

## 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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## Sassafras—simple elegance, warm and welcoming



Keeping with the food philosophy and style of Executive Chef Bradley Macdonald, *Sassafras* is neither over the top or modernist. Rather, its simple elegance sparkles in a warm and welcoming environment.

Brad sources food from small local producers. Their wine program is in keeping with his distinct, contemporary Canadian and French blends. *Sassafras* continues to develop its extensive wine list with an emphasis on boutique wineries from Canada and France.

In addition to lunch and dinner, *Sassafras* offers weekend brunch and, in its casual bistro setting, live music.

*Sassafras*, the yellow house on the corner of Bellair and Cumberland—Yorkville's community restaurant for more than ten years.

Sassafras | 416.964.2222 | 100 Cumberland St. • Sassafras.ca

## Nilli Salonspa makes every day a great hair day

The change of season can be the cause of many bad hair days. Winter is especially tough on your hair with colder temperatures, windy days, and dry indoor heat. *Nilli Salonspa* provides specialized care to keep your hair healthy, shiny and strong—all ingredients, along with Nilli's skilled hair cutting and colour, for fabulous-every-day hair.

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!

We also love the Kérastase styling and product line used exclusively at the salon at all stages of your visit. Our favourite is the Age Premium line, which infuses our hair with body and suppleness.

Learn how beautiful your hair could be—call for a FREE consultation appointment. *Nilli Salonspa* is now available for evening and Saturday appointments—call for details.

This winter give yourself the gift of great hair. Visit for a **cut and highlights (and/or colour) and save 20% off your entire bill.** Offer expires January 31, 2012.

Nilli Salonspa | 521 Eglinton Avenue West | 416.487.1762 • NilliSalonspa.com

## Talented photographer gives you photos to cherish forever

In-studio family photos are so old-school. Today's photographers are getting outside of the studio to capture you and your family as you really are. You choose the setting—a nearby park, your backyard, or inside your home for those colder, wetter days of winter.

Natural-light photographer *Holly Sisson* likes to mix it up and keep it real. Whether playing on swings in the park, or lounging at home, there are no staged shots in this photographer's gallery. Everyone is having fun—and it shows in the relaxed and genuine smiles on their faces.

These are images to share with family and friends, and to cherish forever. To be hung on walls and passed down to future generations.

Holly offers a variety of packages and options, from private sessions, to photography parties, to photography mini-sessions (get the perfect picture for your social media identity!)

Visit [www.hollysissonphotography.com](http://www.hollysissonphotography.com) for details on all of her packages.

Give yourself the gift of photography, contact *Holly Sisson Photography* today to book your photo session.

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INSIDE: The best of the season from your local shops plus home improvement & personal services  
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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!

Julia West Home | 140 Kendal Avenue | 416.324.7500 • JuliaWestHome.com



## Learn about your local shops

With six editions, distributed to 90,000 households, *Just Around the Corner* reminds you about your local shops and businesses every season. Sign up for our free e-newsletter for your chance to win great prizes from some of our participating businesses.

Visit our website to learn about shops in your favourite neighbourhoods, including Forest Hill, Rosedale, Yorkville, Bloor West Village, The Kingsway, Leaside, Davisville Village, Lawrence Park, The Annex, and Little Italy.

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## Officiant for all occasions...

**Weddings:** For the past 20 years, *Sarah Bunnett-Gibson* has officiated at hundreds of beautiful, meaningful and personalized wedding ceremonies. Some have been formal occasions in such venues as a private club or art gallery, others in an intimate family home or garden setting, perhaps at the cottage or on the ski slopes or even floating on a yacht on Lake Ontario!

As an Officiant for the province of Ontario, *Sarah* has performed many Interfaith ceremonies which she has found to be very meaningful for her as she counseled her clients through the process. *Sarah* was one of the first ministers in Toronto to perform gay marriages.

**Funeral and Memorial Services:** *Sarah* has the talent to perform respectful and inspiring celebrations of loved ones' lives that honour your family's grieving rituals and precise wishes. Non denominational, religious, or spiritual services are available.

**Recommitment Ceremonies:** LOVE is always a good reason to celebrate your commitment to each other. Whether it be on a wedding anniversary, or maybe after an illness or family loss or just because it is important to the two of you. *Sarah* can create an intimate and unique occasion for you. Make it a party of two or invite your whole world to celebrate your renewal of vows.

Each and every personalized ceremony performed by *Sarah* creates an experience that is guaranteed to be meaningful and memorable.



Rev. Sarah Bunnett-Gibson | 416.967.9322 | WeddingsHeart.com • info@weddingsheart.com

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Yonge Vision | 1881 Yonge Street | 416.932.9086 • YongeVision.com

## Winter a pain? Beat those aches with fantastic value package

Don't let the winter blahs prevent you from doing your own body a favor this holiday season. Are you suffering from an injury from sports activity, an accident, chronic illness or an aging body? Treat yourself to some winter stress relief or an immune boost with the team of experts at the *Health Associates Clinic*. They are dedicated to optimizing your health and level of performance!

The *Health Associates Clinic* is offering a fantastic value **Winter Tune-up Package!** As a new patient to their clinic, you will receive:

- a chiropractic consultation
- three chiropractic treatments with laser therapy
- a one hour registered massage therapy session
- a consultation with a naturopathic doctor

ALL for just \$199 (a \$350 value).

Gift yourself or give the gift of health to a loved one with a gift certificate!

