

The winter real estate market with Brad Cox



Here we are...Winter. Hockey is in full swing. The leaves have fallen and snow is on its way. Our real estate market is still strong and thanks to the mess that is going on in Europe, and the uncertainty that goes with that, our interest rates remain at near historical lows.

It's never too early to ask a question or obtain some free and valuable knowledge regarding your situation. As always please don't hesitate to contact me with any real estate related questions.

FEATURED PROPERTIES



211 MARLBOROUGH PLACE — This Chic 2 storey town home in one of Toronto's most sought after neighbourhoods, Yorkville. It boasts 9ft ceilings on the main floor w/maple hardwood floors. This 2 bedroom home offers an open concept floor plan where the living room and dining room are combined, renovated kitchen with walkout to an outdoor oasis, spa-like bathroom and a second floor balcony.

Enjoy everything this area has to offer. Walk to the neighbourhood shops and restaurants along Yonge and Summerhill. Join The York Racquets Club on Marlborough. Experience fine dining in Yorkville and get easy access to downtown core. Available to lease for \$3375/month.



31 DUNKIRK AVENUE — This is a rare semi detached house that was built new from the ground up! Half of the foundation remains, the rest is a bright, contemporary house featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 parking spots, a skylight in the second floor hallway and an 8ft ceiling in the basement rec room.

Pre-completion pricing \$519,000.00. Exclusive showings with the builder can be arranged at any time.



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Nilli Salonspa makes every day a great hair day

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As a long time client we can tell you that Nilli has made us love our hair, with a cut and colour that suits us to a tee. What's great about Nilli is that she works with your own natural hair tendencies, for a cut that enhances your features and also fits your lifestyle. Her talent is creating haircuts so easy to maintain that, even when left to air dry, they fall naturally into place.

If you have short hair you'll especially appreciate Nilli's skill with the scissors—because while Nilli can cut any length/style of hair, she is a master when it comes to short hair styles. Nilli is also a hair colour expert. She uses a different process for colouring and highlighting hair that actually conditions your hair and makes it healthier—in fact, the more you colour your hair with Nilli the healthier it gets!

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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 find a wide selection of beautiful items, including aprons, bed linen lines, soft home furnishings, seasonal decor items—including *Julia West Home* designed Christmas stockings, their now infamous HO HO HO/Bah Humbug and Carpe Diem Pillows, and *Julia's* trademark furniture.

Also find letterboards 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 holiday items, 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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Winter spice and everything nice

Shifting from everyday routines to all that glitters & shines, the holiday season inspires us to put a little extra care into all that we do, from wrapping presents for children to cooking dinner for loved ones. Many holiday gatherings are centred around food and *COBS Bread* has a wide variety of products that are perfect for entertaining. Make your holiday moments extra special with one of these delectable ideas.

- Gingerbread Buns are a great accompaniment to afternoon tea. Try either the White Chocolate or the Cranberry variety, toasted and topped with butter.
- Pane di Casa, Turkish and French Baguettes are the perfect base for dips, spreads and sauces.
- Turkey stuffing takes on a new twist when made with an Apricot Delight Log. The apricots, raisins and currents make it sweet and moist.
- Fruit Mince Tarts and Butter Tarts are holiday classics. Try them warmed and topped with whipped cream or ice cream for an after dinner treat.
- Leftover turkey sandwiches are elevated to the next level when made using Cranberry Sourdough.



Whatever the celebration, *COBS Bread* has lots of yummy additions for your holiday gathering.

Visit www.cobsbread.com for full product details and recipe ideas.

Season's eatings!

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Sport Swap helps you enjoy winter sports

One of the joys of winter in Southern Ontario? Skiing and snowboarding.

Collingwood, Barrie, Milton, Uxbridge, Etobicoke, North York, this region boasts wonderful places to swoosh.

Skiing and snowboarding are amazing family activities! Toddlers can ride the magic carpet up the hill, and then "pizza" their way down. Kids can challenge themselves as they race their siblings down to the chairlift. Teens don't normally hang around their parents...and maybe that's good considering how they push the limits in the park and the pipe. Mom and Dad can enjoy a day of cruising the groomers. Grandparents can show up the young whippersnappers.

A North Toronto institution for over 35 years, *Sport Swap* is the place for families with its phenomenal selection of skis and snowboards for all family members. The friendly, knowledgeable staff provide great service, and ensure that you're ready for your day on the hills.

Kids get special attention with the store's two-year Junior Half Back. Choose from new or used ski and snowboard equipment, and trade it in when your little ripper outgrows it. Parents can take advantage of their own Half Back program on new 2011-12 ski or snowboard equipment. Gear up now, and know that you can upgrade in two years.

If you're not in the market for new gear, *Sport Swap's* precision Wintersteiger tuning machines can revitalize your equipment to run like new. And all of *Sport Swap's* service staff are fully certified binding technicians.

When the snow falls this winter—smile, and think of the sweet slopes and the smooth turns that await.



