials, exotic tropicals and woody plants. There is an endless selection of accessories for the garden, too. From patio furniture, planters, fountains, and statues—this place has it all. You can spend hours browsing the enormous indoor showroom and outdoor yard.

While the selection at Summerhill is impressive, it is the experience of shopping there that is most memorable. Whether you are a die-hard gardener or a casual enthusiast, Summerhill is an enjoyable adventure. Colour and fragrance blend with arresting and inspirational displays. The staff are supremely knowledgeable and will take the time to answer questions, give advice or enthusiastically talk about their favorite plants. It's fun to talk to other gardeners shopping at Summerhill for ideas and camaraderie.

Summerhill Nursery and Floral has lots of complimentary parking on the east side of the store. There is carry-out help and delivery service available, if needed.

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Benjamin Moore teams with designer Brian Gluckstein

There's no need to lose sleep over decorating colour choices thanks to a newly minted relationship between Benjamin Moore Paints and GlucksteinHome and its founder, the acclaimed interior designer Brian Gluckstein. The newest GlucksteinHome bedding and bath collection, in stores this month, is accompanied by the design maestro's suggested colour palette, a range of 185 Benjamin Moore paint colours that he has personally chosen from among the revered paint company's 1,800 hues.

"Colour plays a vital role in creating the mood of a home," said Gluckstein, who has themed his new collections on eight distinct design characteristics: Antiquity, which he describes as a modern approach to traditional elements; Hampton, featuring relaxed tones and casual silhouettes at the beach; Suede, a celebration of deep tones and rich textures with a Zen-like serenity; Pinstripe, evoking the old world glamour of the Art Deco period; Steel, sleek, polished and very cosmopolitan; Luxe, the ultimate in modern refinement and understated elegance; Classics, quintessential design choices for any home with a traditional twist; and, Moderns, urban sophistication meets contemporary chic.

According to Gluckstein, he insists on Benjamin Moore in all of his interior design projects. "Benjamin Moore gives us really authentic, great colours," he said. "There's a richness to the paint colour, a depth and a complexity to it that's peerless. There is a very fine development of the colours that we, as designers look for, and that can't be duplicated. In using Benjamin Moore paint, we're always confident and assured that we get the exact colour we want, the exact quality we want."

Visit *Leaside Paint* to see the Gluckstein collection. Need a contractor for your paint project? Stop by the store or visit www.leasidepaintcentre.com to choose from *Leaside Paint's* full roster of approved professional paint contractors. Using a Benjamin Moore recommended contractor not only ensures that you'll have Benjamin Moore paint on your walls, but also that your job will be to your utmost satisfaction. *Leaside Paint Centre* is open 7 days a week and offers plenty of customer parking in back.

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Chia—the super seed that gives an extra healthy bite

The Chia seed, which can help improve heart health and stabilize blood sugar levels, is now available at COBS Bread in a range of white, whole wheat and flax breads.

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"We pride ourselves on delivering healthy products to our customers. Our partnership with The Chia Company will enable us to pass on the health benefits of Chia through our freshly baked bread" said Elise Gillespie, Vice President of COBS Bread.

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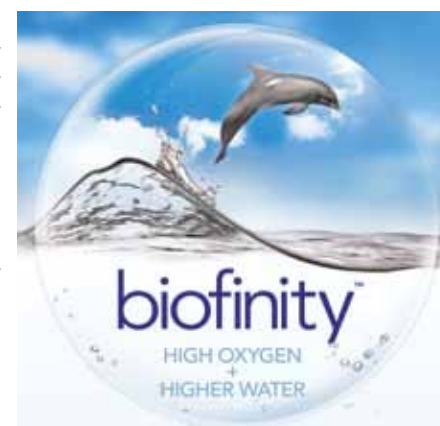
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The lens design also provides excellent vision, easier alignment and fitting, which adds to the overall comfort.

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This store knows everything about cycling—whether road, mountain, commuting or racing, their friendly staff can guide you in making the right purchase for your needs. Staff can also guide you to their favourite routes: commuting routes, fitness loops through parks, hilly training rides, mountain bike trails in the city and out, road loops of various lengths and difficulties—they can even recommend tour companies if you want to bike through Tuscany.

Kona, a Canadian company based in Vancouver, is their most popular brand. Kona produces top quality bikes, and their vibe is all about enjoying the ride. They make bikes that have a very natural ‘feel’ to them, bikes that are lively and fun to ride.

Other brands include Urbana, a Montreal-based company that makes funky, urban bikes; KHS which makes some very cool niche bikes along with their regular line of products; and Fuji, who will be making a splash in the European Pro Ranks with a new pro team.

Everyone at *Sport Swap* rides bikes, naturally, and they stock the best products for keeping you safe, including Giro helmets, Kryptonite and Abus locks, and the best accessories available. The items they choose to sell are the same ones you’ll find on their personal bikes.

Visit *Sport Swap* for expert advice on all your cycling needs this season.



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Julia West Home has seasonal home decor, accessories & gifts

Since 1998, *Julia West Home* has been bringing the best of past design traditions into the present. Famous for furniture design and construction, free parking just south of their building makes visiting easy.

Inside their large showroom is a wide selection of beautiful items designed by *Julia West*. Find bed linen lines, trendy aprons, soft home furnishings and accessories like great throws and wonderful pillows such as the often requested Carpe Diem Pillow.

Also find *Julia’s* trademark furniture such as the hideaway desk featured here. It’s an end-table... then it’s a desk. And of course letterboards are available in dozens of designer fabrics, or made to order with your own fabric—they are perfect for keeping you organized.

Julia West’s custom design service creates projects ranging from custom-made draperies or an armoire designed and made just for you, to whole room and whole home design build projects. Work directly with *Julia West* and the in-house design team for items perfect for you.



Visit, pick up a few new items, a throw or a pillow or two, some accessories, and instantly update your decor for the season. **Mention *Just Around the Corner* and they’ll pay the tax on your next showroom purchase!**



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De La Mer always has great recipes to share with their customers. One of their most popular recipes is for Maple Soya Salmon, featured below:

Maple Soya Salmon

125 ml maple syrup
75 ml soya sauce
1 tbsp minced garlic
1 tsp minced ginger
Salt and pepper
1 lb. salmon



Combine maple syrup, soya sauce, garlic and ginger in tupperware container. Place salmon flesh side down in the marinade, cover & place in fridge for 1 hour.

Remove salmon from marinade and place flesh side down in slightly oiled pan, at medium heat for 3 minutes or until browned. Place salmon on baking sheet and place in oven at 375 Fahrenheit for 8-10 minutes. Take marinade and bring to a boil in browning pan, reduce heat and simmer until it reaches the consistency of a glaze.

Remove salmon and plate. Pour glaze over salmon and enjoy! Visit www.delamer.ca for more fish recipes.

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A gem in Leaside—Moksa Day Spa rejuvenates you

Moksa Day Spa, the newest arrival on Millwood Avenue in the heart of Leaside, offers European-advanced skincare and beauty.

From the chic navy and white Southampton exterior to the luxuriously serene white interior with feng shui elements, *Moksa’s* staff creates a calming atmosphere to rejuvenate you.

The spa showcases the latest and most advanced skin therapies, including Oxygen Infusion, which uses oxygen and hyaluronic acid to increase suppleness, volume, and collagen production to give you a youthful glow.

Ease your tired muscles and book some “me time” with a hot stone massage, body polish or a body wrap with their registered massage therapist.

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Moksa carries Dr. Renaud’s renowned skincare line from France, including his world-famous anti-aging facial therapies and every-day skincare products.

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