Laser therapy has become a very popular addition to chiropractic treatment. Laser energy can penetrate deep into the tissue to promote much faster healing and relieve your suffering, sometimes after only minutes of treatment. Laser is a safe, effective and painless therapy.

Call the *Health Associates* today to book your Winter Package or reserve your gift certificate! They are conveniently located at Yonge and St. Clair, and have been serving the Toronto community for more than 30 years. All treatments can be covered under your insurance plan.

The Health Associates Clinic | 1407 Yonge St., Ste. 400 | 416.924.0777 • HealthAssociates.ca

## Show your Buddy Luv this holiday season

*BuddyLuv Pet Spa* offers professional grooming services and doggie daycare in an interactive, home-style, cage-free spa. *BuddyLuv* grew from the bond between a man and his dog, Buddy, into an oasis where a love of pets prevails.

Being away from home can be a stressful experience for your pet. *BuddyLuv* takes a multiple therapy approach to your pet's visit, promoting relaxation and health. Services offered include: **Aromatherapy**—only select pure essential oils extracted from aromatic plants are diffused in the air to create calm and balance, promoting well-being; **Music Therapy**—tranquil music and water fountains create a soothing soundscape at *BuddyLuv*, promoting relaxation; and **Massage Therapy**—gentle therapeutic massage techniques are used to calm and bond with your buddy.

From nail trimming to de-tangling to anal gland expressing to full haircut and style, *BuddyLuv* offers it all. Full grooming packages also include complimentary daycare!

Mention *Just Around the Corner* and *BuddyLuv* will pay the tax on your next visit!

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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).

Boland's Open Kitchen | 575 Mt. Pleasant Rd. | 416.482.2424  
bolskitchen@gmail.com • BolandsOpenKitchen.com



### Speaking of Dogs—rescuing all breeds of dogs since 2001

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.speakingofdogsbasketsandgifts.ca](http://www.speakingofdogsbasketsandgifts.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.

Visit [www.speakingofdogs.com](http://www.speakingofdogs.com) for more information on the foster program.



### Tafelmusik's Sing-Along Messiah—a Toronto holiday tradition!

"Tafelmusik owns this town when it comes to Handel's seasonal classic."  
—The Globe and Mail

Let your voice ring out at Tafelmusik's 25th Annual Sing-Along Messiah, along with the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir and a stellar group of soloists—Karina Gauvin, soprano; Daniel Taylor, countertenor; Rufus Müller, tenor; and Brett Polegato, baritone—all directed by George Frideric Handel (magnificently garbed as usual!)

The sheer joy you will feel as your voice joins a mass choir of 2,700 to sing the choruses of Handel's Messiah may be the best holiday gift you receive. The event is festive, exciting and exhilarating, and you'd swear that the rafters are literally raised during the final "Amen"!

This year's Sing-Along Messiah takes place on Sunday, December 18 at 2pm at Massey Hall. Feel free to bring your own score or purchase one in the lobby before the concert. Seating is general admission by voice part, and of course we always welcome non-singers—do come and simply revel in the glorious sound.

Join Tafelmusik for a rousing afternoon of music-making—it will be the highlight of your holiday season. Herr Handel is sure to have something up his voluminous lace-trimmed sleeves to make this special 25th anniversary Sing-Along memorable. Call 416-872-4255 or visit [www.tafelmusik.org](http://www.tafelmusik.org).



Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir | 416.872.4255 • Tafelmusik.org

### VAPOR—the lighter side of style available at Taschen



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Vapor is available in a selection of colours and sizes and two-wheel designs. With Vapor, Tumi continues its tradition of bringing travelers the best in innovation, functionality and durability. Taschen's flagship store at 29 Yorkville Avenue has the largest Tumi shop-in-shop in Canada.

Also this winter find new seasonal collections from all Taschen's brands, which include famous brand names LeSportsac from the USA; Rimowa, Bree, Porsche Design and Offermann from Germany; Bric's, Mandarin Duck and Piquadro from Italy; and Lacoste from France.

Find lots of beautiful and practical gift ideas for your holiday list, including tote bags, key chains, wallets, luggage tags, change purses, and more. Gift cards are also available.

Visit to see more of Taschen's extension collection of products, or shop online at [www.taschen.net](http://www.taschen.net).



Taschen | [taschen.ca](http://taschen.ca)  
29 Yorkville Avenue | 416.923.2322  
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### Diane Kroe—The Endless Top to Bottom

Introducing Diane Kroe's latest creation—The Endless Top to Bottom. If you're looking for the perfect item for your next vacation, that's as fun and interesting as you are, then the Endless Top to Bottom is the piece for you. With an elegant scarf and classic poncho as your basics, the Diane Kroe Endless can be worn summer, winter, dressy, casual, sexy, subtle, day or night...with endless possibilities. It also makes an unforgettable gift, one size fits all, and the best part is that it looks great on everyone!

Like all pieces in Diane Kroe's collections, it is made from a luxurious jersey blend fabric, which is light weight and comfortable. Easy to care for, it requires no ironing, making it a favourite for travel.

Committed to the highest standards in design, fabric and workmanship, Diane Kroe's collections offer innovative style, quality and value. All are designed and manufactured in Toronto.

Shop online at [www.dianekroe.com](http://www.dianekroe.com) and see more fun and functional Diane Kroe designs in her travel and spa collections.

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It allows you to target the areas you most want to work on. Using highly experienced personal trainers, Power Institute develops personalized programs just for you. Call to book your FREE trial session!

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Have a modern space? Put in a modern fireplace!

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