Sport Swap | 1541 Bayview Ave. | 416.481.7927 • SportSwap.com

Relax, revive, rejuvenate at Moksa Day Spa this winter

Winter is here and you deserve some pampering...*Moksa Day Spa* has aromas and treatments to relax, revive, and rejuvenate you.

Relax. Let *Moksa's* staff pour you a hot cup of organic holiday tea to help you unwind from the stresses of the day.

Revive your mind and body with some me time to prepare for all those holiday events. Let them help with gift certificates and skin care kits for your friends in need of some pampering, too.

Rejuvenate with *Moksa's* one-hour Swissclinical facial and a 30-minute aroma therapy massage to get you back on your feet again for the busy season. (See below for special package price!)

Moksa now carries Swissclinical, a skincare line that respects nature by using 100% recyclable paper and bottles, and 100% vegetable inks. Using scientific discoveries of nature and effective alternatives for synthetic ingredients, Swissclinical formulas are free from allergens, parabens, and colourants, making them safer for your skin.

Moksa would also like to remind you of their oxygen facials and Dr. Renaud one-hour facial for a quick lift before your holiday events. The perfect treatment for when you want to look your best.

Moksa's winter rejuvenation package:

Enjoy a one-hour Swissclinical facial and a 30-minute aroma therapy massage—a \$160 value for only \$90. Also makes a great gift. **Valid until January 31, 2012.** *Just mention you read this in *Just Around the Corner!**

Relax, Revive, Rejuvenate...at *Moksa Day Spa* this winter.



Moksa Day Spa | 320 Millwood Road | 416.486.6572 • MoksaDaySpa.ca

Benjamin Moore predicts blue big in 2012 colour forecast

Benjamin Moore colour experts are forecasting that blue will be big in 2012 as the population seeks out a sense of calm, trust, and the tried-and-true. The paint company's top colour pick for the coming year is Wythe Blue HC-143, a blue green hue with a cool gray cast to it.

"It's interesting that Wythe Blue is from our historical colour collection," said Sharon Grech, a member of Benjamin Moore's colour marketing team. "We've actually cited it because it has a modern edge, yet it's so rooted in history and is respectful of what's classic and enduring."

As Grech pointed out, the blue family is such an ideal backdrop for other colours and materials. "It's an excellent partner to various wood tones, and complements the grays and whites that have become current decorating basics."

A slew of great grays are also among the Benjamin Moore colour suggestions for 2012. Make note of Stardust 2108-40, Nimbus Gray 2131-50, Sharkskin 2139-30, Storm Cloud Gray 2140-30 and Revere Pewter HC-172 as the year's "hotties" in this color category.

The perennial love affair with whites and neutrals can be fashionably sated with Benjamin Moore's Ballet White OC-9, White Dove OC-17, Battenberg AF-70, Refined AF-75 and Pashmina AF-100. These, according to Grech, are reliable "go tos" that never go out of style.

Earthy tones are very much included in the 2012 palette. Those envisioned to be strongest in the coming year are Benjamin Moore's French Press AF-170, Masada AF-220, Farm Fresh AF-360, Dunmore Cream HC-29, and Fresh Olive 2149-30.

For more on the 2012 colour forecast visit *Leaside Paint Centre*, plenty of customer parking in back makes stopping by easy. Need a contractor for your project? Stop into the store or visit www.leasidepaintcentre.com for a list of approved professional contractors.



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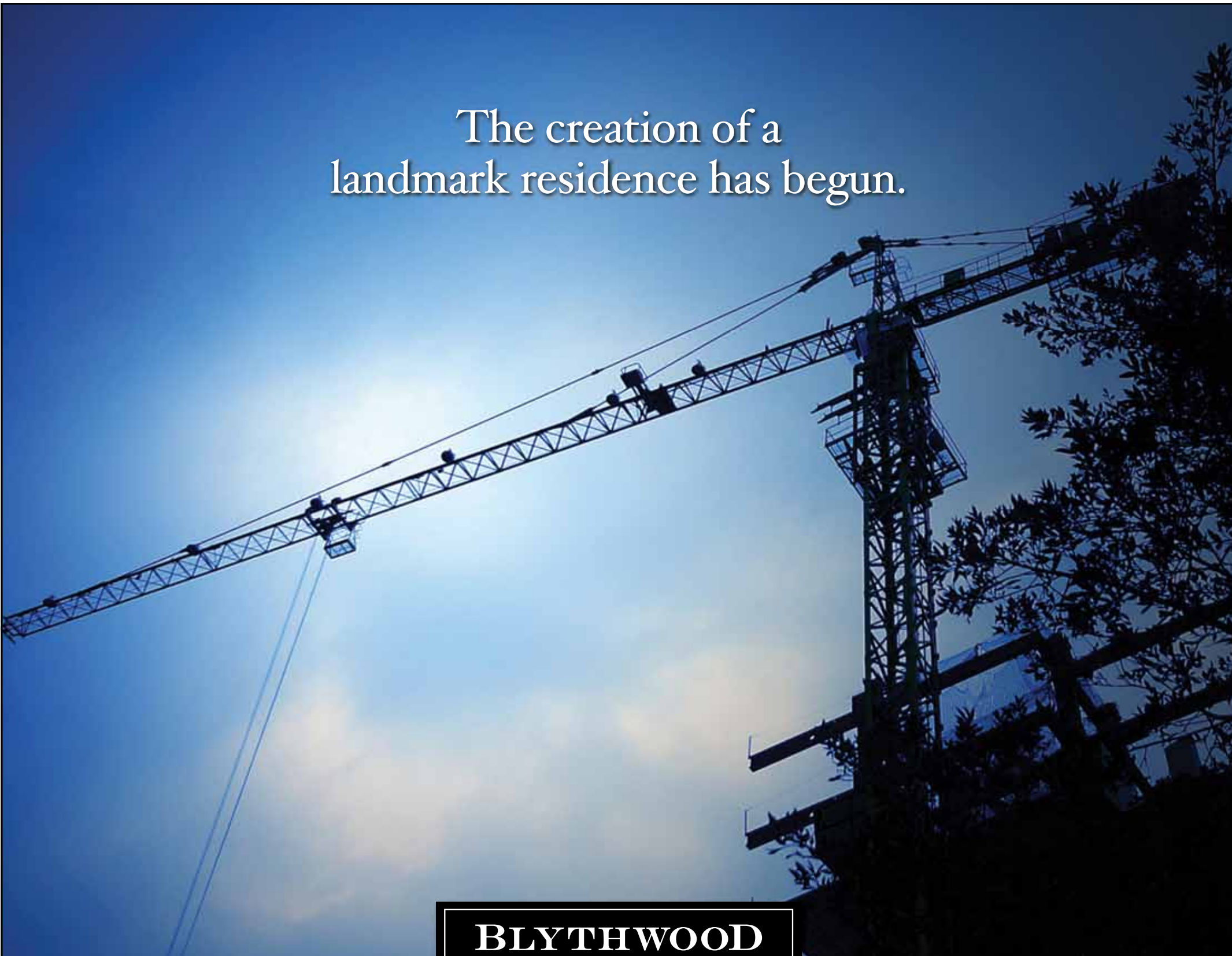
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Speaking of Dogs announces their online Basket & Gift Store. Just in time for Christmas, they've launched an online store featuring unique and novel dog-themed gifts that are different, distinctive, fun and feisty! Their pet Bereavement Baskets are a special line they felt would bring comfort to the guardian as well as honour the late pet. In time of loss and grieving, a basket with a personal touch can help ease the pain and reflect how much you care.



Through *Speaking of Dogs* online store they have created a Give a Homeless Dog a Christmas. As the holidays approach many abandoned dogs will be spending the Christmas season in the shelter, so they have designed their new "Give a Homeless Dog a Christmas" package to help provide a bit of cheer to a shelter/rescue dog. A gift bag with cookies and toys may be purchased in your name or for someone else to give to a dog at a shelter or rescue of your choice. Delivery included within the Toronto area.

Visit the online store at www.speakingofdogsasketsandgifts.ca

Speaking of Dogs Foster Program: There is no Christmas vacation for animal shelters or pet rescues. In fact this is the time of year when they need additional foster homes to help their regular foster parents take needed time off. Foster homes provide a loving and safe environment where a dog can unwind and blossom. For those of you who enjoy a quiet Christmas, perhaps with time off work, it may be the perfect time to offer your home temporarily to a needy dog. What better gift could a helpless dog get than a second chance? *Speaking of Dogs* provides food, veterinary care and supplies. For more information about fostering a dog, or to receive their Fostering Manual please contact Lorraine@speakingofdogs.com.

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What's on the menu this winter at Boland's Open Kitchen

Chris Boland, formerly of Tasting Rooms Restaurant, Trapper's Restaurant and Telfer's—opened his newest establishment on Mt. Pleasant Road in the summer of 2010.



Offering a diverse menu with a flair for both healthy and indulgent, visiting *Boland's Open Kitchen* is like visiting Chris' home for dinner.

Diners are always welcomed with complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Then, to start your meal, choose from appetizers including pear salad with eight year old cheddar, candied walnuts and a light port dressing; cream of kale chowder with crumbled Stilton; and roasted beet & goat cheese salad.

Next select from main course menu items such as duck confit glazed with clementine jus & fresh cranberries, served with spy apples and pickled pearl onions; roast beef, slow roasted New York striploin with cast iron layered potatoes; wild west coast halibut with cauliflower puree, mushrooms and vin blanc; and seared Ontario trout filet with pineapple, pomegranate, grilled apple, lemon and fresh herb salsa.

For the foodie in your life, *Boland's* has the perfect gift with their **Food & Wine Adventure Nights**. Dinners will start in mid January and run every Wednesday for three months, and will feature 5 courses served with six wines. Themes include Slow Cooking & Wine, Sustainable Canadian Fish & Wine, and the Diversity of Cheese & Wine. **Price is \$75 per person all inclusive—makes a great gift!** Email or call for details and more information on gift certificates.

Visit *Boland's* for dinner Monday–Saturday, closed Sundays (always available for private functions).

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